

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
July 7, 2014

Selectmen Present: Bob Steenson
 Cheryl Gordon

Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM.

Resident Doug Carson attended the meeting to discuss the lack on high speed internet on Intervale Road. Bob explained that he had attended a legal seminar regarding cable contracts. The current contract has expired and the next step may be contacting a law firm in Portsmouth to assist with negotiations, depending on the cost. There is also the option of teaming up with the Town of Loudon to re-negotiate the contract. Doug offered his assistance with negotiating the contract.

Doug thanked the Board.

Historical Society President Bob Scarponi attended the meeting to update the Selectmen on writing the Town's history. Bob notified the Board that they had received an anonymous donation of \$10,000 to be used for the project. They are currently in negotiations with a writer.

Bob thanked the Selectmen for their support.

Frank & Holly Cochrane attended the meeting to discuss Sunset Mountain Club. Bob mentioned that he has seen their note to the Board and asked if there is something different happening at the Club. Frank stated that the membership has increased. Frank explained that he went on line and found that equipment can be made/used to make it quieter. The Club opens in the morning and shooting occurs all day and ends at 8 PM. Holly stated that she works 2nd shift. She can't sleep when she needs to and listens to this daily. Frank explained that he has been unsuccessful in contacting the Gun Club. He doesn't know what else to do, that is why he came to speak to the Selectmen.

Bob reported that the Selectmen will contact the Gun Club and notify them that they have received complaints. Bob did explain that within the zoning ordinance, there is no noise ordinance. The Gun Club is grandfathered as it was operating prior to any zoning being in place.

The Selectmen will contact the President of Sunset Mountain Club and ask them to attend a meeting to discuss.

The Board thanked Frank and Holly for coming in.

The Selectmen reviewed the Canterbury/Boscawen Bridge Contract. A few changes were made regarding the payment schedule. A general discussion was held on the change order provision and the time frame of the removal.

A brief discussion was held on a penalty an employee received from Social Security because they earned more than what was allowed with their Social Security. The employee is looking to be reimbursed. This Board will further discuss when the entire Board is present.

Bob reported that he will contact Dwight Keeler regarding the process for selling Town owned property.

A brief discussion was held on hiring another Part-time Officer to help out while Sgt. Beaulieu and Officer Bibeau are out. George sent an email with his views on the subject. He is not in favor of filling the position.

Both Bob and Cheryl felt that if the coverage is needed, yes use the available resources.

Bob made a motion to authorize John to proceed with the Part-time Officer hire. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

A general discussion was held on mowing the cemeteries in Town. Ken suggested that Jim do a walk through with the Cemetery Trustees to come up with a plan that would work for all involved.

A general discussion was held on season employment and evaluations of the Highway Department needs. Ken will further discuss with Road Agent Jim Sawicki.

The Board discussed property located at 109 Ayers Road. Mandy suggested that a letter be sent to Wentworth Financial LLC to notify them that if they intend to continue to list this as a multi-family, they need to get a variance from the ZBA.

Kathy Fife contacted Ken regarding the increase speed on Interstate 93 and the number of accidents taking up resources in Town. Ken suggested that she contact Chief Angwin to see if the actual number of calls had increased. Ken also explained that the State is performing studies, but there hasn't been enough time to determine any outcome.

The Selectmen reviewed a proposal from Bartlett Tree Service for work in the center. Ken will contact them to set up a meeting.

The Board signed: A/P Manifest
 Payroll Manifest
 Welfare Manifest
 Intent to Cut – Tax Map 224 Lot 4
 Timber Tax Levy
 (2) Land Use Change Tax – Tax Map 240 Lot 37 & Tax Map 241 Lot 1

The Board reviewed a request from CRSW regarding taxes on property they own. In order for this property to be tax exempt, it must be used in relation with the purpose of the organization. CRSW was requesting that the Board reconsider their decision. The Board denied the request. A letter will be sent notifying them of the Boards decision.

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the June 16, 2014 Selectmen's meeting. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bob reported that Troy Wright is asking for permission to cut some trees in the right-of-way on Hancock road. The Board denied the request.

Cheryl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The next scheduled Selectmen's meeting will be held on July 21, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the Meetinghouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout
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