

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
August 29, 2022

Selectmen Present: Cheryl Gordon
Kent Ruesswick

Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

Administrative

Kent made a motion to sign the Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$688,415.57. 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 \$41,177.00. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The Selectmen signed: Appointment Slips for three Solid Waste Committee Members

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 15, 2022, meeting. Cheryl made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Kent seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried

New Business

The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Christine Simbari regarding delinquent taxes.

Ken explained that he had received correspondence from the Hannons with a revised payment schedule for back taxes. Ken will contact them to arrange a meeting with the Board Selectmen.

Ken updated the Selectmen on the Concord Regional Solid Waste annual meeting.

Ken has received an estimate of \$2,100 from Kevin Bragg to replace the front steps with granite steps at the Town Hall. The Selectmen approved the estimate.

Ken has the Comcast franchise renewal contract for their review.

The fire pond at the Sam Lake House has been treated for duckweed.

Appointments

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Sam Papps & Moderator Jim Miller

A brief discussion was held on the upcoming elections. Sam attended a workshop on August 29th. A walkthrough will be scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2022.

Budget Committee Members Kelly Short, Tyson Miller & Briggs Lockwood

Ken discussed the highlights of the 2022 expenses and revenue with the Committee members. The town has received the second round (\$128,977.66) of ARPA funds and an additional (\$80,840.52) from the Highway Block Grant A; this is a one-time payment in addition to the \$95,907.13.

Taxes year to date collected are \$3,912,812.65, which includes back taxes from previous years.

Broadband expansion and Fire Engine – still waiting to hear when the grants will be awarded.

The Highway Department has purchased the new welder, and is being used to make repairs to Truck 2.

Fire Engine 2 has had multiple repairs, including pump governor and some engine work. It is operationally acceptable, but Engine 3 has had significant repairs and is considered unreliable at this time.

There have been a few requests at this time for the 2023 budget.

- Highway Department would like to purchase another F550
- FD Committee has specifications and will submit them to vendors soon.
- Install final AC Compressor for the Fire Station Bunk room and Captain's office.
- A new flag pole in the center.

Ken explained that the Road Agent has been in contact with Caterpillar for pricing on; a loader, grader, and backhoe. Caterpillar has a lease program. Briggs felt that this is something that the Town may want to look into.

Kelly asked about the employee bonus strategy and asked if this would be offered again in 2023. Ken said that this is unsure at this time but will be discussed during the budget process.

Ken explained that he met with the Department Heads about their overage on fuel budgets and had identified areas within their budget to cover these expenses.

Briggs, Kelly, and Tyson left the meeting.

Kent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 PM. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on September 12, 2022, at 5:00 PM at the Meetinghouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant