

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
June 4, 2018

Selectmen Present: Art Hudson
Cheryl Gordon
George Glines

Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM

Sign: A/P Manifest
P/R Manifest
Intent to Cut – Tax Map 240 Lot 6
Abatement Request – Tax Map 230 Lot 6
Leave Requests (3)

Minutes

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the May 21 2018 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.

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the May 30 2018 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.

The Selectmen reviewed the non-public minutes of the May 30, 2018 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 Ben Bynum

Ben introduced Cheryl Himes. She has been hired to fill in for vacations, etc. when Ben and Lisa are out.

The Selectmen welcomed Cheryl.

Police Chief Mike Labrecque

The Chief introduced Justin Crotty and explained that he would like to hire him for the vacant full-time officer position. He brings extensive training and qualifications to the Department. The Chief asked the Selectmen for their support in hiring Justin and would like to have him start on June 19, 2018. The Board welcomed Justin to Town.

Representatives Howard Moffet, Howard Pearl, Mike Moffett, Senator Harold French, DOT Assistant Director Bill Cass, District 3 Engineer Alan Hanscom and District 5 Engineer Rich Radwonski attended the meeting.

The Selectmen asked to have all attend to discuss some situations/concerns on recent projects the Town has been involved in concerning some of the roadways in Town.

Art explained that the Board is concerned about the intersection of Morrill Road and Kimball Pond Road. The Selectmen explained that they would like to add a section of pavement on the south east corner of Kimball Pond Road. Ken explained that at a meeting a few years ago, this concern was addressed with DOT. As a result of that meeting, the brush was cut back to increase the site distance.

Alan presented a proposed plan that would re-align the intersection. This could only be possible by the Town purchasing property from the Brillhart's to allow the extension of Morrill Road. Howard asked if this would be a shared cost. Bill replied that this would be a town cost only. Alan believed it would be in the neighborhood of \$200,000 to \$250,000 for the road.

The next subject discussed was a crosswalk in the center. Art explained that some of the parents had a concern that this is not a safe crossing area in the town's center. Several scenarios were discussed. Ken mentioned that the Town participated in the Safe Routes to School program. That solution was to increase the town green and eliminate much of the pavement. This project proved to be very expensive and not well received by some of the residents. A few suggestions were made to increase the school zone, volunteer crossing guards, additional signage, and reduced speed limit. Art will contact the School Board to discuss this concern. Howard Moffett offered to be involved with the discussion with the School Board.

Ken mentioned that the flashing lights at the school zone were installed by the State a few years back. At one point, there was a power outage and threw off the timing of the light. Ken had made several phone calls to the State for assistance in re-setting the time and never received a return call. Art explained that the frustration lies is that calls are made to DOT for assistance and we can't seem to get any help.

The Board discussed the Intervale Road Project. There was some disagreement about the guard rail being installed or not. The Town was told that the State Engineer said that it was not warranted. Alan Hanscom said that the Town had called and had changed their mind after the project was completed. Ken explained when the Town was doing the final walk-thru with the State, a statement was made that the Commissioner could re-designate any state roads to town roads without any town input. Ken asked if this statement was true. Bill Cass explained that yes the Commissioner can do it by statute, but that's not typically how business is done.

A discussion was held on how the state roads are determined when the various roads are paved and the types of materials used.

The Board of Selectmen thanked them all for attending.

Darren Premo attended the meeting.

Art explained that it appears that he has made progress on cleaning up his property. Art would like to set up a site walk with the Code Enforcement Officer. Art explained that the Board will suspend the fines until the site walk. Darren expressed frustrations, he feels that every time he does something, he gets a new letter. Darren feels like he is restricted on what he can do with his property. He will be putting the vehicles out of site and will be putting up shelters. The Board will schedule another site walk with Darren.

The Board thanked Darren.

The Selectmen reviewed the list of residents that are interested in serving on the Energy Committee. The Selectmen made their selection and asked Jan to contact the members.

Ken updated the Selectmen on the paving projects.

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

The next scheduled Selectmen's meeting will be held on June 18, 2018 at 5:00 PM at the Meetinghouse.

Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant