

Town of Canterbury  
Board of Selectmen  
May 6, 2019

Selectmen Present: Art Hudson  
Cheryl Gordon  
George Glines  
Town Administer: Ken Folsom

The meeting was opened 5:00 PM

Sign: A/P Manifest  
P/R Manifest (2)  
Welfare Manifest  
CU Application – Tax Map 216 Lot 18  
Tax Map 216 Lot 16  
Yield Tax Levy – Tax Map 205 Lot 3  
Tax Map 103 Lot 8  
Tax Map 241 Lot 28  
Tax Map 219 Lot 17  
Intent to Cut – Tax Map 239 Lot 5  
Tax Map 241 Lot 28  
Tax Map 205 Lot 3  
Tax Map 225 Lot 50

**Appointments**

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector Sam Papps**

Sam reported that he has 3 properties that are up for deeding. One of the properties has a payment plan agreement with the Selectmen. Sam will get additional information on the other 2 properties and get back to the Board.

The Board thanked Sam for coming in,

Several Canterbury residents joined the meeting. Art explained to them that the Board will not be discussing the parking area around the Sam Lake House. But wanted to assure everyone that there was no plans to cut the trees.

Ken explained that as a tax payer and Town Administrator he is very disappointed with the people who participated in the social media frenzy regarding the proposed parking area at the Sam Lake House, it was juvenile and they acted like a bunch of high school students. He expressed disappointment in the leadership of the Church that took part in the Facebook discussion. Insinuating that that the Selectmen need to be watched and that they have a lack of judgment. Bob Drew commented that the cooperation between the Church and Town has been good and wants it to continue. He will look into this with the

Church members. Jane asked Ken if he was disappointed in everyone that commented, even his wife. Ken explained that his wife had tried to answer in an adult manner

### Minutes

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the April 15, 2019 Selectmen's minutes. George made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the April 18, 2019 Selectmen's minutes. George made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the April 18, 2019 Non-Public Selectmen's minutes. George made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

### Bob Drew and Rick Crockford

Bob and Rick attended the meeting to discuss the Sam Lake Garage. Art explained that the garage is not ready to be used, probably not until sometime next year. The garage is not secure and needs some repairs to make it weather tight. Bob explained that they would like to use it the day of the fair to put away the tables. Bob explained that what they would like to store in the garage would not be damaged with the current condition of the garage.

Ken explained that there is still some construction materials that still need to be organized. Bob stated that he didn't care if any squirrels got in, they can't hurt anything. Ken stated that he has been in contact with Ollie Fifield for an estimate to make the necessary repairs to the garage.

Rick suggested to the Selectmen that maybe the Board could step up and help with the Fair.

The Board thanked Bob and Rick for attending.

The Selectmen reviewed a payment plan for delinquent taxes. Jan will forward to the property owners for review.

Ken submitted an appointment slip for a Deputy Fire Warden for one of the Fire Department members.

Ken submitted for review a copy of the police report he filed with the Police on a resident. This resident is not allowed in the Town office without a Police escort.

Ken updated the Selectmen on an email he received from Luke Mahoney regarding a sign that was removed and that people have been driving off Sand Hill Road to avoid the pot

holes and into his crops. Road Agent John O'Connor visited the site and did not see any tracks that went into his crops. John didn't see the need to grade the road.

Ken reported that he is waiting for the Engineers report for the Intervale Road project by Matotts residence. Aries will draw up plans for the Town and Ben Mattot to review.

A brief discussion was held on the "squatter" on property on the Merrimack River. Per the Court, he is to be out by May 1, 2019. Ken has asked Chief Labrecque to check on this.

Ken reported that Chief Guy Newbery met with the Fire Chiefs from Boscawen and Salisbury along with Penacook Rescue. They are working on an agreement acceptable to all 3 towns.

Conservation Commission Members Tom Osmer, Bob Steenson, Chris Blair and Kelly Short attended the meeting to discuss a parcel of Town owned land off Clough Tavern Road. The Selectmen have received a request to purchase this parcel from the Town.

Tom explained the various types of easements and easement holders on properties for conservation purposes. The Commission has created a map showing town owned conservation areas and the types of easements on each parcel.

Art questioned if some of the Commission expenses could be paid with the land use change tax money. Tom explained that current use is designed to keep space open. When they receive the land use change tax that means that the Town is losing open space. They would prefer to have the land use change tax money available if a project should come up, they can respond quickly and not have to wait until town meeting for approval.

Bob suggested that a spreadsheet be drafted, identifying conservation values on the properties for the property files.

Tom explained that the Conservation Commission has identified the parcel on Clough Pond Road as high conservation. He was told that the original owner had intended the property to go to conservation. The owner couldn't pay to have it surveyed to gift it to the town, so she stopped paying taxes on the property and the town took it for back taxes. It is the opinion of the Conservation Commission that the Town should retain the property. George stated that he has not seen anything that explains her intentions of the property.

Art stated that they will contact the person who is interested in purchasing the property to discuss her intentions of the property. Kelly stated that if the Town owns it we will have control of it, if the property is sold, possibly put covenants on it.

Kelly asked if the budget line item for the "Cushman Elm" could be removed from the Conservation Commission budget and added to the Cemetery budget. The Board agreed to move that budget line.

Art explained that the Selectmen will take their concerns with the Clough Tavern Road property under advisement.

A brief discussion was held concerning a dedication/open house at the Sam Lake House.

The Board thanked all who attended the meeting.

Art made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 20, 2019 at 5:00 PM at the Sam Lake House.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout  
Administrative Assistant