

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
May 21, 2018

Selectmen Present: Art Hudson
Cheryl Gordon
George Glines

Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM

Sign: A/P Manifest
P/R Manifest
Yield Tax – Tax Map 236 Lot 17, Tax Map 213 Lot 5, Tax Map 214 Lot 7 & Tax Map 237 Lot 7
Current Use Application – Tax Map 230 Lots 8 & 8-1

Minutes

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the May 7 2018 Selectmen's meeting. Cheryl made a motion to approve the minutes as written. George seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

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Appointments

Acting Road Agent - John O'Connor

John reported that David Rice is working on getting the new truck ordered.

The Selectmen discuss the projected paving projects with John. John will be getting estimates that will include a larger scope of services.

Art suggested that they take a closer look at paving a section of Shaker Road.

The Board thanked John for attending.

Library Director – Sue LeClair

Sue attended the meeting to discuss an invoice the Library received from Best Septic. Because the septic also includes the meeting house, she asked if the Town would be willing to pay a portion of the invoice. Art mentioned that the Town does supply the Library with their water, which recently has been a large expense. The Selectmen will take it under advisement.

The Selectmen thanked Sue for attending.

Fire Chief Guy Newbery

Chief Newbery reported that the department had two firefighters resign.

Guy explained that he met with Northeast Fire Apparatus to look at the options on Engine 2 to improve the functionality of the vehicle.

Guy updated the Board on the training programs that have been completed.

Guy is waiting delivery on the new washer and dryer and extrication tool.

Guy reported that the Forestry Truck is currently out of service, they have ordered a new generator and now are waiting for the belt to come in.

Guy updated the Selectmen on recent events/incidents.

The Board thanked the Chief.

Tax Collector/Town Clerk Ben Bynum

Ben provided a list of properties that are on the deeding list.

Ben will be conducting interviews for the “fill-in” person in his office.

Ben discussed a few bills that are in the house about out of state tractor trailers registrations that are up for a vote in the near future. The Selectmen will contact the State Reps.

The Selectmen thanked Ben.

Fred Portnoy stopped in to see how the Energy Committee was coming along. The Selectmen explained that they have not have enough people volunteer. The committee was to be set up with 5 members with 2 alternates. To date, they have only received 4 people that expressed and interest.

Chris Blair attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of the store piggy backing onto the Sam Lake Septic System. Currently the Stores septic won't support a public bathroom or a washer and dryer in the apartment. It is unclear on what type of system the store has.

Ken reported that Mark Padula had approached him with the possibility of having the Church and Parish Hall connect to the new Sam Lake septic.

The Selectmen asked Ken to contact DES to see what would be required and be sure that they do not have to form a municipal water/sewer supply.

Chris asked what can be done to investigate further. Ken stated that the first step would be to contact DES, which he will do.

The Board thanked Chris and Fred for stopping in.

New Business

Ken updated the Selectmen on a parcel of land that was illegally subdivided and sold. These lots were merged and cannot be sold separately. Ken will further discuss with Town Counsel.

Ken reported that he had received a letter from Shaker Village regarding the dam. They wondering if there is any financial support from the Town for the Turning Mill Pond dam. The repairs are estimated at \$375,000. Shaker Village will be applying to LCHIP.

At this time, the Board of Selectmen do not want to support the project using tax dollars, but will provide moral support.

The Selectmen reviewed the request from the Library regarding the Best Septic Invoice. The Selectmen do not approve the town paying, and the bill should be paid by the Library.

Ken discussed with the Selectmen two current code violations. After several attempts to contact the residents, having no response, the Selectmen instructed Ken to draft a letter with an explanation of the fines being charged.

Ken reported that he attended a meeting with CNHRPC and the State DES. There is MTBE testing available through the State. The gas station at Exit 18 may be a candidate. The Selectmen feel that since this is private property, the Town should not get involved.

Ken explained that he had been contacted by Comcast to renew the contract. Mandy reviewed development in Town and found that a few more roads now meet their density requirement. Ken will contact Comcast to discuss adding locations.

The Board reviewed an email received by Rick Crockford asking to change the parade route for the fourth of July. The Selectmen approved the request.

The Board discussed an event being held at Brookford Farm. The Selectmen and Code Enforcement Officer feels that the Planning Board should have an active role in the plans for the event.

Ken explained that he receive information from Kent Ruesswick. Hughie Fifield will be resigning as sextant for the town cemeteries. It was recently discovered that a Cemetery Trustee cannot be the sextant. Kent said he will resign as a Cemetery Trustee and become the sextant. They will ask Mark Stevens to fill out the remainder of Kent's term.

The Selectmen reviewed a request to purchase land from the Town on the Northfield Town Line. The ownership of the property is unknown. The Board will discuss the proposal.

Cheryl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. George seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The next scheduled Selectmen's meeting will be held on June 4 2018 at 5:00 PM at the Meetinghouse.

Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant