

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
June 18, 2018

Selectmen Present: Art Hudson
Cheryl Gordon
George Glines
Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

Administrative

The Board signed: A/P Manifest
P/R Manifest
Intent to Cut
Energy Committee Appointment Slips
Leave Requests

Appointments

The Board met with Church Trustees Jim Wieck and Ron Turcotte.

Jim reported that DES has approved the proposed well location for the new well for the Parish Hall with protective well radius waivers. A brief discussion was held on disconnecting the line from the Sam Lake House to the Parish Hall.

Jim explained that they will need an easement over town property for the radius. George made a motion to grant the easement. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held on the proposed leach field for the Sam Lake House.

Acting Road Agent John O'Connor

John attended the meeting to discuss major repairs that need to be done to Truck #1. He estimates the repairs to be in the neighborhood of \$13,000. At this time, there is enough in the overall repair budget to cover these costs. The Board agreed to have John go forward with the repairs.

The Board thanked John for attending.

Police Chief Mike Labrecque

The Chief distributed the monthly statistics and patrol schedule.

Mike reported that all of the Police Department members have completed their training with the IMC software.

The Board thanked Mike for attending.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Ben Bynum

Ben reported that the new voting booths are being shipped and are on their way.

Art made a motion to go into non-public session to discuss a personnel matter per RSA 91-1:3, II (a) at 5:40 PM. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Art made a motion to end the non-public session at 5:59 PM and to permanently seal the minutes due to the personnel matters discussed. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held on the air conditions/fans at the Town Hall.

Charles Bassett

Charles Bassett wanted to meet with the Selectmen to discuss his property on Oxbow Pond Road. He have a brief history of the property and the difficulty he had obtaining the correct permits through the Planning Board.

This parcel is zoned commercial, he has been trying to sell this property for the past 5 – 6 years. He did receive an offer recently. The perspective buyer and realtor went to the ZBA for a variance to build a residents in the commercial zone. The request was denied. Charles' concerns are that this area is currently a mixed use with primarily residential. Charles talked to Joe Halla about filing an appeal to the decision. He received a phone call stating that he could not appeal the decision but had to write a letter for the ZBA to consider re-hearing the case.

Charles is looking to see if there were anything that the Selectmen could do. Art explained that they will look into what they can do. Charles explained that he has been paying taxes for 20 years and feels that someone needs to give him some relief. His hardship is that he can't sell the property.

Charles will write a letter to the Zoning Board and Ken will contact legal counsel. The Board thanked Charles for attending.

The Selectmen received a proposal from Dylan McGuffin to purchase a parcel of town owned land.

George made a motion to sell Tax Map 216 Lot 16 to Dylan McGuffin as proposed. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Ken updated the Board on the proposed Sam Lake Septic and a possible expansion of the system for future use. George felt that the system should be installed to possibly accommodate others. This is a small town and should have a spirit of cooperation. George is in favor of increasing the size, Cheryl and Art are in opposition. Art suggested that they meet with interested parties involved to discuss.

Ken updated the Selectmen on a letter he sent to a resident regarding an on-going zoning violation. Ken has made several attempts to contact them. To this day, he has not received any return calls. The Selectmen will ask Scott LaCroix Code Enforcement Officer to visit the site again. Ken will draft a letter and have the Police Department deliver the letter.

Ken reported that Bob Scarponi met with him earlier today. Bob explained that family relatives of John J. Railey who lived in Canterbury in the 1800's would like to donate a grandfather clock to the Town. The clock was built in 1872. The clock is currently in Connecticut and the owners are willing to pay for the shipping and having the clock set up and working. The Selectmen graciously accepted the gift.

George made a motion to enter into non-public session at 7:10 PM under RSA 91-1:3, II (a) at 5:40 PM. To discuss a personnel matter. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

George made a motion to exit the non-public session at 7:40 PM and to permanently seal the minutes due to the personnel matters discussed. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Ken updated the Selectmen on an email he received concerning the amount of vehicles and traffic observed at the Riverland parking area, dogs being off leashes and people carrying alcohol to the beach. Ken would hope that the Conservation Commission addresses these concerns. A brief discussion was held on having the beach for "Canterbury Residents Only" which visitors would be required to have a sticker to park.

Ken reviewed the Sam Lake Expenses to date with the Selectmen.

Cheryl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. George seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The next scheduled Selectmen's meeting will be held on July 2, 2018 at 5:00 PM at the Meetinghouse.

Ken Folsom
Town Administrator