

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
May 4, 2020

Selectmen Present: Cheryl Gordon
Art Hudson
Robert Steenson
Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

Administrative

The Board signed: A/P Manifest
P/R Manifest
Letter to BH Holdings-Zoning Violation
Storage Agreement

Minutes

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the April 1st, 13th and 27th 2020 Selectmen's meetings. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Art seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Appointments

Julie Dewdney called in at 5:06 to discuss the Farmers' Market. She reported that the Market is scheduled to start on Wednesdays from June 3rd through the end of September, from 4-6:30pm. Due to Covid19 they will have new guidelines that will focus on social distancing and sanitation. They will be wearing masks and using gloves and the public will not be handling the food. They will be concentrating on making it about the food not on socializing. Bob stated that there should be plenty of room to spread out and that if the Library is open they should speak to them about coordinating the parking. Cheryl asked about the plan for controlling the entrance of people. Julie stated that there will be one entrance in and one entrance out and that they would be paying attention the number of people. Cheryl asked that they keep the Selectmen informed and up-to-date with any changes. She agreed to e-mail Ken. Call ended at 5:15.

Updates from Ken

Ken gave an update about his inquiry to Pike about paving prices. Pike follows the liquid index. The prices per ton have been as follows:

December/2019 \$540.00
January/2020 \$537.50
February & March/2020 \$552.00
April/2020 \$552.00
May/2020 \$540.00

Bob stated that he is going to take a look into it a little further. He feels that, due to oil prices at this time, the pavement prices should be lower.

Ken reported that Sam Papps received a letter from NHMA regarding interest abatement and tax lien procedures due to Covid19. The NHMA is leaving it to the discretion of each town. Sam plans on processing liens before the 8/31/20 deadline. Bob suggested that the town needs to protect its legal rights in regards to liens, and that we may want to decide on interest abatements on a case by case basis.

Ken brought up the issue of an e-mail which was received from Rick Crockford regarding the Canterbury Fair and the 4th of July Celebrations. There will not be a Canterbury Fair this year Due to Covid19. The 4th of July lawn games have been cancelled and the decision about the 4th of July parade is to be announced. Art asked about the Memorial Day Parade. He feels that we should try to make this happen. Ken will research this with Dale Caswell. Bob said that we obviously wouldn't be able to have the high school band and it will be challenging to meet the Governor's guidelines for social distancing and crowds of less than 10.

Ken said that he and Sam Papps spoke about what preparing for the reopening of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office would entail. They have measured up the space for a Plexiglass shield and estimated that the supplies should only cost approximately \$100.00. Ken said he would be able to take care of building it.

Ken indicated that there was a ClassVI Waiver application for Rum Brook Road. John, our Road Agent, looked at it and came up with an agreement. Per Tyson Miller, this waiver will be discussed at the Planning Board's next meeting on 5/12/2020.

Ken reported that he spoke with Mark Marr regarding the Transfer Station's plan for recycling. At this time the plan is to start back up in phases. Mark is on vacation right now and will be back the week of 5/20/20. At this time he wants to start phase 1 by moving back into the building and attempt to recycle glass and corrugated cardboard. He suggested trying this for 1 week and then depending on how it goes, implement phase 2 which would be aluminum and tin. Then phase 3 would be mixed paper and plastic. Mark wants to do all of this with the guidance of the Selectmen. The Sale of bags and fees would still be done out of the office. He feels he can let in 2 cars at a time, but will start with only one. Bob suggested that a better way to handle the glass would be to put the glass in the loader down below as you drive in, before you go up to the building.

Patrice & Steve Rasche were present on the line for this part of the meeting. Patrice wanted to know if the cardboard would be handled outside. Bob stated that you would drive inside the building with the trash and then you would drive out to recycle the cardboard. Steve wanted to know by what authority we stopped recycling. Why were we allowed since the town has a mandatory recycling law? Bob replied by saying that the governing body has the authority to make that decision in order to keep everyone safe, and that the town residents would have the right to appeal. Patrice inquired about how to put the new procedures in the Newsletter and Bob suggested to talk in general terms due to the fact that these procedures could change as the situation warrants. Patrice wanted to know which meeting the recycling decision was made and Bob said it was in early March. She said she didn't find it in the minutes and Ken said he would check his notes. Cheryl inquired about the process for purchasing green bags and Ken said that they are still available at the transfer station and Shaw's in Concord on Fort Eddy Road. Art wanted to know if they could be sold at the Canterbury Country Store and it was discussed that this option was not accepted by them in the past. Patrice wanted to know how much latitude Mark has to say no recycling and Bob said it was up to the Selectmen to make this decision.

