

1 **Town of Canterbury**

2 **Selectman's Meeting, June 5, 2023, Meeting House**

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4 **Selectman Present**

5 Cheryl Gordon, Kent Ruesswick, Scott Doherty

6 **Absent**

7 Ken Folsom, Town Administrator, Jan Stout, Administrative Assistant

8 **Also present**

9 Sam Papps, Town Clerk: Malcolm Bliss, Kearsarge Energy (brief attendance – referred to Energy  
10 Committee)

11 **Agenda**

12 Cheryl Gordon opened the meeting at 5 pm.

13 **1. Administration**

14 Manifest

15 Scott Doherty made a motion to sign the Accounts Payable Manifest and Kent Ruesswick  
16 seconded. All were in favor. The amount was \$380,121.15.

17 Kent moved to sign the Payroll manifest of \$43, 446. 80. Scott seconded. All in favor.

18 The Selectmen also signed a letter regarding the possible deeding of the property at 112, West  
19 Road, at Map 248, Lot 7.

20 The Selectmen signed a Timber Yield Tax levy for 2 properties totaling \$2705. 45.

21 Sam Papps said he had taxes coming in. Some people have paid off their bills. Some debts are  
22 being dealt with.

23 **2. Previous Minutes**

24 Kent made a motion to approve both sets of minutes, those for May 15 and May 22. Scott  
25 seconded. All in favor.

26 **3. Appointments**

27 Richard and Suzanne Martin, Kimball Pond Road

28 The Martins attended to talk further about trees on their property and trees on Conservation  
29 Commission land that are threatening their house, particularly the side where all the bedrooms

are located. Brian Magoon of Magoon Tree had given an estimate for the removal of the various trees to Ken Folsom. The Martins recognized they must pay for the removal of the trees clearly within their property, but they are hoping the town could pay for the one in the Conservation land and split the cost of the one that is on the property line. That could cost the town \$3500 and \$2000, and currently there is no budget for this work. The Selectmen agreed that the trees needed to come down. Ideally the work would take place before winter snow. In the meantime, they would consult with Ken Folsom when he returns from vacation and brainstorm about sources of funding. The Conservation Commission could be consulted too. It was also acknowledged that the exact location of the trees in relation to the property line should be established.

Kent mentioned a dead tree that was down on the Intervale. They have not seen how close to the road it is. Kent will go to assess the situation and take a photo.

#### **4. Cemetery Trustees and Tree budget**

Sam Papps presented a proposal for the tree removal at the Shell Meeting House Cemetery. He would like to go in just once and take out all the trees that need to be removed. They are going to drop them onto the Slayton property by agreement with the Slaytons. The Cemeteries have sufficient funds to do this and pay the town for the work. The Selectmen were in agreement with the plan so Kent made a motion to allow the Cemetery Trustees to use their funds to take down the trees at the Shell Meeting House Cemetery. Scott seconded. All in favor.

#### **5. New Business -**

The Selectmen looked at and reviewed several issues.

- Property of the Barbara Burt estate at Tax Map 226 Lot 2 has been offered to the town – the Selectmen asked Sam Papps if he knew about this and he shared some background on the property, which is adjacent to the Speedway Track in Loudon. Several agencies have declined to take on the property for conservation, although it appears the other abutters were not approached, only NHMS. The Selectmen thanked Sam for attending.
- Conservation Commission – payment for an conservation easement of \$36,943 for 400 acres off Beanhill Road. There was a public hearing for the conservation project on April 13. The Selectmen will talk to Ken Folsom about this further prior to future discussion with the Conservation Commission. They were not aware of the payment to be made.
- Abatement for the CCUC – Selectmen reviewed a letter from the Canterbury church that Mandy Irving, Assessor, had received, requesting abatement of taxes and explaining circumstances. The Selectmen approved the request.
- Request for the town to purchase property located at Map 101, Lot 21, in Sherwood Forest, which had been deeded many years ago. The Selectmen agreed to wait until Ken Folsom is back to discuss that with him.

- There was other correspondence from Penacook Rescue, the Department of Energy, Citizens Bank re the Sam Lake Trust, and from Xfinity/Comcast re changes in channels.

## 6. Old Business

- Correspondence from NH the Beautiful was reviewed regarding the grant for the new baler at the Transfer Station. \$4,340 has been received.
- Kent reported on an issue from Canterbury Shaker Village, related to a proposal for a small sandwich and coffee café to be operated in the Creamery. Kent had met with the site manager David Katz, Vice Chair of the Trustees. The town should be aware though, because of fire and safety concerns. The Planning Board Chair was aware. The site manager was encouraged to submit paperwork to Ken Folsom and let the town know what was happening. Weddings were mentioned as another type of activity at CSV that the town should be aware of for fire and safety reasons.
- Library Trustees – Scott and Kent met with the Library Trustees and learned more about the state funding for libraries in addition to the portion the town residents pay. The selectmen were enlightened about how libraries run in the state of NH.

## 7. Adjournment

Kent moved to adjourn and Scott seconded. All were in favor. It was 6.27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Scribner.