Town of Canterbury Selectmen's Meeting August 1, 2016

Selectmen Present: Cheryl Gordon

George Glines

Art Hudson

Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM

Administration

The Board signed: A/P Manifest

P/R Manifest

Forest Fire Reimbursement

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the public minutes of the July 25, 2016 Selectmen's meeting. Art made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. George seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the non-public minutes of the July 25, 2016 Selectmen's meeting. George made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Art seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

New Business

Ken distributed a letter for the Board to sign to the Sheriff' Hilliard thanking their department for their assistance.

Ken reported that he received an email from Kelly Short asking the Highway Department to take a look at a tree that came down across a lane by Kimball Pond Road.

Kelly also notified Ken that the Conservation Commission voted to allow Lucy Nichols to maintain the first 20 feet of the R-O-W at Riverland for her sheep fence. Kelly inquired if the Board would give complete land management to the Conservation Commission. The Selectmen felt it would be in the best interest if they were still involved in the land management.

A brief discussion was held on the Sam Lake Garage. The Sam Lake Committee is looking for input to see if the Board is interested in starting the renovations with the garage this year or incorporate it into the Sam Lake warrant article next year. The Board felt that including it in the proposed renovation instead of this year would be more efficient and allow for a better idea on the final location of the garage.

Appointments

Society Protection for NH Forests representative Paul Gagnon and resident Luke Mahoney. Paul and Luke attended the meeting to discuss the ATV activity on Luke's property on Intervale Road. Paul explained that the ATV's are using Sand Hill Road as one of their points of access. Paul explained that he is looking for definitive proof that Sand Hill Road is a Class VI Road as the Town is claiming. Paul further explained that the Town signed off on three documents on the Easement Baseline Documentation report with no mention of a road. The surveys do not reflect any public way going across the property.

Ken reported that the Town has asked the Police to step up patrols in that area. Paul asked if it would be possible to put up barrier/rocks to further restrict the road to lessen the potential damage to the habitat and farming. Ken explained that this should not be solely the responsibility of the Town to rectify this situation, while the Town has the road, Luke owns the property and the Forest Society has the easement.

Tyson Miller joined the meeting. Tyson explained that he was not part of the creation of the easements, but he is very skeptical that Sand Hill Road was not identified as a Class VI road as it would be the only access to the reserved Town recreation area by the river.

Paul suggested that the Town could re-class the Road to a Class A Town Trail. Tyson encouraged the Selectmen not to discontinue the road.

Ken explained that the Board will visit the site with the Road Agent to see what can be done to limit the ATV access on the road. Paul said he would be willing to go on the site walk with the Board. Ken will coordinate the site visit.

The Board thanked Paul and Luke for attending.

Tyson stayed to discuss another Class VI Road in Town. There seems to be some discrepancy if Shell Meeting House Road is a Class VI Road or discontinued. Tyson explained the way a road was discontinued prior to and after 1904. Cheryl said that the Town Clerk has some old records and may have some information on Shell Meeting House Road.

Ken will research the two Class VI Roads.

Art made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 PM. Cheryl seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on August 15, 2016, at 5:00 at the Meeting House.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout Administrative Assistant