

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
February 1, 2015

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

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

I. Appointments

John Jordan

John attended the meeting to discuss an invoice he received from the Town regarding invoices that the Town received from Town Counsel for a law suit John had started against the Zoning Board of Adjustment about a parcel of land that abuts his. John has now purchased the property in question and withdrew the law suit. John states that he understands how the invoices were sent to him, he did not proceed frivolously with the suit, he has a different opinion from the ZBA on what is allowed by special exception on the property. Ken reported that Town Counsel did not know that John has purchased the property and the Town incurred legal expenses after John has purchased the property. Bob explained that these expenses could have been avoided had Town Counsel been notified. The Selectmen voted to rescind the invoice.

Ken reported that he met with the Fleet Manager of the City of Concord to review the specs on the Ferrera Fire Truck. A few upgrades were made to the estimate. Ken updated the Selectmen on a conversation he and Bob had with Ferrera regarding a fire truck purchase. They have 5 or 6 Chassis' that will be available in March and that with the upgrades the cost of the vehicle would be \$330,000. This price includes a few days of training and free lettering. The Board discussed adding an additional \$10,000 for incidentals.

Public Hearing

Bob made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the 2016 Budget at 7:00 PM. Budget Committee Members, Kelly Short and Tyson Miller also attended. Residents Chris & Beth Blair, Fire Chief Angwin, Don Janelle Nick Baker were also present.

A brief overview of the proposed 2015 budget was held. Bob made a motion to approve the \$2,522,497 proposed budget. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Warrant Articles:

- Randall Road Bridge – The Board voted to rescind this warrant article and come back with it next year with the possibility of funding the project with the unreserved fund balance.

- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$9,977) to fund Canterbury's share to acquire the Highway Safety Grant said funds to be withdrawn from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve. The grant has already been awarded.
- To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of up to Three Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$340,000) for the purpose of purchasing a Fire Truck. Three Hundred Thousand dollars (\$300,000) to be removed from the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund and the remaining balance to be withdrawn from the Unreserved Fund Balance. ***Recommended by the Selectmen.***

The Selectmen explained that they had been in contact with Ferrara concerning the proposed fire truck. After speaking with the Fleet Manager from the City of Concord, he recommended the motor and foam system be upgraded. Ken relayed the changes to the Representative from Ferrara. A quote of \$319,522 was given to Ken and the Board. Pete explained that he has done some research on Ferrara Trucks. There are quite a few out there, but he's unsure of what they are. It seems odd to him that Valley is doing everything they can to get a truck for the Town. The price Pete received from Valley was \$428,000. Ken reported that Ferrara has a service center in Auburn Maine and has 3 service trucks. Bob explained that their warrant article will be "up to \$340,000" with \$300,000 coming from the Capital Reserve and the remainder will come from the unreserved fund balance, resulting in a 0 tax impact.

Bob made a motion to open the Public Hearing for Warrant Articles of \$100,000.

Bob read the petitioned warrant article.

- "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement or to issue bonds or notes to purchase a new multi-purpose fire engine at a cost of no more than four hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$490,000) plus interest and further to authorize the withdrawal of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund for the down payment to lower the agreement amount to one hundred ninety thousand (\$190,000) payable over the term of 5 years and withdrawing the amount of the payment from the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund when annual payments are due. The lease purchase agreement, if used, does not contain an escape clause and is non-lapsing. ***Two Thirds Ballot Vote Required - Petitioned Warrant Article. Not recommended by the Selectmen.***"

Pete reported that he doesn't know this company very well. He doesn't like the Selectboard and other people who don't work for the department purchasing trucks for them. He explained that he spent 4 hours with Valley Fire and got the price reduced by \$34,000. He will call some of the Chiefs that are using their trucks.

The Board explained that they are not happy with the Fire Department not listening to the Selectmen and Budget Committee. The truck that is being replaced is 29 years old and has 1,200 hours. That's 42 hours a year. The Department needs to look at what their needs are and the call volume.

Pete will amend the petitioned warrant article to \$430,000 at Town Meeting.

Bob made a motion to close the Public Hearing and open the Bond Hearing at 7:41 PM. George seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bob explained that this is a petitioned warrant article and the Selectmen are obligated to put this on the 2016 warrant.

Bob made a motion to place the Warrant Article and Bond for the 2015 Town Meeting. George seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this article.

Bob made a motion to close the Bond Hearing at 7:43 PM. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

II. Administrative

The Board signed: A/P Manifest
 P/R Manifest
 Welfare Manifest
 Intent to Cut – Tax Map 106 Lot 50

III. Approval of Minutes

Bob made a motion to approve the public minutes of the January 25, 2016 Selectmen's meeting as amended. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Bob made a motion to approve the non-public minutes of the January 25, 2016 Selectmen's meeting as amended. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

IV. New Business

Ken explained that he received an offer of \$100,000 for the property on Hall Road. The Selectmen asked Ken to submit a counter offer of \$120,000.

Ken submitted Pistol Permits for the Chairman of the Board to sign in the absence of a Police Chief. All background checks have been completed and the approval from Captain Corey and Sgt. Beaulieu were received.

Ken reported that there is a failed septic system at 14 Sherwood Forest Drive. Health Officer Nadine Dahl had been contacted. Ken spoke with the property owner and was told that they are waiting for a loan to go through so they can make the repairs. Ken also received a call from DES regarding this same matter. Ken will follow up with the property owner.

The Selectmen reviewed a job description for a full-time Transfer Station Manager/Highway employee. The Board signed the job description and authorized Ken to advertise this position.

George made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM. Cheryl seconded the motion.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on February 22, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Meetinghouse

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant