

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
October 22, 2018

Selectmen Present: Art Hudson
Cheryl Gordon
George Glines

Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM

Administrative

The Board signed: A/P Manifest
P/R Manifest
Vacation Requests (4)
Political Candidates on Municipal Property

Appointments

Joe Haas

Mr. Haas attended the meeting to discuss State Education Taxes. He proposed changes to how the School taxes are collected. He feels that the school tax is unlawful and should be abated. He is asking to have a letter put in with the tax bills explaining his proposal.

The Board thanked Mr. Haas for coming in.

Police Lt. Mike Crockford

Mike distributed the department statistics. He reported that IMC software is now up and running.

The Board thanked Mike for attending.

Fire Chief Guy Newbery

Guy distributed the monthly statistics for the department. He reported that 2 members are half way through the EMT Training.

During Fire Prevention week the Elementary school kids visited the fire house.

Guy explained that he is working on 3 separate grants for the SCBA's, equipment and training and a 50/50 matching grant through Forest and Lands.

Guy would like to return the forestry tanker to the state this year. He also proposed to sell E-1 pumper and replace/downsize the command vehicle.

The Board thanked Guy for attending.

Road Agent John O'Connor attended the meeting. John reported that the new highway truck will be delivered soon.

The sand seal has been done on Shaker Road.

A brief discussion was held on separating mixed paper from corrugated cardboard. Ken will look into the price of getting another roll-off.

The Board thanked John for attending.

Tax Collector/Town Clerk Ben Bynum

Ben explained that he is prepping for elections. He will be running test ballots tomorrow. He has received around 40-50 absentee ballots so far.

Cheryl Himes is training with Motor Vehicle this week.

The Board thanked Ben for attending.

Laura Crockford

Laura Crockford, Sean & Genella McDonald and Superintendent Mike Tursi attended the meeting to discuss a crosswalk in the center.

Laura explained that at the beginning of the school year, the school sent out an email to parents that the kids can no longer walk to the center and must ride the bus, but Mr. Tursi reversed the decision after hearing from several parents.

Laura asked the Selectmen where they are in the process. Mr. Tursi said that the original decision to bus the children to the center was made to address the safety concerns about the children crossing the roads on the way to the Library in the afternoon.

Laura questioned why the crosswalk was brought up at a School Board meeting in June. Ken explained that the Selectmen met with DOT and the State Representatives to discuss other concerns. It was at that meeting that the crosswalk was brought up. Ken and Art both attended the June School Board meeting and notified them of the discussion that they had.

Laura explained that it still feels like a crosswalk would be a good visual key for the kids to cross. She was happy to hear that the kids are not restricted to only taking the bus. She doesn't understand why they can't pursue this again.

Howard stated that he doesn't want the State to keep the Town from doing something. Art explained that having a crosswalk is not always the safest. He's concerned that there will be a

false security for the kids. The State Engineers cited statistics that show unguarded crosswalks are more dangerous than no crosswalk. The town asked for volunteer crossing guards and there was only one person that responded.

Laura stated that she doesn't like taking away walking from her kids. It's a nice thing for the kids to walk to the Library.

Mr. Tursi feels that this is a prime opportunity to work together. If the Town decides to do the sidewalk, the school will provide a crossing guard.

Art thanked them all for attending. The Board will email Laura with their decision.

Art made a motion to enter into non-public session at 6:17 PM under RSA 91-A: 3, II(c) to discuss a personnel matter. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Cheryl made a motion to exit the non-public meeting at 6:24 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 reviewed a violation letter from DES to Mr. Hiltz with the Board.

Ken explained that he has received a proposal from RMON for an IT Refresh in the amount of \$44,000.

The 2019 Health Insurance rates have increased by 10.5%.

Ken explained that the Library had a problem with their alarm system. Since it also serves the Meetinghouse, the Town will contribute \$500 toward the repair.

Ken explained that he received a complaint about a Class VI Road being barricaded off with no trespassing signs. Ken sent an email to the property owner notifying her that she cannot block the road.

With no further business to come before the Board, Art made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on November 5, 2018 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant