

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
May 19, 2021

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM.

Tyson Miller also joined the meeting.

The Selectmen discussed the zoning violation at 188 Hackleboro Rd. The ZBA denied Mr. Anderson's appeal for a re-hearing for his application for a campground. Art feels that the Board should have started the process of instituting fines after the denial by the ZBA. Bob stated that Mr. Anderson did what the Selectmen asked, which was to go through the process of getting a Special Exception. He also questioned the Town's goal in this case. Is it to try to get a business in line with zoning regulations or, is it to fine someone who is non-compliant?

Bob also feels that Mr. Anderson's operation meets current zoning and that the ZBA made a procedural mistake by not allowing the re-hearing.

Art still considers the operation as illegal, and that Mr. Anderson was given the opportunity to have his case heard by the ZBA and that it is not the fault of the ZBA or the Selectmen that Mr. Anderson didn't provide adequate information or have adequate representation.

Tyson asked if Mr. Anderson petitioned the Superior court and our Town Counsel felt that the Town would lose, should we still proceed with the court hearing?

Art would want to see what a judge would rule and that if the Town was instructed to re-hear the case, he would waive the ZBA hearing and allow Mr. Anderson to proceed to the Planning Board for a Site Plan review.

Bob asked if we go to court and win, how does that benefit the Town?

Bob and Tyson think that Mr. Anderson can proceed to the Planning Board and get the required safety inspections done without the Special Exception.

Art wants the Chair to discuss this issue with Town Counsel. The Board asked Ken to set up a meeting with Town Counsel and the Board early next week and to stay the fines for now.

Other Business

Ken asked for a date for a walkthrough of the Transfer Station. The Board suggested May 27th at 3 PM. Ken will contact the Road Agent and Transfer Station Manager.

Ken reported that the Bond application has been approved by the Bond Bank. The bond sale is Tuesday July 13th.

There was a short discussion on Broadband expansion.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 AM. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Folsom
Town Administrator