

Town of Canterbury  
Selectmen's Meeting  
September 8, 2014

Selectmen Present: Bob Steenson  
Cheryl Gordon  
George Glines  
Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

Bob Drew and Howard Moffett attended the meeting to represent the Canterbury United Church, more particularly the assessment of taxes on the parsonage. Howard reported that under RSA 72:23, the Church and Parish Hall are tax exempt because they are used for religious purposes. The parsonage is not being used for the Pastor's residence, but is currently being rented out. Although it is now vacant.

Howard explained the current agreement they have with the interim Pastor. Howard asked the Board to consider an amount that would be a partial amount of the taxes due. Bob Drew reported that they are not against paying the taxes; they have raised the rent on the parsonage to compensate for the taxes going forward. Howard stated that at some point, a full-time Pastor will be hired and the Parsonage would then become tax exempt under RSA 72:23 and they are looking for a short term consideration.

The Selectmen will take their request under consideration. Howard and Bob thanked the Board.

John and Bozena Armstrong attended the meeting to discuss their Class VI Road Waiver.

Bob explained that they should meet with the Road Agent and walk the site with him. Once the Road Agent has submitted a written list of materials needed to bring the road up to the standards, the list will be attached to the waiver request for the Selectmen signatures.

The Board signed: A/P Manifest  
Payroll Manifest  
Welfare Manifest  
2013 Financial Report  
Involuntarily Merged Lots – Oliver Fifield

A brief discussion was held on the requirements by the Police Academy giving out additional waivers for part-time officers.

The Board reviewed the Action Item List.

Ken reported that he met with representatives from Health Trust. Ken would like to review alternate health plans for Town Employees.

The Board reviewed a letter from Concord Regional Solid Waste regarding tax exempt status. Ken will contact Town Counsel

A discussion was held on the deteriorating pavement on Old Tilton Road. The Board asked Jan to contact the neighboring properties to notify them that the Highway Department will be grinding up the remaining pavement and bringing in materials and re-grade.

Ken reported that he attended a TAPS seminar. This seminar explained the process on obtaining a grant for the sidewalk from the center, past the school to the Municipal Building. The estimate Ken received to accomplish this is \$250,000 with the Town's portion being \$50,000. The Selectmen thanked Ken for checking into this but feel they may want to talk to Jim Sawicki about paving the existing sidewalk instead.

Ken reported that he received the year to date call volume from the Fire Department. There have been 176 total calls, 31 fire type incidents with the remaining calls being EMS calls. Bob asked to have the equipment/apparatus used list to correlate with the calls.

The minutes of August 4, 2014 non-public meeting were reviewed. Bob made a motion to approve as written and to permanently seal the minutes due to the nature of the personnel issue discussed, Cheryl seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The minutes of August 18, 2014 non-public meeting were reviewed. Bob made a motion to approve as written and to permanently seal the minutes due to the nature of the personnel issue discussed, Cheryl seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The minutes of August 18, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Bob made a motion to approve as written. Cheryl seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

George made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The next scheduled Selectmen's meeting will be held on September 22, 2014 at the Meeting House at 6 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout  
Administrative Assistant