

Town of Canterbury
Board of Selectmen
April 4, 2011

Selectmen Present: Bob Steenson
Briggs Lockwood
Tyson Miller
Town Administrator: Roger A. Becker

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM.

The Board of Selectmen, Roger Becker & Carl Blackstone met at Gold Star Tree & Turf Farm. Carl gave the Board and Roger a tour of the buildings. The structures appear to be reasonably in good condition.

Karl Blackstone led the Board on a tour of the buildings. This was an informational gathering only; there was no discussion or decisions made.

Bob made a motion to resume the meeting at the Meeting House. Briggs seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Bob distributed a draft letter notice of default letter to Gold Star. Ty suggested that the Selectmen put a lien on the property owned by Gold Star. Bob explained that the Selectmen have no lien rights to attach their assets. Ty stated that they take immediate court action and show due diligence. Briggs felt that the Board should give them some time to clean up. Roger stated that he felt that the plants in the ground, the Blackstone's have a right to take them.

Olly Fifield and Mark Stevens attended the meeting.

Briggs gave Ty the background of the situation on a 13 acre parcel on Windfall Road.

Olly explained that he has been paying taxes on this parcel since 1995. He does not have a deed for that specific area, he thought it was part of the 100 acre parcel that he owned, and he assumed he owned it. Mark stated that everyone thought it was included in the 100 acre parcel.

Olly stated that his plans were to give the 13 acre parcel to Mark Stevens

Jan commented that the research Web brought in and discussed with the Selectmen at a prior meeting, that particular parcel was never a part of any of Olly's property, but was once a part of a parcel in Northfield.

A brief discussion was held on deeding the property to Olly, but it would have to be annexed to an adjacent lot owned by Olly.

Olly stated that he would like the Board to deed the land back to him.

Ty stated that the first they need to determine the ownership of the property.

The Board reviewed the tax maps (new and old).

The Selectmen will further discuss.

Transfer Station Manager Adrienne Allaire attended the meeting.

Adrienne explained that it is time to reorder the large PAYT bags. Adrienne has researched

several companies that are making these bags. She found 3 major companies; one company could not meet the deadline, one offered different sizes and the other is the company we currently use. Adrienne presented samples from each company. Adrienne explained that the cheapest option is to stay with what we are currently using. The Selectmen voted to stay with the bags currently being used.

Adrienne explained that she was approached by Phil. Phil was looking for funding from her budget to assist in paying for repairs for the Loader. Adrienne explained that she will be able to assist, but not as much as Phil was looking for.

Bob made a motion to enter in non-public session at 6:39 PM to discuss a personnel matter. Briggs seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Bob made a motion to exit the non-public session at 6:52 PM and to seal the minutes due to the personnel matters discussed. Briggs seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held on an upcoming meeting with Senator Sanborn and the new bill that would allow Dealerships to register vehicles.

The Board resumed the discussion of a draft letter notice of default letter to Gold Star. Mr. Blackstone will not be back in Town until Thursday, April 7th. The Board signed the letter and asked Jan to mail the letter certified on Monday, April 11, 2011.

Bob reported that he had a discussion with Wayne Mann regarding putting together a marketing packet to promote the area currently used by Gold Star. Beth McGwynn has offered to sit on a committee should the Selectmen form one.

A brief discussion was held on the attachments/improvements on the Gold Star property.

Bob suggested that the Board contact Town Counsel to discuss civil proceedings.

Ty made a motion to nominate Bob Steenson to serve as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Briggs seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried. Bob thanked Briggs and Ty.

The Board reviewed a list of delinquent tax payers. Bob has drafted a letter to be sent to the delinquent tax payers. Ty suggested that Town Counsel review the letter and have him explain that process that we are proceeding with.

The Board reviewed an email from Deputy Tax Collector Ben Bynum regarding an abatement request. Roger explained that Donna Muehlan's property had been in current use 10+, when Cartographics re-did the tax maps; it was reduced to 9 acres. Roger explained that Mary Grady said that Cartographics would take care of this. Ty suggested that Roger contact Cartographics to confirm and have it sent in writing.

Bob made a motion to abate the amount of \$590 on the Muehlan property (Tax Map 216 Lot 7) if the evidence from Cartographics so warrants. Briggs seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Bob reported that Phil had contacted him regarding the necessary repairs to the Loader. Phil and his crew will do some of the repairs in-house.

Briggs reported that he contacted Cohen for prices on steel for repairing the bridge on Old Tilton Road.

The Board signed:

- Accounts Payable Manifest
- Payroll Manifest
- Welfare Manifest
- TD Bank Service Request
- Application for Current Use – Tax Map 108 Lot 2
- Intent to Cut – Tax Map 209 Lot 29 (Supplemental)
- Pole Petition – Randall Road
- Interfund Transfer Form - LUCT to Conservation Commission
- Landfill Closure to General Fund
- Ground Water Monitoring Agreement with Aries Engineering

The Board reviewed the minutes of March 7, 2011 meeting. Briggs made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ty seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Briggs seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant