

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
May 16, 2016

Selectmen Present: Cheryl Gordon
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
Welfare Manifest
Zoning violation letter
2 Leave requests
Eversource Pole Petitions
Intent to Cut – Tax Map 239 Lot 1
Tax Map 205 Lot 1
Tax Map 225 Lot 2
Tax Map 228 Lot 6
Tax Map 225 Lot 5

Appointments

Senator Andrew Hosmer

Senator Hosmer explained that the end of the legislation session is soon approaching and he wanted to update the Selectmen on various bills. They have been working on the Heroin/Opioid crisis by allocating more funds to cover drug courts, treatment and rehabilitation programs. They are monitoring the prescription drug program as well.

He has been involved in the Winnepaukee Basin control. They are upgrading and instituting new management. He was also working on the modification of some investment laws to reduce the business profits tax. His goal is to try to reduce the downshifting of the funding to Municipalities.

Art questioned if the school population has gone down. Senator Hosmer replied that yes it was, but that the modernized special education is now coming under a federal mandate increasing funding needed.

A brief discussion was held on privatizing traffic control currently being handled by the State and Local Police Departments. Senator Hosmer reported that that bill was defeated.

Art questioned why the police are not following the same safety regulations as the private contractors, (hard hats, etc.). Senator Hosmer will look into this.

Ken explained that he had a conference call with the City of Concord, Towns of Pembroke and Deerfield regarding the Northern Pass. A House bill that passed allows utilities to use the Interstate 93 corridor, but there is a DOT rule that discourages that type of activity. Ken asked if

that would be a conflict with the DOT rule and become null and void if the Governor signs the bill.

Ken reported that the Board of Selectmen and many residents are concerned about the condition of the State roads in Canterbury. Ken had heard that they are only putting a topcoat on Kimball Pond Road this year and that the Band-Aid approach is being used. The state really needs to take a good look at their roads and get additional funding to fix them. Ken explained that if these State roads are not maintained properly, this could become a safety issue when Fire & Rescue have to respond but are slowed down due to the conditions of the roads.

Senator Hosmer explained that it costs \$50,000 per mile to keep a road in good shape and \$1,000,000 per mile to rebuild the road. The Senator suggested that a meeting be scheduled to have the Commissioner come to Canterbury to discuss these concerns. Ken will contact Senator Hosmer to schedule.

The Board thanked Senator Hosmer for attending.

Cemetery Trustees Kent Ruesswick & John Goegel

Kent and John attended the meeting to discuss the funds collected for deeds of internment. They would like to have those funds deposited in the General Fund to offset some of their budget. Ken explained that he contacted Terry Knowles of the AG's office. Ken had sent her a time line of the trust funds. Terry reported that the Town vote taken in 1975 (article 10) to take funds out of the perpetual care trust and open a new cemetery improvements capital reserve was not legal and cannot be enforced. Ken explained that looking back, the Town has been in compliance with the use of these funds. But, the money should never have been split from the Perpetual Care Trust and the funds are to be used for perpetual care only. Ken and Kent will be attending a seminar on June 7th hosted by the Attorney General's office. Ken will ask for clarification at that seminar. In the meantime, Kent will be holding a check for a deed of internment until a clear answer is received.

Kent and John thanked the Selectmen.

Ken reported that one application has been received for the part-time transfer station employee. Ken will share the application with Transfer Station Manager Chuck Beckley.

Ken updated the Selectmen on a situation that occurred at the Transfer Station. Sgt. Beaulieu will be doing a follow up and will report back to Ken.

A brief discussion was held on installing security cameras. The Board approved and asked Ken to proceed with the purchase.

Ken is in the process of getting estimates for repairs to the roof at the Municipal Building.

Road Agent Jim Sawicki

Jim reported that he has received estimates from GMI Asphalt for paving portions of Carter Hill Road, Hackleboro Road, Hethlon Road, Orchard Road and Old Tilton Road. Jim will further review the estimates and will contact Advance paving as well. He will see what he can get done with the \$159,000 in the budget.

Cheryl explained that she had received a complaint that no one from the Highway Department had been up to Briar Bush Road to look at the culvert that is failing. Jim reported that it is a stone culvert. Cheryl asked Jim to take a look at it to see what can be done.

Jim reported that the sweeper has been repaired and they will be finishing cleaning up the roads.

The Board thanked Jim.

Ken reported that Chief Angwin will not be attending the meeting tonight, he is at a training. Ken reported to the Board that the Canterbury Fire Department will not be participating in the 4th of July festivities. Lisa Carlson notified the Board that no one has stepped up to take over the Children's Activities for July 4th. Lisa explained that the Fire Department will need to be at the Canterbury Fair for safety reasons. She stated that this is not negotiable, they need to be present.

Sgt. Ernie Beaulieu

Ernie distributed the June schedule. A general discussion was held on Motorcycle week and how that will affect Canterbury. Ernie will check to see if any grant money may be available to assist. Ernie submitted that statistics for the previous month.

The Board thanked Ernie.

Tax Collector Ben Bynum

Ben reported that the research is complete and he is in the process of deeding. Ben submitted waivers for the Board to sign. Three of the property owners have payment arrangements and 1 falls under bankruptcy.

Cheryl suggested contacting Mortgage holders directly for payment.

Ben reported that he and Lisa had been working on the "Oath of Office" Book. They have compiled a list of members that have appointment slips and have not been sworn in.

Ben reported that the Tax bills have been printed and will be mailed out soon.

The Board thanked Ben.

Lisa Carlson reported that the Canterbury Fair Committee Members have asked Gordon Jackson to trim the road side on Kimball Pond Road by the Berry's residence and Brillhart property. Lisa questioned if Kimball Pond Road is on the State's radar for maintenance. Ken reported that he had heard that it's on the list to be top coated this year.

Lisa thanked the Board.

Ken updated the Selectmen on a training opportunity for the Police Department. Art suggested that it wait until the new Chief has been hired.

A brief discussion was held on purchasing GPS units for town vehicles. The Selectmen asked Ken to move forward with the purchase and installation.

Ken updated the Board on the recent conference call about Northern Pass.

A brief discussion was held on disposing of the old wooden chairs in the Town Hall.

Ken discussed with the Selectmen correspondence he was copied on about the Drive-in and Brookford farms. The Planning Board has sent a letter to them stating that they have until May 18th, to apply to the Planning Board for a site plan review. Ken has drafted a letter to be sent to Brookford from if they fail to make application. A brief discussion was held on concerns of liability issues.

Ken reminded the Selectmen that employee evaluations are due in June.

Correspondence was reviewed from a resident that wishes to sit on the Solid Waste Committee.

Ken reported that the Canterbury Hazardous Waste Day will be held on October 22, 2015 from 10-2. The Board authorized Ken to sign the contract.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the Public minutes of the May 2 2016 Selectmen's meeting. Art made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Cheryl seconded the motion.

George made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Cheryl seconded the motion.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on June 6, 2016, at 5:00 at the Meeting House.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant