

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
February 24, 2020

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)
6 Employee leave request
Land Use Change Tax: Tax Map 230 Lot 20
Tax Map 248 Lot 26
Elderly Exemption – Tax Map 103 Lot 2
Intent to Cut - Tax Map 253 Lot 7
Tax Map 235 Lots 3 & 4
Tax Map 235 Lot 7
Abatement – Tax Map 248 Lot 25
2 Appointment Slips
Interfund Transfer to Conservation Commission (LUCT)

Minutes

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the February 3, 2020 Selectmen's meeting. George made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Appointments

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Sam Papps

Sam reported that both he and Jamie will be attending a Tax Collectors workshop in March.

He is in the process of creating and printing the ballots for Town elections. Sam has forwarded the 2017 tax lien information to Sanders Research.

Sam explained that the documents scanning is going well, they have been responsive to our requests of various documents.

Sam has sent out notices to dog owners that have not registered their dogs.

Cheryl stated that Sam did a great job with the Primary elections. Everything ran smooth and thanked him for his hard work.

The Board thanked Sam for attending.

Road Agent John O'Connor

John discussed a hazard tree on 150 Hackleboro Road. John was approached by Jack Kreznecki, Jack is concerned that if the rotting tree should come down, it will hit his garage. Jack is asking to have the tree taken down. The limbs of the tree are hanging over the wires. John explained that they would need a professional to take it down. John has contacted Brian Magoon for a quote to have the tree removed. If the Highway Department does the ground work and clean up, it would be \$1,400.00.

Ken suggested that Eversource be contacted and have them come take a look at it Ken and Art will be meeting with a representative from Eversource this week and will discuss taking the tree down with her.

John explained that he would like to post the roads effective March 9, 2020. The Board approved his request.

A brief discussion was held on the quote from Beauregard for repairs to the backhoe. A general discussion was held on using other vendors. Art and George will contact other vendors for an estimate for repairs.

The Board thanked John for attending.

Police Chief Mike Labrecque

Mike distributed the department's monthly statistics. Mike reported that he has received a subpoena for the U.S. District Court in Boston. In 2016 the prior Police Chief and the School District entered into an agreement with a company called Cop Sync. Cop Sync was to assist the police and schools in emergency situations. It appears that this company was not the original author of the program. Cop Sync is being sued by the company that originally created the program. Ken will forward the subpoena to Town Counsel.

Mike reported that a new firewall is being installed on their server. Once this has been completed, they will have a live feed for their records to the State of New Hampshire.

Mike explained that the painting is almost complete in the Police Department.

The Board thanked Mike for attending.

Deputy Chiefs Nick Baker and Scott Doherty.

Nick distributed the Fire Department monthly statistics.

Nick reported that they had 2 members resign and Rob Basha has returned to the department.

The UTV and trailer have been received

Nick stated that the new SCBAs are in service and on all apparatus. They are looking into donating the old SCBAs through the Denton program. This allows equipment to be shipped overseas. Scott explained that he had been involved in donating older equipment that went to

San Salvador where all the equipment went to use. Scott is looking for a contact for the Denton program.

Nick explained that the department is having training with the UTV and trailer tonight. If the purchase is approved at Town meeting, a few modifications to the UTV will be done.

Nick update the Selectmen on the training completed by the members this past month.

Nick and Scott are getting all the figures together for Town Meeting.

Ken distributed the monthly report from Penacook Rescue. Ken will ask to add Nick and Scott to the distribution list.

Scott reported that grant the Town received for Warm Zone equipment still has money available and is accepting applications for a second round of grants. If approved the grant would give \$6,000.00 to be used for emergency gear for fire and police departments.

The Board thanked Nick and Scott for attending.

Town Perambulator Mark Stevens

Mark attended the meeting to discuss the proposed legislature changing the laws of municipalities having to perambulate the town lines. Mark reported that NHMA has been pushing for this bill stating in part that none of the other states are doing it and that it's too hard for the Selectmen. This bill was voted Inexpedient to Legislate by the committee 16-1, this was the sixth attempt to pass this bill.

Mark reported that he attended all the hearings concerning this bill. He testified as a private individual and not a representative of the Town. He didn't want to represent the Town without the permission of the Board of Selectmen. The Board approved Mark to represent the Town on future hearings in this matter. Mark would like to see a letter be sent to NHMA in opposition to this legislature and concerns of their position on this recent house bill. Ken will draft a letter for the Selectmen to sign at their next meeting.

The Board thanked Mark for attending.

New Business

The Selectmen received a notice from Healthtrust regarding a public hearing on the rate setting on March 5, 2020.

Central NH Regional Planning Commission sent a questionnaire asking if the Town would like them to perform traffic counts on some of the roads. They would be able to do the traffic counts on 5 roads. Ken will discuss this with John and Mike.

The Selectmen received notification from the State of NH – Department of Environmental Services. An inspection was done last July at Canterbury Salvage at 28 Misery Road and was found in violation of DES rules.

Ken reported that he has received a quote from Larry Martin to replace the lights at the Municipal Building with LEDs and install fans in the bays. The total cost is estimated at \$27,952.00 and could be done in phases. Ken will contact Unitil to see if they have any programs available that could help with the cost.

Al Edelstein stated that the Store did an energy audit and installed LED lights and timers. Unitil covered 50 % of the cost.

Ken stated that 367 Shaker Road has submitted an application to the Zoning Board for a variance.

Ken reported that he spoke with the Attorney of the owner of 109 Ayers Road. The Attorney hasn't heard anything from the owner. Art explained that if the Town is unable to view the property by months end, the Selectmen will begin assessing a fine of \$250/day.

Cheryl made a motion to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 (a) at 6:40 P to discuss a personnel matter. George seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Cheryl made a motion to exit the non-public session at 6:48 PM and to permanently seal the minutes due to the personnel matter discussed. George seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Ken asked the Board to have a town cell phone issued to him. He has been using his personal cell phone for town business. He is now receiving calls from residents on his days off wanting to discuss town business. Art made a motion to issue a town cell phone to Ken. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Art made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The next scheduled Selectmen's meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2020 at the Sam Lake House.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant