

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
January 25, 2016

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:05PM.

I. Appointments

Sheriff Hillard, Captain Todd Corey, Major Bob Krieger and Sgt. Ernie Beaulieu.

Bob made a motion to enter into non-public session at 5:04 PM. George seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Bob made a motion to exit the non-public session at 5:46 PM and to seal the minutes due to the personnel matters discussed. George seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Bob made a motion to accept the resignation of John LaRoche in his position of Police Chief effective immediately. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Captain Corey explained to the Selectmen a few procedural changes he had made within the Police Department.

The Selectmen thanked the Sheriff, Captain and Major for attending.

Howard Moffett

Howard reported that he was present to discuss a letter the Selectmen received from the Town of Franconia about joining the Municipal Coalition for Intervener status on the Northern Pass project. Howard had made changes to the document, this confirms that Canterbury will have an interest in the outcome without being positive or negative about the project. Howard explained that Canterbury may have similar interests as the City of Concord.

The Board felt more comfortable sending their Intervener request to the SEC on our own and may join the coalition at a later date. Ken will be Canterbury's representative and will attend hearings.

The Board thanked Howard for attending.

Budget Committee Members – Briggs Lockwood, Art Rose, Bob Scarponi, Kelly Short, Tyson Miller and John Carr.

The Budget Committee members and the Selectmen began a review of the proposed 2016 budget.

Police – Sgt. Ernie Beaulieu

Wages – One of the Captain Corey’s suggestion was to fund the Administrative Assistant line. The Budget Committee and Selectmen agreed to fund the budget line at \$18,000.

No other changes were made to the proposed Police budget.

Highway Department/Transfer Station – Jim Sawicki

Adrienne has submitted her resignation as Transfer Station Manager effective February 27, 2016. A discussion was held on restoring the fifth full-time employee in the Highway Department, having the position be responsible for the Transfer Station among other duties. Jim stated that they need someone at the Transfer Station, but having the flexibility of having the person be able to spend additional time helping out the highway department would be an advantage.

A storm water drainage plan is being prepared for the Transfer Station. An additional \$4,000-\$5,000 would be needed for equipment rental to reshape an area to collect the runoff.

Fire Department – Pete Angwin & Jon Camire

Jon asked to increase the training line to \$4,100 because of new requirements for EMT training.

The Fire Department has two warrant articles that have matching grants.

Fire Truck – Pete and Jon have been researching vendors for a new fire truck. They have received a price from Pierce for just under \$500,000. Bob Scarponi asked what happened to the agreement they had last year. The \$360,000 was what was agreed. He was totally surprised when that didn’t happen. Why wouldn’t that proposal work, what changed? Jon explained that they feel the difference is looking at a truck to last 15-20 years and one that would last 25-30 years. The Chief is not in favor of purchasing a commercial chassis truck.

Art Rose stated that we have X amount of money put aside to replace this piece of equipment and said that anything over that put before the Selectmen should be “not recommended” on the warrant article. Art stated that what they are asking the Fire Department to do is do-able, they are not asking them to do something that is not achievable.

Jon stated that the Capital Reserve was not established to pay the full amount for the equipment but rather to make a large down payment.

Bob Steenson asked what is the right piece of equipment that goes out on an average of 1 time a week. The Board got specs on a Ferrara Pumper truck that’s brand new, 1,250 gpm, and 1,000 gallon tank and is less than \$300,000. Jon replied that anyone can grab a computer and get quotes, you need to know what you are looking for. The real numbers are not going to be under \$300,000.

Jon and Pete proposed using the money from the Capital Reserve and instead of putting money into the Capital Reserve each year, that money would be used to pay for the bond. Art stated that the Fire Department, Budget Committee and Selectmen are at odds over this, the

only criteria that they can laydown is this is what you have to spend and have the Fire Department determine the functionality, it is not a good idea to spend money they don't have yet. Briggs stated that he looked at the truck they want to replace, it currently has 1,200 hrs. which equates to 40 hrs per year. The Department has 3 main pieces of apparatus, the goal is to think ahead so that you are not replacing trucks every 5 years, a 10 year interval would work and set up the Capital Reserves that way. Briggs stated that he is on-board with a commercial chassis and build it with components that are going to work.

Kelly explained that we have \$315,000 in hand, can't we find something somewhere in between. We could use all the Capital Reserve and bond the remainder. She wants them to be safe and have the right equipment. There is a low fire demand in Town, we don't need the absolute best, where can we settle to.

Bob Scarponi expressed concerns that this is going to create a controversial situation. There has to be a way to come out with some middle ground, to compromise and build in some flexibility. Jon feels that they have brought in a number that they have compromised. Bob Scarponi asked "\$410,000 can you live with that?"

The Selectmen will run financing numbers.

The Board thanked Jon & Pete for attending.

A request was received from the Treasurer to increase his salary by \$500 and to increase the mileage reimbursement to \$1,000. The Board of Selectmen approved an increase of 2% similar to raises of other elected officials.

The Board thanked the Budget Committee for attending.

II. Administrative

The Board signed: A/P Manifest
P/R Manifest
Groundwater Management Permit Renewal Application
Aries Engineering Work Scope and Budget Estimate – 2016
Monitoring Services
Leave Request – A. Hutchinson
Land Use Change Tax – Tax Map 263 Lot 8
Intent to Cut – Tax Map 225 Lot 5

III. Approval of Minutes

Bob made a motion to approve the public minutes of the January 4, 2016 Selectmen's meeting as amended. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Bob made a motion to approve the non-public minutes of the January 4, 2016 Selectmen's meeting as amended. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Bob made a motion to approve the public minutes of the January 11, 2016 Selectmen's meeting as written. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Bob made a motion to approve the non-public minutes of the January 11, 2016 Selectmen's meeting as amended. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

IV. New Business

George made a motion to accept Adrienne Hutchinson's resignation effective 02/27/2016. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Ken reported that he had been contacted by the Burt's. They would like to donate a 30 acre parcel of land on Route 106. Ken Stern visited the site and reported that the front is all wet and the back of the property is all ledge. The Conservation Commission has no interest in the property. The Selectmen declined the offer.

George made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 PM. Cheryl seconded the motion.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on February 1, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Meetinghouse

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant