

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
October 2, 2017

Selectmen Present: Cheryl Gordon
George Glines
Art Hudson

Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM

Administration

Signed: P/R Manifest
A/P Manifest
Leave requests
Contract with St. Jean Auctioneers
Intent to Cut – Tax Map 241 Lot 8
Timber Tax Levy – Tax Map 234 Lots 3 & 4
Tax Map 235 Lot 7

Approval of Minutes

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the September 18, 2017 Selectmen's meeting. Art made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

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New Business

Cheryl made a motion to open the Public Hearing to accept additional Highway Block Grant Funds at 5:15 PM. George seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Art made a motion to accept the additional funds from the State Highway Block Grant. George seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Cheryl made a motion to close the public hearing at 5:17 PM.

Monier & Julianne Mazzawi attended the meeting.

Monier explained that they had purchased 2 lots on Canterbury Shore Drive (across the road from each other). These lots were previously merged by a prior owner. Monier's Attorney discovered that the lots were illegally merged as they weren't in the same ownership when the merger was done. They are planning on building a house on one lot and possibly putting the septic on the other lot. George explained that he would like to have something in writing that

says one of the lots is not to be a buildable lot for a dwelling, shed or an accessory building would be allowed. Monier stated that he has no intention of building a residence on the other lot.

The Board asked Jan to forward the required document to unmerge the lots the Mazzawi's.

Mr. & Mrs. Mazzawi thanked the Selectmen.

Ken updated the Board on the current Property Liability Insurance Company, Primex. Primex is offering a cap on annual increases to 10% if we were to sign a 3-year contract. Ken explained that he is meeting with Davis & Towle on October 13th to review their proposal. The Selectmen suggested contacting Primex to see if they could shorten the contract to 2-years.

Moderator Ken Jordan attended the meeting.

He explained that he and his wife will be moving and wouldn't be able to fulfill his term as Moderator. The Board of Selectmen and Ken thanked him for his service and wished him well.

Ben Bynum attended the meeting.

Ben explained that he can't support splitting the Tax Collector and Town Clerk positions from where he sits. Art explained that while this is working great now, in the future it is the Selectmen's job is to have qualified people in this position and it's the position of the Selectmen to have that position a hired position.

A brief discussion was held on Budget Items.

The Board thanked Ben.

Ken reported that he had received an estimate of \$3,878 to scrape and paint the meetinghouse. The Selectmen will look at this for the 2018 budget. A general discussion was held on fixing the Sam Lake House garage. The Selectmen decided to wait until next year. Cheryl stated that she would like to see the resources put into the Sam Lake House first.

Ken reported that he spoke to the new Director of Shaker Village about the payment in lieu of taxes program. She will discuss this with her Board of Directors and get back to Ken.

Ken received correspondence from Roche Realty. They are listing property off Old Still Road and are seeking permission to cut brush along the road and do some drainage work. The Board of Selectmen approved the request.

Conservation Commission Chair Kelly Short attended the meeting.

Kelly explained that they have been trying to figure out how to monitor existing easements. Chris Kane did a baseline assessment. Kelly would like to enter into a 4-year contract with Chris Kane. Over the 4 year period he would gather all in easement information, walk the boundaries, check timber if applicable and make sure all the terms of the easements are being met.

The Selectmen approved the contract with the amendment of the payment schedule be net 30 days.

Kelly reported that they are considering hiring a forester to mow the Bob Fife Conservation Area Field. He has a forestry tractor and can uproot any invasive species, root stocks and will shred the plant. Currently the Conservation Commission is only mowing half of the field. They may asked to take funds out of the Capital Reserve to mow the complete field. Kelly will be discussing this at their next Conservation Commission meeting on October 11, 2017.

Kelly thanked the Board,

Ken explained that Mandy received a pole license petition from Eversource on Robin Shore Drive. The Selectmen signed the pole petition. Ken will ask Mandy to come to the next meeting to discuss assessments being accepted for utilities.

Ken reported that we have yet another leak in the waterline. Charlie from WSO investigated the leak and believe it to be in the middle of the parking lot between the Library and Town Hall. Ken received an estimate of \$60,000 to replace all the lines. One option that we could do to reduce the cost is to have the Highway Department dig up the old pipe and lay the new pipe in. WSO would make the pipe connections.

A brief discussion was held on the Interim building inspector position. Ken will contact Scott LaCroix to discuss a contract with the Town.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on October 16, 2017 at 5:00 PM at the Meeting House.

Cheryl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. George seconded he motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout
Administrator Assistant