

Town of Canterbury
Board of Selectmen
August 1, 2011

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

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

The Selectmen signed: Accounts Payable Manifest
Payroll Manifest
Northfield Letter
Abatements
8 Timber Tax Warrants
1 Intent-to-Cut
Leave Request for Adrienne Allaire

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the July 1 and July 18, 2011, meetings. Briggs made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ty seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Chief LaRoche attended the meeting. He reported that last week he arrested a resident for criminal trespass involving a long-standing dispute over land in contention of ownership. Chief LaRoche mentioned that he came across some people on the town beach getting ready to have a fire with no fire permit and no permit from the town. A general discussion ensued over the gate at the entrance to the River land Beach property.

The board thanked Chief LaRoche for coming in.

Bob made a motion to go into a non-public session at 6:45 PM to discuss personnel issues. Ty seconded. All in favor, motion carried by roll call vote.

Bob made a motion to exit the non-public session at 7:18 PM and to permanently seal the minutes due to the nature of the discussion. Ty seconded. All in favor, motion carried by roll call vote.

The Board thanked Cheryl for coming in.

Bob made a motion to go into a non-public session at 7:21 PM to discuss personnel issues. Ty seconded. All in favor, motion carried by roll call vote.

Bob made a motion to exit the non-public session at 7:47 PM and to permanently seal the minutes due to the nature of the discussion. Briggs seconded. All in favor, motion carried by roll call vote.

The Board acknowledged the receipt of the proposal from Fire Chief Pete Angwin regarding a full-time Fire Fighter/EMT, and a lengthy discussion ensued. Bob said that the Board needs to discuss the proposal at their next meeting. We haven't agreed to add a position. We need to invite the Chief and Jon to our next meeting and give the matter a block of time.

The Board reviewed their action item list. Bob said the list should be on every agenda.

Ty reported that he had received an appraisal of \$910,000 on the Sod Farm; that

doesn't include the trees, nor does it include the irrigation pivot. There was a general discussion concerning marketing the property, the condition of the buildings and potential purchasers or leasers of the property. Ty said he is anxious to find out whether to sell or lease the property, as he would like to start marketing. Northeastern Landscaper is interested in the trees.

Ty has also talked to Brochu. Bob said he thinks the town should try to sell the property, but it is unclear whether or not that will be permitted because of reluctance on the part of LCHIP's attorney.

Ty said that he spoke with the Department of Justice today about how to get permission to do all of this. The person to whom he spoke said he could see the logic of selling the Property and he is going to look into LCHIP. His name was K. Allen Brooks, Assistant Attorney General, at 33 Capitol Street in Concord.

There was discussion about the future possibilities for the farm. Bob commented that re-paying the money to LCHIP should remove the whole public trust concern.

Ty said he will go ahead and figure out a mailing list and do a little marketing piece. Ty asked how the board would work with the town if we want to sell it. Bob replied that we would have to have two public hearings, but first we have to make sure that we can sell it. He told Ty to talk to interested parties, but not to advertise the trees.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 1, 2011, meeting. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes. Ty seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the minutes of July 18, 2001. Briggs made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ty seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the non-public session of July 18, 2011. Bob moved to adopt the minutes as written. Briggs seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Briggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Nancy Lilly, Acting Secretary