

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
November 6, 2017

Selectmen Present: Cheryl Gordon
George Glines
Art Hudson

Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM

Administration

Sign: A/P Manifest
P/R Manifest - 2
3 Leave Requests
Appointment Slip
Health Trust contract
Review correspondence from New Hampshire Electric Coop & Eversource re:
pole petitions
2017 Equalization
2 abate requests
Supplemental Notice of Intent – Tax Map 217 Lot 8
Building Inspector Contract
Correspondence to CVS re: drug disposal box

Approval of Minutes

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the October 16, 2017 Selectmen's meeting. George made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Art seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Appointments

Cheryl made a motion to open the Public Hearing for amending the Canterbury Pole Petitions. Art seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Assessor Mandy Irving attended the public hearing. The Selectmen had received correspondence from Eversource and NH Electric Coop. Eversource didn't have any objections but didn't feel that they should have to submit in writing the companies that are attached to the pole. NH Electric Co-op is interested in submitting a condensed version.

The Board of Selectmen signed the Pole Petition amendment, effective December 1, 2017.

The Selectmen reviewed correspondence from a resident asking the Town to consider approving the Veterans Credit as explained in RSA 72:28. This allows all Veterans eligible to receive a tax credit. Currently the only Veteran's receiving this credit are the ones that served during a time of conflict. Mandy explained that the Town would have to decide one program or the other. The

Town could not leave the existing Veterans who receive the credit at the current rate and approve the new RSA for other Veteran's at a different rate. Cheryl stated that by changing this it could have a large impact on taxpayers.

Cheryl made a motion to keep the Veteran's credits as we now have them. Art seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Cheryl made motion to exit the public hearing at 5:30 PM. George seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Resident Sandra Steenbergen attended the meeting to discuss the roads in Sherwood Forest,

Sandra asked if the Selectmen would consider the provision to make the roads emergency lanes. Ken read RSA 231:59-a stating that this could only be done after a public hearing and it was supported by the governing body.

Sandra stated that it's all about safety, she feels that a lot of people are in jeopardy and is asking the Board to consider this for the safety of the residents. Ken explained to Sandra the agreement the Fire Department and Highway Department have regarding emergency access to Sherwood Forest in the winter months.

Art explained that the Board will take it under advisement and get back to her. Sandra reported on a civil issue that had occurred between 2 of her neighbors.

The Board thanked Sandra for attending.

Niam & Janet Syed attended the meeting to discuss the payment arrangements that had been made with the Selectmen for taxes. An impending lien letter was sent to their mortgage company resulting in the Town receiving payment from the mortgage company also. They are asking the Selectmen to continue with the approved payment schedule and return the funds to the mortgage company. Ken asked for contact information for their mortgage company. The Board will further discuss at their next meeting.

New Business

Ken reported that the Highway Department will be taking down the Maple Tree in the center that was damaged in the storm.

Ken explained that at the last meeting the Highway Department had attended to discuss keeping their work schedule at 4 ten hour days. The surrounding towns were surveyed to see if they have different winter and summer work schedules. One of the reasons the that Highway wanted to continue the four ten hour days was to allow the employees to schedule Doctor appointments and not have to take a full day. Ken suggested that the personnel policy be changed to state the amount of sick leave time can be used in hours and not days. The Board agreed to amend the policy. Art made a motion to keep the Highway Department hours as Summer 4 tens and Winter 5 eights. Cheryl seconded the motion. Motion carried by the majority.

Ken updated the Board on an offer he received for electric rates. This would lock in the rate at 0.799 for 60 months. The Board approved the contract and signed the contract with Constellation.

A brief discussion was held on the blinking lights by the school. One of the lights is not working. Ken will look into replacing them with solar powered lights.

Ken updated the Board on 3 on-going zoning violations.

A brief discussion was held on Sam Lake project. Ken is waiting for a few more proposals.

Ken reported that the Department Head evaluations have been completed.

Cheryl made a motion to enter into non-public session at 6:59 PM to discuss a personnel matter. Art seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Cheryl made a motion to exit the non-public session at 7:10 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 Selectmen reviewed the Department head budgets.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on November 20, 2017 at 5:00 PM at the Meeting House.

Cheryl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. George seconded he motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout
Administrator Assistant