

Town of Canterbury  
Selectmen's Meeting  
October 18, 2021

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:56 PM.

**Administrative**

Bob made a motion to open the public hearing to accept ARPA funds in the amount of \$128,977.64.

The Board did not sign the accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$102,899.88, as there were questions on two entries. Jan will get the details from Mary. The Board will come to the office to sign the manifest once these questions are answered.

Bob made a motion to sign the Payroll Manifests in the amount of \$34,960.22. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The Board reviewed a governance letter received from the Auditor for FY 20 audit.

**Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the October 4, 2021 meeting. Cheryl made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Art seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the non-public minutes of the October 4, 2021 meeting. Cheryl made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Art seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried

**Appointments**

**Road Agent John O'Connor**

John reported that the Morrill Road Bridge is in, with finishing touches occurring tomorrow. The paving projects through the town will be completed by Tuesday.

John updated the Selectmen on maintenance issues with two of the trucks.

Bob questioned if there have been any candidates for the two positions open within the highway department. Ken stated that an interview is scheduled for Thursday morning for the Highway Department position.

The Board thanked John.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Sam Papps

Sam distributed the delinquent tax listing, and he will be sending out statements to those taxpayers.

Sam reported that he attended the Tax Collectors conference last week.

The Board thanked Sam.

Fire Chief Mike Gamache

Mike distributed the monthly statistics of the Department. The inspections of the schools were completed.

He met with students from CES and Dewey School for fire prevention week.

The Department has one new member.

Engine 2 was involved in an accident on October 9th. There were no injuries. The Engine has some damage from the guard rail that was hit.

The new command vehicle was put in service last week. The old command vehicle has been posted for sale.

The Board thanked Mike for attending.

Police Chief Mike Labrecque

Mike distributed the monthly statistics for the Department. Katelyn has been training with Justin and is handling the calls.

The pick-up was turned over to the highway department last week. One of the new cruisers came in today. Mike explained that they have an opportunity to have all the cruisers coated with a glaze to protect the paint. This is guaranteed to last for five years and will keep the vehicles looking new.

Aaron should be relieved from Military duty and coming back to the Department in November.

The Board thanked Mike for attending.

Resident Jim Miller attended the meeting via the telephone.

Jim had sent an email to Ken with concerns about a flag flying at a residence on Baptist Road. He found the flag to be offensive and was concerned that children would be exposed to the language on the flag.

Ken explained that he contacted NHMA legal. It was explained that "although obscene speech is not protected under the First Amendment, vulgar speech, such as the Anglo Saxon word for fornication, is not considered obscene speech. Yes, this type of vulgar sign has occurred in a number of other New Hampshire municipalities, and we are offering the same guidance. Consequently, while boorish and immature, the sign in question could not be prohibited by the town based on the content of the sign".

Jim stated that he would send him a letter to see if he could convince him to remove it.

### Rachel Baker

Rachel wanted to thank the Sam Lake staff for helping her out as she transitions to the director's position. She has been attending NH Library Directors training.

Cheryl Ingerson will be resuming the in-person programs, with a maximum of 10 participants per the State.

Rachel has received round one of the ARPA grants in the amount of \$1,500.00. Two more grants will be coming available for the total amount of \$15,500.00. Bob said that Rachel should research the town reports to see if the Library Trustees have the authority to accept grants.

Rachel shared with Board that she would like to have a plaque made to list all the Library Directors.

A wing in the Library will be dedicated to Sue. Ken Williams will be taking a portrait of Sue to hang in that area.

Rachel and the Library Trustees are holding a retirement event for Sue LeClair on October 23, 2021, from 1 – 3 pm.

Rachel will check to see when the funds were received from round one of the ARPA grant and where the money was deposited.

The Board thanked Rachel.

### New Business

The Board reviewed a list of amended wages for the Library. Sue is now working part-time, and the remaining unused funds were distributed to the staff.

Ken updated the Selectmen on the proposed sign for CES. Another quote was received from Sign-a-rama for \$1,641.70, which included \$350 for installation.

Ken had a plaque made to put on the table at the Sam Lake House recognizing the donation.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting will be November 1, 2021, at 5:00 PM at the Meetinghouse.  
Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout  
Administrative Assistant