

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
March 7, 2016

Selectmen Present: Bob Steenson
Cheryl Gordon
George Glines
Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM

I. Appointments

Sheriff Hilliard and Captain Corey

The Board reviewed Captain Corey's report. The Board thanked the Captain and Sheriff for their assistance. The hiring process for a new Police Chief was discussed. The Selectmen asked the Sheriff to participate in the hiring process. The Sheriff's Department will review the qualifications, screen and rate each of the candidates. A discussion was held on creating an interview panel with the possibility of including citizens.

Sheriff Hilliard stated that this should be an open process and that the Selectmen should give consideration for the Chiefs position being either full-time or part-time.

Bob suggested that once the new Chief is hired, they should be in receipt of the plan that Captain Corey has written.

A brief discussion was held on the Chief's position, must provide leadership/accountability and visibility.

Captain Corey reported that a few citizens have expressed concerns that he will leave after he submitted his report to the Selectmen. Captain Corey will be present in Canterbury and will have the same authority as he does now until a new Police Chief is hired.

The Board thanked Sheriff Hilliard and Captain Corey for their assistance.

Moderator Wayne Mann & Deputy Ken Jordan

Wayne and Ken reviewed the proposed warrant articles and which Selectmen will be presenting them at Town Meeting.

The Board thanked Wayne and Ken for attending.

David Dyer

David attended the meeting to submit a check for the property he is purchasing from the Town of Canterbury. This property is located on Hall Road and is the last remaining land of the subdivision.

The Selectmen signed the deed over to David Dyer. Jan will forward an amended page 1 to Mr. Dyer showing the correct acreage.

David thanked the Selectmen.

Rick Crockford and Rob Reilly

Rick and Rob attended the meeting to discuss putting in a crosswalk in the center of town. Ken reported that he has been in contact with the State. Ken talked in length to the State's engineer, Mr. Lambert, if the Town was to put up any signs for a crosswalk, they will be removed because it would not have been a state approved crossing. The Town has no jurisdiction on State Roads. Ken has talked to the Police and asked that they be present and monitor that intersection during peak times.

Rob asked what the States responsibility was at the end of the day if someone is injured crossing the road in that area.

Rob asked what is needed for a crosswalk. Ken stated that the State would need to put in a safe landing zone, but there is not funding available. The State requirements would include putting in street lighting, etc.

The Board suggested that Rob & Rick contact the State Representatives Howard Moffett and George Saunders. Ken will draft a letter to the State DOT and Canterbury's representatives also.

The Board thanked Rock and Rob for attending.

Eric Walsh

Eric attended the meeting to discuss his property on Blue Boar Lane and the property he purchased from the Town. Eric is selling the property and has run into issues with the lot he purchased from the Town. The Selectmen agreed to un-merge (subdivide) the lots and to buy back the lot, minus the portion of the Town costs to complete the subdivision.

Eric thanked the Board.

Public Hearing – Barn Preservation Easement.

Bob made a motion to open the Public Hearing at 7:07 PM. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

After reviewing the materials provided. Bob made a motion to approve the Barn Preservation Easement with a 70% score. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Bob made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:15 PM. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

II. Administration

The Board signed: A/P Manifest
 P/R Manifest
 Welfare Manifest
 Solar Exemption – Tax Map
 Interfund Transfers (2)
 Leave Request – M. Hauptman, J. Stout & L. Carlson
 Atlas Pyrovision Contract

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III. Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 22, 2016 Selectmen's meeting. Cheryl made a motion to approve the minutes as written. George seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the non-public (1) minutes of the February 22, 2016 Selectmen's meeting. Cheryl made a motion to approve the minutes as written. George seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the non-public (2) minutes of the February 22, 2016 Selectmen's meeting. Cheryl made a motion to approve the minutes as written. George seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. New Business

The Selectmen reviewed a request to abate the accrued interest on a tax payment that was made on-line because of transmitting issues. Bob made a motion to abate the interest of \$46.67. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The Board reviewed a request from a former employer requesting to be paid for accrued sick time. The Board is not in favor of granting this request. The Board asked Ken to forward the request to Town Counsel for review

Ken updated the Selectmen about a prior issue with a failing septic system. The property owner was able to obtain a loan through the Canterbury Fund.

George made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. Cheryl seconded the motion.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on March 21, 2016 at 5:30 at the Meeting House.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant