

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
January 19, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

Howard Moffett and Kathie Fife attended the meeting to discuss a House Bill he will be presenting to the Legislature regarding lowering the speed limit in Canterbury on Interstate 93 from 70 mph back to 65mph. Howard explained that it appears that they are not going to get the support they thought they had.

Kathie explained that she had learned about the previous bill that raised the speed limit to 70 mph after the fact. She then contacted Howard and was told that they would have to wait a year to re-introduce the bill. She explained that she lives on Route 132 and when there is a major accident, the traffic on the highway gets congested and is often diverted to Route 132. Kathie stated that she had several conversations with Chief Angwin, Chief LaRoche and Sgt. Beaulieu and they shared her concerns.

Ken stated that after seeing the Town wide email that stated that they had the support of the Town, Fire and Police he contacted Kathie. He was concerned that the email went out without the support of the Board of Selectmen. He spoke with Chief Angwin about the number of calls they have gone to on the highway since the speed limit increased. Chief Angwin reported that they responded on the highway only 3 times since July.

Ken suggested that if there is an accident on Interstate 93, maybe Canterbury Police could monitor 132 a little closer.

The Selectmen will follow up with Chief LaRoche.

Howard thanked the Board for taking the time to speak with them on short notice.

Bob made a motion to enter in non-public session at 7:24 PM to discuss a personnel matter. Cheryl seconded the motion.

Bob made a motion to exit the non-public session at 7:34 PM and to permanently seal the minutes due to the personnel matters discussed. Cheryl seconded the motion.

The Selectmen reviewed the proposed 2015 budget and warrant articles.

The Board signed:

A/P Manifest
P/R Manifest
Intent to Cut – Map 253 Lot 2
Encumbrances
Official Town Job Descriptions

Ken reported that he will contact Best Septic for a replacement port-a-potty for the Transfer Station.

Ken reported that he received a proposal for electrical work for the garage doors in the Highway Department. The Selectmen approved the proposal and authorized to have the electrical work done.

Ken explained that within the Healthcare package, a flex spending account is available. Most of the employees that are on the Town's health insurance expressed an interest. The Selectmen approved and authorized the flex spending account be offered to eligible employees.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on February 2, 2015.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 PM. Cheryl seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant