

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
September 27 2021

Selectmen Present: Cheryl Gordon
Art Hudson
Bob Steenson (by phone)
Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

Administrative

Art made a motion to the sign:

Accounts payable manifest for the amount of \$34,692.76

Payroll manifest for the amount of \$34,913.59

Yield Tax -Map 202 Lot 12, Map 208 Lot 6 for the amount of \$6,126.66

Cheryl seconded the motion.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 13, 2021 meeting. Art made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Cheryl seconded the motion.

Appointments

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Sam Papps

Sam distributed the outstanding property tax report. Sam attended the NH Town Clerk's conference and attended classes on Motor Vehicle Registrations and Elections. Sam will be attending the Tax Collectors conference in October.

The Board thanked Sam for attending.

Fire Chief Mike Gamache

Mike reported that in 2021 there has been a call increase of 25%. The Department will be holding demonstrations for Fire Prevention Week at the Elementary School and the Dewey School.

The Department has one member enrolled in Paramedic class. One member has been hired full-time by the City of Manchester, she will continue to volunteer for Canterbury.

All COVID 19 precautions are still taken on all medical calls. Mike gets daily reports from the Concord Hospital regarding active COVID 19. A vaccination clinic was held at the Farmers Market on September 8, 2021.

Mike has submitted a 2022 Volunteer Fire Assistance grant application. The new command vehicle will be in service soon.

The Board thanked Mike for attending.

Rachel Baker – Library

Art, Cheryl and Bob congratulated Rachel on her promotion to Library Director.

Rachel reported that Cheryl Ingerson has been hired as the Children's librarian. On October 5th, in person programs will begin.

Rachel explained that she is looking into applying for a grant for a sound system that would allow them to have outdoor programs and also free-standing air purifiers.

The Board thanked Rachel for attending.

Road Agent John O'Connor

John reported that the bridge work on Morrill Road has begun. Truck #7 is back at Grappone's for repairs again. Bob asked about the paved apron on Old School House Road. John explained that all the aprons on off of Route 132 will be completed soon.

The Board thanked John for attending.

Residents Kerry Pfrimmer, Carolyn Virtue and Attorney Conti

Attorney Conti explained that his clients feel that Mr. Tewksbury who owns property to the northwest of their property has violated conditions of a Right of Way across their property. Mr. Tewksbury purchased 2 parcels of land that do not have road frontage but does have a deeded right-of-way. Mr. Tewksbury applied for and received a driveway permit from the Town and has used the woods road in the right-of-way to access his land. They are questioning the legality of the right-of-way.

Bob explained that according to the property deed in the town files, which was verified by the Road Agent prior to issuing the driveway permit, Mr. Tewksbury has a deeded right of way and has the right to use it to access his property. There is no notification requirement or obligation to consult the underlying property owner for the issuance of a driveway permit

Both Kerry and Carolyn expressed concerns that they felt the woods road was being damaged by the increased traffic and challenged Mr. Tewksbury's intentions

Mr. Conti stated that his clients are asking for a pause on any additional permits that may be issued to Mr. Tewksbury.

The Board will get the information to Town Counsel for his review.

Art thanked Mr. Conti, Kerry and Carolyn.

The next meeting will be held on October 4, 2021.

Art made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call. Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant