

Town of Canterbury
Board of Selectmen
January 20, 2014

Selectmen Present: Bob Steenson
Tyson Miller
Cheryl Gordon

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM.

Budget Committee Members: Bob Scarponi, Frank Tupper, Art Rose, Kelly Short and Seth Cohn were in attendance.

The Board reviewed the 2014 proposed warrant articles.

- 1) Gold Star Bond - \$57,800
- 2) Fire Department Grant - \$7,533
- 3) Fire Command/Response Vehicle (used) - \$20,000
- 4) Zoll Heart Monitors - \$15,000
- 5) Thermal Imaging Camera (Fire Department) - \$12,381
- 6) Police Cruiser – to replace 2003 Tahoe

Bob explained that they will also need to add an appropriation for the removal of the Canterbury/Boscawen Bridge. The Board will be meeting with the DOT to further discuss.

The Selectmen and Budget Committee decreased the Highway wages from \$197,000 to \$192,000 and to increase the Municipal Building Heating to \$35,000.

The Board explained that there are 3 bridges that the State has red listed. The Selectmen have received a quote from M.A. Beam for \$60,000 per bridge. The Budget Committee members agreed to go forward with this proposal.

Seth Cohn left the meeting to attend another engagement.

Conservation Commission

Kelly explained that the Land & Easement Stewardship budget line is for significant lands that were maintained. In the past they have used volunteers, but are finding it more difficult to operate with volunteers. The Town will take over mowing the path from the parking lot to the beach because the volunteers have moved out of Town.

A general discussion was held on the Land Use Change Tax and how this fund should be used, followed by a discussion on management plans.

Capital Reserve Funds

Highway Truck Capital Reserve increased from \$10,000 to \$40,000
Conservation Commission Capital Reserve decreased from \$20,000 to \$10,000
Highway Grader Capital Reserve increase from \$4,000 to \$10,000

A general discussion was held on the treatment of the Cushman Elm and other trees in the Center.

Bob Scarponi submitted a warrant article from the Historical Society for the Board and Committee to review. This warrant article asks the Town to appropriate \$5,000 to be used as start-up funds to write the Canterbury History from 1900 to the present. The Selectmen and Committee supported this project

The Budget Committee will join the Selectmen for the Budget Hearing that will be held on February 3, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The Board of Selectmen will meet on January 27, 2014 at 6:00 PM for a budget workshop.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant