

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
January 4, 2021

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

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

The Board signed:

A/P Manifest a total amount of \$399,251.18
A/P Manifest a total amount of \$4,378.73
P/R Manifest a total amount of \$35,518.96
Deed to Tax Map 102 Lot 109 – 11 Friar Tuck Road
Deed to Tax Map 102 Lot 111 – 7 Friar Tuck Road

Minutes

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the December 21, 2020 meeting. Art made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Public Hearing

Cheryl made a motion to open the public hearing at 5:38 PM to accept in accordance with RSA: 21-43, the Town of Canterbury, a subgrant from the State of New Hampshire, Secretary of State COVID 19 Relief Funds in the amount of \$53,344.13. Art seconded the motion. The public hearing will be open for 1 hour.

Appointments

Zoning Board of Adjustment Joe Halla attended the meeting to discuss Chance Anderson's tiny house on Hackleboro Road. Joe explained that Chance is still advertising his tiny cabin on Air B&B after being denied a variance in August. The ZBA had denied the variance but had extended the time frame for a special exception. Chance did not respond within the appeal period and is now in violation. Joe asked that the Selectmen support the ZBA and uphold their decision and send a cease and desist. Discussion ensued about what course of action should be taken, issue a cease & desist, send him a letter or have him come to a Selectmen's meeting. The Board will send Chance a letter and ask that he come to a Selectmen's meeting.

Having no public input, Cheryl made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:38 PM. Art seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The Selectmen began their review of the proposed 2021 budget.

Warrant Articles

- Morrill Road Bridge - \$158,000
- Elkins Library Roof - \$21,000
- Police Cruiser Lease - \$92,288 (3-year lease) 2021 budget \$32,808
- Fire Dept. Command Car Lease - \$51,000 (3-year lease) 2021 budget \$18,217
- Gold Star Bond Payment - \$41,288
- Avitar Building Permit System - \$5,900
- Capital Reserves - \$173,000

Art explained that he spoke with Chief Labrecque about having one of the cruisers be hybrid. Ken will ask Chief Labrecque to get another quote for the cruisers, one regular powertrain, and one hybrid.

The Selectmen have received a request from Bob Drew and Rick Crockford asking the selectmen to sponsor a warrant article allowing the Canterbury Fair to use the entire Sam Lake Garage for the Fair equipment storage. The Selectmen are concerned as to whether it is a good idea to grant a private entity permanent use of a town building and whether they have the authority to do so. The Board has agreed to continue with the current short-term agreement for the time being, until the garage is scheduled to be renovated. Ken will draft a letter for the Board to sign.

The Selectmen discusses wages for the Sam Lake employees. Ken presented a worksheet outlining the wages and benefits package of all the Department Heads.

Ken reported that the evaluations of the Sam Lake employees are almost completed.

Cheryl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Art seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on January 18, 2021, at 5:00 PM at the Meetinghouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant