

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
April 6, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

Town Clerk Ben Bynum contacted the Board regarding a house bill in the Legislature that would increase fees for Motor Vehicle Registration. The fee has not changed since the 70's, this bill would increase the fees by \$1.00. Ben asked the Selectmen if they would approve his request to testify in favor of this bill. The Board approved Ben's request.

The Board signed: A/P Manifest
P/R Manifest
Timber Tax Levy
Current Use Application – Tax Map 201 Lot 11
Current Use Application – Tax Map 213 Lot 1
Land Use Change Tax – Tax Map 217 Lot 9
Land Use Change Tax – Tax Map 244 Lot 1
Veteran's Exemption – Tax Map 223 Lot 5
Motor Vehicle Junkyard Permit

Bob made a motion to open the Public Hearing for a Barn Preservation Easement on 150 Hackleboro Road. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bob made a motion that the Barn meets the qualification based on the definition of the statutes. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

After reviewing the application Bob made a motion to approve the Barn Preservation Easement for 150 Hackleboro Road at a rate of 75%. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The Selectmen reviewed a proposed payment schedule for delinquent taxes. The proposal is to pay \$1,000 per month until paid in full. Bob made a motion to accept the payment schedule as presented for Tax Map 251 Lot 4 and Tax Map 251 Lot 6. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The Selectmen reviewed correspondence from Town Counsel regarding the Town of Canterbury v. Calvin Dunn. Ken will contact Town Counsel for further discussion.

Ken updated the Selectmen on a meeting he and Mary had with Keith Pike of TD Bank. Keith suggested that the Town participate in electronic payments for Accounts Payable. Both Ken and Mary were not in favor of this. The Selectmen agreed that we have a better audit trail the way we handle accounts payable now.

A general discussion was held on a subject that Tax Collector Ben Bynum presented to the Selectmen. Ben would like to accept credit cards at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office. Mary is not comfortable in accepting credit cards for accounting reasons. The Selectmen are not in favor of this practice.

Mandy Irving asked the Selectmen to allow her to attend training for certifications. The Selectmen approved this request.

Ken reported that the contract with Fairpoint will expire next year. Fairpoint will reduce costs on a few of the lines and provide further discounts if we sign on for another 2 years. The Selectmen agreed to extend the contract with Fairpoint. A brief discussion was held on the number of lines needed per department.

Ken presented a proposal from UMG to provide the Town of Canterbury electricity. Currently the rates through Unitil are over \$0.15 per kilowatt, UMG is currently at \$0.78 per kilowatt. Bob made a motion to authorize Ken to sign the contract with UMG. George seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Ken updated the Selectmen on 2 proposals for hosting the Town's website.

A general discussion was held on having a joint board meeting with the Boards/Committees relating to land use topics.

Ken updated the Selectmen on where the process stands with the employee evaluations.

George explained that he received a report that one of the plow trucks was damaged because there was not enough room to wing back the snow. The Board noted that the Department was using a plow truck that the Road Grader might have been better suited for.

The Selectmen will extend the contract with Dwight Keeler until July 1st for the sale of the Intervale Road property.

The minutes of the March 23, 2015 Selectmen's meeting were reviewed. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as written. George seconded the motion.

The non-public minutes of the March 23, 2015 Selectmen's meeting were reviewed. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as written. George seconded the motion.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on April 20, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Meetinghouse

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant