

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
January 5, 2015

Selectmen Present: Bob Steenson
 Cheryl Gordon
 George Glines

Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM.

Bob made a motion to enter into non-public session at 5:36 PM to discuss a personnel matter. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion passed.

Bob made a motion to exit the non-public session at 6:15 PM and to permanently seal the minutes due to the personnel issues discussed. George seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion passed.

The Board signed: A/P Manifest
 P/R Manifest
 Cemetery Historian Appointment Slip
 Intent to Cut – Shaker Forest
 Mainstay Contract

Budget Committee Members; Frank Tupper, Briggs Lockwood, Chris Blair, John Carr, Bob Scarponi, Art Rose and Kelly Short attended the meeting to discuss the proposed 2015 budget. Tax Collector Ben Bynum, Police Chief John LaRoche, Road Agent Jim Sawicki, Fire Chief Pete Angwin, Deputy Fire Chief Jon Camire and Transfer Station Manager Adrienne were also in attendance for any questions the Budget Committee may have.

Executive

Frank proposed an increase to the Selectmen's salaries. After a general discussion, Frank recommended that the Selectmen's salaries be increased to a total of \$7,500. The Budget committee approved the recommendation.

Election/Registrations

Ben explained that the budget line for Seminars reflects the last year of his certification classes.

Financial Administration

The increase in the revaluation line reflects an increase per the contract with Cross Country Appraisals.

The Board thanked Ben for attending

General Government Buildings

The Selectmen will revisit the electricity budgets.

Cemeteries

A significant decrease is shown because the mowing is being shared between the Cemetery and Highway Department.

Police

Chief LaRoche reported that for the time being, the Administrative Assistant for the Department has been eliminated. This position has been vacant since August and the administrative work is being done by the Officers. John explained that he took some of the administrative assistant salary money that would have been budgeted and re-distributed it to the Officers. Chris Blair and Bob Scarponi expressed concerns re-distributing the funds as they don't believe the two positions are related. Chief LaRoche explained that he is asking his Officers to do more duties, not more hours. Bob Steenson stated that he would like to review the proposed wage increases and will meet with the Chief at a later date.

The Selectmen thanked John for attending.

Highway Department

The overall proposed budget shows a 2% increase. The Selectmen will revisit the proposed wages.

Solid Waste

A brief discussion was held on partnering with another town for a "Hazardous Waste Day" and possibly the opportunity to apply for a grant.

The Board thanked Jim and Adrienne.

Library

Library Director Sue LeClair, Library Trustees Claudia Leidinger, Flo Woods, Anne Nute and Linda Reindeau attended the meeting.

Claudia explained that the proposed 4% increase to the wages reflect additional hours and a promotion for one of the employees.

A general discussion was held on the Town/Library's responsibility of the building. Sue explained that in other Towns, the Library takes care of the inside of the building and the Town takes care of the outside. Sue reported that there has been some water damage in her office from the leaking roof. Sue is currently waiting for an estimate for the necessary repairs. Bob stated that for clarity he would like to keep all the maintenance costs in the Library Budget. The building maintenance budget was increased to \$5,100.

The Board thanked Sue and the Trustees.

Warrant Articles

Bob explained that currently the Fire Department has a 30-year old truck and a 20-year old truck. Chief Angwin is looking to replace the 30-year old truck. Bob reported that the Selectmen did not want to purchase and bond a large piece of equipment this year. Currently the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund has approximately \$267,000 and the Selectmen could support the purchase of a truck this year with little to no impact to the tax rate.

Jon Camire reported that both he and Pete have done some research. They were able to find trucks in the \$275,000 to \$285,000 range. Jon would like to move forward with something under \$300,000. Jon and Pete would prefer to replace a custom truck with a custom truck but are willing to look into purchasing a commercial cab and chassis truck. Bob Scarponi explained that he is very happy to see that the Selectmen and Department are working together in a sensible, cooperative and non-controversial manner. The Selectmen and Budget Committee support the project.

The Selectmen thanked Jon and Pete.

The proposed overall operating budget is down 3.2%.

George left the meeting.

The Board thanked the Budget Committee members.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on January 19, 2015.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 PM. Cheryl seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant