

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
Sept. 5, 2017

Selectmen Present: Cheryl Gordon
George Glines
Art Hudson

Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

Administration

Signed: P/R Manifest
A/P Manifest
MS-1 & MS 535
Intent to Cut

Approval of Minutes

August 21, 2017

August 25, 2017

Appointments

The Board met with David and Pamela DeCoste. They own property on Friar Tuck Rd. Map 102 Lot 10. They are interested in purchasing the adjoining Town owned property on Lot 9. They understand that the town would require them to merge the lots and are not interested in building or expanding the existing structure. They just want a larger lot.

The Board will check the title and respond to them as soon as possible.

The Board met with Al Edelstein, the Town Treasurer, to discuss the option of having the Treasurer's position be appointed vs. elected.

Al wanted to know why the Board was interested in this. George explained that he used to know almost everyone in town. That is not the case anymore. If Al decided not to run again, we might end up with someone that doesn't have the credentials or experience to do the job. Art is concerned that the town needs someone that would know what the job entailed. Cheryl echoed George and Art and feels that the town really needs to operate as a business that conducts over \$2.5 million and needs to have some oversight over the position. Art stated that the town is able to do background checks and conduct interviews with Dept. Heads and other employees that have far less responsibilities than that of the Treasurer.

Al is not against the idea; he was really just interested in why the Board would like to make the change. He was quite surprised at the amount of time that the job takes when he took over. At the time the position was a 1 year term. He felt that after just one year the Treasurer was just really learning the job and he pushed to have the position its current three year term. He brought up

that if the position is still elected that a forum could be held for the voters to meet the candidates and discuss qualifications. The Board feels that they would not like to depend on this for such an important position. Al is also concerned about protection for the position from personality conflicts. The Board explained that if appointed that the Treasurer would receive an annual evaluation and have the same protections as other town employees. Cheryl stated that evaluations work both ways and enable the employee to comment on the job.

Al would lean toward the position being appointed if this were the case.

The Board thanked Al for attending.

New Business

The Board discussed two properties that were deeded to the town for non-payment of taxes. One of the properties has a resident living in the building on the property. Ken will contact Town Counsel on how to proceed with eviction.

Cheryl made a motion to enter in non-public session at 5:51 PM to discuss a personnel matter under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a). George seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Cheryl made a motion to exit the non-public session at 6:04 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.

The Board discussed a complaint about a property on Lamprey Rd. that may be in violation of zoning. Ken will ask the Code Enforcement Officer to visit the property.

Cheryl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 PM. George seconded the motion.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Sept. 18, 2017, at 5:00 at the Meeting House.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Folsom
Town Administrator