

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
December 21, 2020

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:59 PM.

Appointments

Fire Chief Mike Gamache

Mike distributed the monthly statistics.

Mike reported that he has received a grant from the State for an Electrostatic surface disinfectant sprayer. They will use this at the Municipal Building and Sam Lake House.

Mike has submitted the roster of members to the State to receive COVID 19 vaccination.

Mike updated the Board on staffing issues at Penacook Rescue. Some Canterbury members have been trained to drive an ambulance and he has offered them Canterbury members to drive the ambulance if needed.

Mike noted that all EMS training is done by Zoom meetings, in-person has been suspended until further notice.

Mike reported that he has awarded the bid to IPS for the SCBA compressor and cascade system from funds received from the 2019 Firefighters grant.

Mike questioned if he could use funds left in the 2020 budget to purchase equipment needed. The Selectmen will be having a budget work session and asked Mike prioritize the items he wishes to purchase.

The Board thanked Mike for attending.

Road Agent John O'Connor

John updated the Selectmen on the road conditions from the last storm. He explained that he will be getting a voltage detector for down power lines.

The logging operation on Abbott Road will be completed mid-January, the logger cleaned up trees leaning into the road.

John explained that he has 2 trucks down at the moment with hydraulic and fuel injection issues.

John reported that Eastern Propane recommend replacing the failing computer boards in the overhead heaters. They are supposed to get us an estimate.

A brief discussion was held on the bridge replacement on Morrill Road. Bob questioned if a concrete bridge was installed, could engineering costs be avoided. Bob asked if there would be a price difference if the bridge was 20' wide instead of 24, he would like to see a price comparison.

The Board told John that the Highway Department did a nice job with the recent storm.

The Board thanked John for attending.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Sam Papps

Sam distributed the outstanding collections report for taxes. Currently there are \$486,000 taxes outstanding. Residents have been using the website and drop box at the Sam Lake House.

Sam and Mary are working with Interware for the acceptance of debit/credit cards.

The Board thanked Sam for attending.

Police Chief Michael Labrecque

Mike distributed the monthly statistics of the department.

Mike discussed the officer's hourly pay scales. Canterbury is not uncompetitive to other departments. He will look into what surrounding towns pay their officers.

Mike explained that State Police have been on-call a little more this month due to the staffing issues of the department.

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The Board signed:

A/P Manifest

P/R Manifest

Deed to Tax Map 102 Lot 109 – 11 Friar Tuck Road

Deed to Tax Map 102 Lot 111 – 7 Friar Tuck Road

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the December 7, 2020 minutes. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Art seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Cheryl made a motion to accept in accordance with RSA: 21-P: 43, the Town of Canterbury, a sub-grant from the State of New Hampshire Secretary of State and the CARES Act in the amount of \$8,431.45 to be used for the purposes of processing absentee ballots in excess of those case in 2016 in the Town of Canterbury and further designate the Town Administrator, Kenneth Folsom as authorized agent to sign the grant agreement and reimbursement request form on behalf of the Town. Art seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

New Business

Mandy has completed a list of travel trailers in Sherwood Forest. The Selectmen will review the list after the first of the year.

The Selectmen reviewed a letter from a person who has a purchase and sale on property currently owned by Mourning Dove Holding LLC on Route 106. He explained in his letter that he has met with the Road Agent and Fire Department. He is questioning the road upgrade as outlined by the Road Agent and feels that the process is much more involved than it should be. Bob explained that the Town has a clear policy that includes input from other departments/commissions in Town and cannot meet the suggested deadline outlined in the letter. Bob will call the prospective buyer.

Town Administrator Ken Folsom Updates

The Board of Selectmen will be designating Selectmen representative alternate members to the Boards. Bob made a motion that any sitting Selectmen can be an alternate to the various town boards. Art seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Ken updated the Board on prices for Zoom vs. Go to Meeting. Comcast has given him a quote for internet connection to the Meeting House, \$118.44 per month, \$1,500 construction cost to install cable to the meeting house and a \$99.95 installation fee. Ken will contact Consolidated Communications for their pricing.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 5:00 pm at the Meetinghouse.

Respectfully submitted,

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