

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
June 19, 2017

Selectmen Present: Cheryl Gordon
George Glines
Art Hudson

Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

Administration

The Board signed: A/P Manifest
P/R Manifest
Eversource Pole Petition
2 Employee leave requests

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the public minutes of the June 5, 2017 Selectmen's meeting. Art made a motion to approve the minutes as written. George seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried

The Board reviewed the non-public minutes of the June 5, 2017 Selectmen's meeting. Art made a motion to approve the minutes as written. George seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried

New Business

Ken updated the Board on 2 locations in town that the Code Enforcement Officer will be visiting to check their compliance within the zoning ordinances

Ken reported that he had been contacted by a resident on New Road that was concerned that the site distance at the intersection of New Road and Route 132 was not sufficient. Ken along with Art Hudson and Chief Labrecque visited the site and found that the clear line of sight was adequate. Ken will contact Jim Sawicki and the Highway Department and ask that they measure the clear line of sight distance.

The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Dale Caswell asking the Selectmen to consider the possibility of expanding the number of paid employees.

A brief discussion was held on the recent promotion of Officers within the Fire Department. Art feels that the promotions were premature and need to be approved by the Selectmen prior.

Ken updated the Selectmen on the Sam Lake House project.

Appointments

Road Agent, Jim Sawicki

Jim reported that he had received paving quotes from Advanced Paving to do Hethlon, Old Tilton, 1,600 feet of Intervale and Randall Road Bridge. He will have 69,000 left over that will be used on Hackleboro Road,

Art asked if the entrance to the Transfer Station could be re-paved. George suggested re-paving the section of Old Tilton Road in front of Braskies.

Jim explained that road side mowing will begin mid-July.

The Selectmen asked Jim to get estimates on automatic garage door openers for the Highway garage. Ken will contact Larry Martin for an electrical estimate.

Ken updated the Board that more empty boxes of PAYT bags were found this past weekend. Additional measures will be taken in storing the PAYT inventory.

The Board thanked Jim for attending.

Police Chief Mike Labrecque

Chief Labrecque distributed the call statistics for the month. The Chief reported that Tom Bibeau will be graduating from the Police Academy on August 18, 2017.

The Department's new weapons have arrived and all the Officers will be qualified with them by Friday. The Department will be attending a Taser certification class in the near future.

The Board thanked Chief Labrecque for attending.

Barbie Tilton

Barbie attended the meeting to discuss the renewal of her Barn Preservation Easement. Barbie questioned why the Selectmen had reduced the amount of the easement from 35% to 15%. The RSA for barn preservations was reviewed. The Board felt that her barn doesn't really qualify as her barn is a new one. Cheryl stated that she would like more information. Art stated that the Selectmen will take another look at her application.

Barbie thanked the Board.

Tax Collector/Town Clerk Ben Bynum

Ben reported that he has completed his liens and that deeding will be complete by mid-July. Ben explained that he has received quite a few requests to do boat registrations. Ben will check into what is entailed and would like to do this in 2018.

The Board thanked Ben.

Ken reported that he had received a package from Health Trust. A former employee had filed an appeal on a flexible spending account denial. The employee was sent a letter from Health Trust on March 17, 2016 notifying the employee that they would have until May 16, 2016 to make a decision to join cobra. After that date had come and gone, the employee submitted a reimbursement and was denied because they were no longer employed and did not choose to join the cobra plan. Ken explained that the Selectmen are the plan administrators and can decide if they get their reimbursement as submitted. The Board felt that since the employee opted not to join the cobra plan, they would not be eligible for the reimbursement. Ken will notify Health Trust.

Cheryl made a motion to enter in non-public session at 7:12 PM to discuss a personnel matter under RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Art seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Cheryl made a motion to exit the non-public session at 7:16 PM and to permanently seal the minutes due to the personnel matters discussed. Art seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Cheryl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. George seconded the motion.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on July 10, 2017, at 5:00 at the Meeting House.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant