

Town of Canterbury  
Selectmen's Meeting  
May 1, 2017

Selectmen Present: Cheryl Gordon  
George Glines  
Art Hudson

Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM

**Administration**

The Board signed: A/P Manifest  
P/R Manifest

Intent to Cut - Tax Map 234 Lots 3 & 4  
Tax Map 235 Lot 7  
Tax Map 205 Lot 2

Tax Map 231 Lot 3

Tax Map 214 Lot 8

Tax Map 264 Lot 35

Timber Tax - Tax Map 267 Lot 38

Tax Map 250 Lot 2

Tax Map 216 Lot 3

Tax Map 213 Lot 5

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board reviewed the public minutes of the April 17 2017 Selectmen's meeting. Art made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Cheryl seconded the motion.

The Board reviewed the non-public minutes of the April 17, 2017 Selectmen's meeting. Art made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Cheryl seconded the motion.

The Board reviewed the public minutes of the April 25, 2017 Selectmen's meeting. Art made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Cheryl seconded the motion.

The Board reviewed the non-public minutes of the April 25, 2017 Selectmen's meeting. Art made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Cheryl seconded the motion.

## **New Business**

Ken updated the Board on a Barn Preservation Easement renewal that was received. The barn was built in 2006 and it's the opinion of the Town's Assessor that this barn never qualified to be in the program. The Board will go forth with the Public Hearing and discuss the concerns with the property owner at that time.

The Selectmen invited Representative Howard Moffett to attend the meeting to discuss the State Road Program. Ken explained that in 2010 the Board of Selectmen at that time had sent a letter to the Department of Transportation outlining the Boards concerns of some of the state roads in Town. The Selectmen never received a response or acknowledgement to that letter. Here it is 7 years later and the Town is still having the same complaints on the same roads.

The Town received notification from the State that they will be re-surfacing Kimball Pond Road, portion of Shaker Road and a portion of West. Road. Ken asked if there is anything that Canterbury can do to possibly have the state re-direct the projects, some of the areas that the state is proposing to resurface was done within the past few years. Instead of putting a band-aid on the roads, the Selectmen would rather see that money spent on rebuilding some of roads.

A general discussion was held on re-classifying some of the state roads. Howard will contact the State to discuss the letter that was sent in 2010 and ask to send an authorized representative to discuss the substance of the 2010 letter and the condition of the roads today.

Howard wanted to mention to the Selectmen that a question had been raised about local police now not being able to provide accident reports. Now, the report goes to the State and they will make them available for the public at a fee. Howard noted that an amendment has been proposed and he will be staying on this.

Howard updated the Selectmen on HB 324. This would change the way the utilities would be assessed, the evaluations would be done by the Department of Revenue. Currently HB 324 has been retained and the house will continue to work on this throughout the year to create a uniform evaluation system. Ken explained that Mandy had expressed concerns on the makeup of that Board that would eliminate having Assessors be part of it.

The Board thanked Howard for attending.

Ken reported that the Town had received an abatement request from Fairpoint. They are asking to have the values removed from right-of-ways. Due to the fact that Canterbury is a litigant in the lawsuit, Ken wants to run this by Town Counsel.

A brief discussion was held on pole licensing. Cheryl explained that in years past, the utility company would notify the Tax Collector when they were installing or replacing a utility pole. She doesn't know why or when this stopped.

Ken received an email from Heidi Cheney asking to have a trailer parked in the center on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Imagination Destination Team would like to hold a clothing drive as a fund raiser. The Selectmen approved the request.

Ken received an email from a resident asking if there had been any thought on having the Transfer Station and Town Clerk's office open on the same night. The Police station is open on Wednesday and Thursday nights and it would be more convenient for the residents if one night the Transfer Station, Town Clerk and Police Station were all open.

Ken updated the Selectmen on the Sam Lake House project. Ken discussed the Sam Lake loan terms through Franklin Savings. The Board approved the loan for a 5-year term.

Cheryl made a motion to go into non-public session at 6:39 PM under RSA 91: A II(c) to discuss a personnel matter. Art seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Cheryl made a motion to exit the non-public session at 6:50 and to permanently seal the minutes due to the personnel matters discussed.

Ken explained that the Building Inspector is asking to institute electrical, mechanical and plumbing permits to be used for a tracking tool and to generate more income. The Selectmen do not approve this at this time.

Cheryl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. George seconded he motion.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on May 15, 2017, at 5:00 at the Meeting House.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout  
Administrative Assistant