

Town of Canterbury  
Selectmen's Meeting  
August 1, 2022

Selectmen Present: Robert Steenson  
Cheryl Gordon  
Kent Ruesswick

Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM.

**Appointments**

**Sheriff David Croft**

David explained that he was trying to meet with all the Towns in Merrimack County and wanted to give them an idea of what they do.

David explained the operations of the Sheriff's Department; they perform tasks from serving civil paperwork to working with Federal Agencies.

David explained some of the programs offered through the Sheriff's Department to Municipalities and Schools.

The Selectmen thanked David for attending the meeting.

**Bryan Christianson – Comcast**

Bryan updated the Selectmen on the Broadband expansion and explained that the State of New Hampshire has received 120 million dollars for broadband expansion throughout the State. Of the 120 million, 50 million will be awarded this month to a single company. The second distribution of 70 million will come out in early fall, they hope that the second distribution will allow multiple companies to receive funding. The State will provide 75% of the cost while the provider will pay 25%. The Town has been awarded \$257,755 to assist in this project. Bryan explained that round 2 would be awarded to more than one recipient. Bob said to let the Selectmen know what they could do to support their efforts.

Dana MacCoy Bishop joined the meeting. She contacted Comcast and was told there were no plans to provide internet to her location. Bryan explained the two programs previously discussed to her and said that the Canterbury Town Office and Comcast are trying to have broadband available everywhere in Town. Bryan stated that expanding broadband costs between \$50,000 and \$80,000 per mile.

The Board thanked Bryan for attending.

**Administrative**

Bob made a motion to sign the Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$476,467.40. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Kent made a motion to sign the Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$32,581.48. Kent seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The Selectmen signed: Delinquent taxpayer letters.

Hall Road property owners – re: terminate protective covenants

Yield Tax Levy – Tax Map 238 Lot 2 – Scanlon

Tax Map 203 Lot 28 – Reynolds

Request to Citizen's Bank – Sam Lake Trust Distribution

Deed from Town to Akerstrom (Tax Map 208 Lot 9)

Deed from Town to Sherwood Forest Assoc. (Tax Map 101 Lot 9)

Bob made a motion to sell 12 Nottingham Road (tax map 101 lot 19) to Sherwood Forest Shores Association. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Kent explained that the Cemetery Trustees are interested in purchasing a portion of land that abuts Maple Grove Cemetery. They have had a preliminary discussion with the property owner. A brief discussion was held on bringing this to the town meeting as a warrant article.

Bob made a motion to approve the Elderly exemption for 173 West Road. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

### **Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 18, 2022, meeting. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Kent seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried

### **New Business**

Ken reported that he received a letter from Unitil stating that the cost to upgrade the electric to the Transfer Station would cost \$22,659.00. Bob made a motion to approve the expense to comply with the 2022 warrant article for upgrades to the Transfer Station. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Ken reported that he met individually with the Department heads to discuss any savings that they could do in their budget to allow for the increases in the gas/diesel prices. They have been able to identify some areas that they could save on.

Kent stated that the front steps to the Town Hall needs repair. A brief discussion was held on replacing them with granite. Kent will get quotes to either replace or repair the steps.

The meeting will be held on August 15, 2022, at 5:00 PM at the Meetinghouse.

Cheryl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. Kent seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout  
Administrative Assistant