Right now Mark is taking in construction debris by appointment only on Wednesday afternoons between 2-4. Patrice wanted to know if that time could be alternated with recycling. Bob said that we do not have enough hours or staff to handle that. Bob said that safety is more important than recycling at this time. Cheryl is concerned that traffic could back up onto Baptist Road.

Ken reported that the company the Town of Canterbury uses for our fireworks display contacted him wanting to know if we were having them this year. Art said he would like to keep it for the town spirits if they could figure out a way to make it happen. Ken had mentioned Shaker Village and Bob thought that it might not be a good idea due to sparks and debris from the fireworks. Bob brought up NH Motor Speedway and the possibility of having something in conjunction with Loudon. Ken said he would speak with Loudon to get their opinion.

Ken indicated that he had met with the Fire Department to discuss the vacant Fire Chief position. Guy is not available for the next year anyway and it might be a good idea to post the position. Bob wanted to know what the process was the last time they hired the Fire Chief. Ken said we had the input of the deputy for the sheriff department, the Selectmen and Ken. Ken indicated that Scott Doherty and Nick Baker would be interested in being involved (not the whole FD). Art is not sure if that would be a good idea due to the problems that Bradford is having right now. It is not working out for them to have the FD involved. Bob suggested having the Selectmen control the pool of applicants and then have the FD have a roll in the decision. Ken stated that he has learned in the past that in municipal matters that personalities can come into play a lot especially if the FD and Selectmen don't have a good relationship. Ken feels that in Canterbury the current relationship is good. Ken asked if they want him to post the Fire Chief position, and the Selectmen said yes.

Ken reported that Tyson Miller is suggesting that the Central NH Plan Commission-Contract for the Master Plan be extended due to the ongoing virus restrictions of Covid19. Bob said he would email the language to Ken.

Old Business

Ken brought up the Zoning Violation complaint for 27 Canterbury Shore Drive. The complaint is that the property is unsightly. Our Code Enforcer went out and didn't see any violations. He took pictures and discussed it with Ken. It didn't look any different than it did last year and it isn't any different from any property in the area. Bob said no action can be taken if it is not in violation of zoning.

Ken started the discussion of the Class VI Road Waiver for Hancock Road. He reports that John inspected the road and that we haven't received the signed application back from Mr. Pounds. Bob indicated that he wants the Planning Board to see it first and he is not ready to sign off on it until the Police, Fire, Building Inspector, Road Agent and Planning Board ok it. He is concerned about Mr. Pounds being the only resident responsible and that the road is not ready for further development. Bob mentioned that the original waiver was dated back to March 2002 and was wondering why the new changes were made to the waiver policy back in October of last year. He suggested that the old waiver policy was never rescinded by the new and would like to compare them next to each other. Art wants to know why we were not looking at this as a house lot not a cul-de-sac or campground. There was much discussion back and forth about this waiver and Mike Pinard, an abutter, was also present on the line during this time. Mike feels that the road is not up to the specifications of the 1990 waiver, and has concerns about having Mr. Pound

147 picking up where Mr. Saviano left off. Bob mentioned that he doesn't want to create a new issue
148 with getting services in even though the town wouldn't be liable. Cheryl asked if there were any
149 further questions about Hancock Road and Lisa Shapiro wanted to know if a copy of the
150 proposal and other documents would be made available, and Ken said he would make sure that
151 all relevant documentation would be posted for all to view. At this time no decision is made and
152 the issue will be on the agenda of the 5/12/20 Planning Board Meeting. Cheryl will be attending
153 this meeting.

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155 Ken had a couple of FYI's. A letter has been sent by our Tax Collector to a tax payer who
156 specifically paid their 2019 property taxes and still owes 2017 & 2018 taxes.

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158 Warren Hardy paid his 2017 tax bill in full.

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160 Sam Papps submitted a Letter of Offer for town owned property on Snow Shoe Hill Road. It is
161 for 5 buildable acres. His offer is \$2,000.00 with a deposit of \$500.00. This will be submitted to
162 the Conservation Commission.

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164 Cheryl reported that she talked to a neighbor of the Couch property on Baptist Hill Road who is
165 concerned about pickup truck loads being dumped on the property. This property is owned by 2
166 brothers and it is out in the woods. Ken said that they would have to be invited out there in order
167 to inspect private property. Cheryl said the neighbor said he was going to take pictures.

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169 Bob had a thought about starting one Selectmen meeting a month at 6pm in order for more
170 working people to attend and leave the department head meeting at 5pm. Art stated that he is not
171 in favor of this. Cheryl said it is something to think about.

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173 Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM. Art seconded the motion. All in favor
174 by roll call, motion carried.

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179 Mary A. Hauptman
180 Accounting Clerk
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