

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
February 4, 2019

Selectmen Present: Art Hudson
 Cheryl Gordon
 George Glines

Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

The meeting was called to order 5:02 PM.

Administrative

The Board signed: A/P Manifest
 P/R Manifest
 2019 Warrant Articles
 MS636 for the Proposed Budget
 Zoning Violation Letter

Minutes

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the January 28, 2019 Selectmen's meeting. Cheryl made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Art seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

There was a discussion about recycling.

The Selectmen discussed a request for unmerging a lot in Sherwood Forest.

The Selectmen discussed a request for negotiating an abatement on back taxes for an Intervale Road property. This request was denied.

Appointments

Charlie Krautmann spoke at 5:17 regarding the Morrill Road/Kimball Pond Road Safety Concerns meeting which was held on 2/1/19. He brought up action items recommended by DOT (contact person Bill Watson). It was suggested that a speed study be done which would require a letter from the Selectmen. Hanging a Convex mirror was also an option that was discussed. The state said they would leave it up as long as it was 10' from curb. A right of way survey could be performed after the snow leaves. Charlie said last year's price for the mirror and post was \$225 and asked if the town would contribute any money. George's understanding was that it had to be sponsored by the residents so it wouldn't create any liabilities on the town. Ken said he would check with our town council and get back to Charlie. Charlie left at 5:25.

At 5:25 a discussion about the budget was started. Line 333 New Library Budget \$15,500 and line 353 Grand Total \$197,100. Article# 4 2nd session Budget total \$2,785,539.

Ken informed the Selectmen that the next meeting would be on Tuesday 2/19/19 @ 5:00 pm due to the President's Day holiday on Monday. He verified that the public meeting for Article #2 would also be on 2/19/19.

The Public Hearing for the budget was opened at 5:30 and Ken invited the public to speak up if there were any questions. Present were Scott & Kathy Doherty of Sanborn Road and Silvia Styles of Shaker Road.

Ken said the proposed budget is finalized and Art stated that the budget increase is under 2%. Sylvia stated she was there in case there was any discussion about Shaker Village but decided to stay for the meeting even though Shaker Village wasn't on the appointments.

Penacook Rescue increase and service was discussed. We are still meeting with other sources at this time. Penacook Rescue has stated that their income is down 20% from 2017 to 2018. Art stated we have been getting a deal for a long time with Penacook Rescue and that the increase is in line with what other towns are paying for one paramedic and one EMT. Scott Doherty, a paramedic himself for 32 years, asked if we get any guarantees on the performance. Ken stated that at this time there is no contract in place. Scott suggested that some of the things to consider are response times and staffing performance marks. Ken stated that we have been looking into this and that Concord is looking into what they can provide. There are no private ambulance services in our area that do emergency responses. Art mentioned that Belmont takes care of Shaker Rd up to Shaker Village and Loudon takes care of some of Baptist Rd and the rest of Shaker Rd. He also stated that Chief Newbery has gotten a response time map of all the calls from 2018 to go over response times.

Police cruiser line is up due to leases.

Overall wage line went down 8K.

Funding maintenance costs: Town Hall painting and Library additional \$8,500 for LED lights and expecting a rebate from Unifit.

Workers' comp down 10K.

Building Inspector up but he is paying for himself in fee collections!

Selectmen got a raise.

Scott asked if the budget was available online and Ken said it would be in the few days. Since the Budget Hearing needs to be open for an hour the discussion continued.

Ken received a call from a Layton Drive resident who wants to put up a sign urging the neighbors to pick up after their pets and wants to know if the Selectmen will give her permission. The Selectmen said it would be ok if it is done professionally. Ken will check on the neighborhood rules. Cheryl said it might be under Tasker.

Ken discussed the verbiage for the Sam Lake portion of the Town Report. Art mentioned the figures for the building project. Still missing the Conservation report and the Energy Committee. The 1st draft should be going to the printers next week. Ken will contact Tom Osmer regarding Cons Comm report. There will be a proof ready to be inspected by many eyes soon!

There was more discussion about the Morrill Rd and Kimball Pond Rd intersection. Ken had an email from DOT regarding a 10yr plan (2019-2028). Complete rebuild on Kimball Pond Rd,

without drainage or guardrails included, stated at \$456K. Ken feels this is an understated amount. Art brought up the fact that the DOT can reclassify a State road to the town at their own discretion.

The Selectmen are going to check with the Candidates to confirm with them that having the Candidates' night on March 1st will work for them.

Scott Doherty started a discussion about a previous meeting he had with John O'Connor about the condition of his dead-end road (Sanborn Rd). He wanted to know if it could be graded at some point. Nothing has been done for at least 3 ½ yrs. Ken said we are planning to put money in the old grader so we have a back-up. Ken will pass the concern on to John.

Scott and Kathy Doherty left the meeting at 6:20.

Cheryl, Ken and Lisa are getting together tomorrow to put together an unpaid taxes report.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday February 19, 2019 at 5:00 PM at the Meeting House.

Art made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM. George seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Hauptman
Accounting Clerk