

Town of Canterbury
Board of Selectmen
February 17, 2014

Selectmen Present: Bob Steenson
Tyson Miller
Cheryl Gordon

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

Road Agent Jim Sawicki attended the meeting. A general discussion was held on the reconstruction of Randall Road Bridge, Clough Pond Road Bridge and Clough Tavern Road Bridge.

Jim reported that Adrienne is now helping out with plowing, etc. Jim will review the timesheets from the Transfer Station.

Jim reported that it was brought to his attention that Warren has back problems and he wants to be sure that he's not doing things he shouldn't.

A brief discussion was held on a pay increase for Rich Niolet after completing his probationary period. Jan will write a check for the increase retro back to 7/7/13.

The Board thanked Jim to attending.

Police Chief John LaRoche and Town Clerk Ben Bynum attended the meeting. Chief LaRoche reported that the garage door opener on the sally port is in the process of being replaced.

A brief discussion was held on the camera security system. Chief LaRoche will further review the options.

The Board thanked Chief LaRoche for attending.

Ben reported that he has received the warrant article from the Planning Board and is in the process of printing up the ballots.

The Board thanked Ben for attending.

Doug Carson and others attended the meeting to discuss the lack of high-speed internet available on Intervale Road. Doug explained that there are 8 people that live on Intervale Road that work from home. Some are paying astronomical prices for internet cards, etc.

The Board will check into the current contract. Tyson reported that CNHRPC is conducting surveys on internet coverage and suggested that Doug contact Mark Tardiff at CNHRPC. Tyson asked to have Doug drop off the signed petition and to contact CNHRPC to see if they can do a house count. Bob stated that the Board will do what they can, but noted that the Board of Selectmen does not have the authority to compel Comcast to change their density requirements

The Selectmen thanked Doug and the others for attending.

Fire Chief Pete Angwin and Deputy Chief Jon Camire attended the meeting.

The Selectmen reviewed with Pete and Jon available options for the proposed imaging camera. Bob asked Pete and Jon to review.

Bob explained that last year a new capital reserve fund was created for the Fire Department and there was no request received from the Department this year to fund the account. The Selectmen did not put in any funds for the account. Jon stated that they should have funded another \$20,000 this year.

The Selectmen discussed an invoice for over \$500 that was received with no required purchase order. A brief discussion was held on increasing the limit. Bob made a motion to raise the limit to \$1,000. The Board will type up an amendment to the policy.

The Board thanked Jon and Pete for attending.

The Board signed:

- A/P Manifest
- P/R Manifest
- Auditor's engagement letter
- Elderly exemption

The Board reviewed correspondence from Assessor Mandy Irving regarding a request from a resident for separate tax bills

The Selectmen discussed 109 Ayers Road. This property is now on the market and is being advertised as a duplex. Cheryl reported that she spoke to Chairman Halla of the ZBA and the owner has not come before the Zoning Board for a variance. This property has been taxed as a duplex for a number of years. The Board will draft a letter to the property owner and suggest that seeking a variance is one way to resolve the problem.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The Board of Selectmen will meet on March 3, 2014 at 6:00 PM for the next Selectmen's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant