

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
December 2, 2019

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

Administrative

The Board signed: A/P Manifest
P/R Manifest
2 Employee leave requests
Yield Tax Levy
Intent to Cut – Tax Map 219 Lot 23
Tax Map 216 Lot 21
Tax Map 253 Lot 21

Minutes

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

New Business

Ken reported that he had been contacted by the Attorney for the owner of 109 Ayers Road. The property owner will be bringing the property into compliance. They are getting a new septic design and have agreed to have the Code Enforcement Officer visit the site after the 1st of the year.

The Town has received \$21,000 in unanticipated funds from the State. The Selectmen will hold a public hearing on December 16th to officially accept the money and use it to reduce the taxes.

Ken reported that he has not received water meter reading from the Church. There has been no response from the letter sent to the Church by the Board of Selectmen.

Appointments

Budget Committee Members – John Carr, Art Rose, Briggs Lockwood, Bob Scarponi, Kelly Short, Tyson Miller and Bob Steenson.

The committee reviewed the handout of highlights of the 2019 budget and the proposed 2020 budget.

Ken reported that that he has received a proposal for IT services to connect the Municipal building with the Sam Lake House. Kelly mentioned that her company has switched to a cloud base storage. Kelly will forward the name of the company they use. Bob Steenson will also do research into some of the companies that he deals with.

A brief discussion was held on the proposed warrant articles;

- Body cameras for the Police Department
- 2 Heart Monitors for the Fire Department
- UTV for Fire Department
- Highway Truck
- Carpet for Library
- Gold Star Bond
- Backhoe Capital Reserve
- Air refilling compressor for the Fire Department

The Committee suggested that they look at getting estimates to make repairs to the existing backhoe first.

Ken explained that he has been working on a grant for a generator for the Sam Lake House.

Tyson explained that the Planning Board has been working on the table of uses for the Zoning Ordinance. There have been many disagreements between the members of the Planning Board. And have decided to put that project aside and begin working on the “Plan for tomorrow”. Tyson explained that they would like to hire Central NH Regional Planning Commission to assist them. The estimated cost would be between \$14,000 - \$18000. Ken suggested that the Planning Board encumber the money left in the professional services budget line and budget \$8,000 in 2020 to pay for CNHRPC. Ken expressed concerns that the Planning Board had spent \$4,000 to have CNHRPC help with the table of uses and the project was not completed.

Bob Steenson noted that the Police Department is showing a 5% increase in their 2020 budget. They have been showing an upward trajectory and would like to see this revisited. Bob questioned why the new cruisers each have a \$2,000 maintenance line. The Board will discuss this with Chief Labrecque.

Art explained that the Selectmen had received a request to purchase an electronic speed monitoring sign. Briggs mentioned that he believes electronic signs are against our zoning. The Budget Committee was not in favor of this purchase.

Kelly asked to have the Cushman Elm budget line removed from the Conservation Commission budget. The Selectmen will move the budget to the Center Maintenance Line.

Bob Scarponi suggested that they Planning Board needs a framework of what they want to accomplish. The Town has always been interested in staying small.

Bob Scarponi would like to see some Welcome to Canterbury sign put up.

The Board thanked the Budget Committee for attending.

Art made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. George seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

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