

Town of Canterbury
Board of Selectmen
September 19, 2011

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

Road Agent, Phil Stone attended the meeting.

Bob asked Phil what the status was of repairing the bridge on Old Tilton Road. Phil reported that they are still on the waiting list for the concrete. Phil estimates that the concrete will be delivered by the end of September.

Police Chief John LaRoche joined the meeting.

Phil reported that he had visited the Sod Farm property. There is still a lot of junk that needs to be cleaned up. Phil suggested that a dumpster be brought in. The Highway Department will do some mowing around the buildings.

Ty reported that he received a call from someone looking to purchase the irrigation reels. The Selectmen decided to wait until they have a buyer. Briggs stated that it may be best to leave the irrigation equipment on site. Bob suggested that the barn be cleaned out and the hose reels moved inside. A brief discussion was held on the money (\$2,500 for back rent & \$1,300 for cleanup) from the Blackstone's is being held in escrow by the Attorneys.

A brief discussion was held on the legal matter with Town of Canterbury v. Calvin Dunn and an upcoming hearing.

The Selectmen discussed the cleanup that is needed at Canterbury Intervale Farm. The Board asked Roger to contact the County for possible inmate assistance. Bob asked Phil to pick a date to do the work at the Intervale Farm and coordinate with Roger.

Ty reported that he received a call from someone interested in clearing some of the trees in exchange for some pine boughs. They proposed to thin out the trees and use the pine boughs to make wreaths. The Selectmen thanked him for their interest but they declined the offer. Ty will notify the person of the Board's decision.

Phil, John and the Board had a brief discussion on the gate at Riverland. The gate has not been locked in quite a while. John suggested that they move the gate to the beginning of the parking lot. John believes that opening and closing the gate should not be a function of the Police or Highway Department, but rather the Conservation Commission.

Briggs asked Phil if the paving had been completed on Intervale Road. Phil reported that yes, it's complete and plans to pave Morrill Road next year.

The Board thanked Phil and John for attending.

Tom Osmer attended the meeting to discuss upgrading Welsh Road from a Class VI to a Class V. Tom explained that there are 3 families that live on that unmaintained road and the school bus will not come up the road to pick up the kids. Tom explained the 3 ways that the Selectmen could change the status of the road 1) clearing for emergency lane 2) Selectmen layout a Class V road over the Class VI road and 3) vote at town meeting.

Bob explained that Ollie approached the same request at a town meeting; the townspeople haven't been receptive in the past of reclassifying roads.

Bob explained that a betterment assessment is a possibility. The residents on the road would have a betterment tax assessed that is amortized over a 10 year period to repay the Town for the cost of upgrading. Briggs explained that there are residents on another Class VI road that pay the town to do some plowing; this may work for the residents on Welsh Road as well.

Tom suggested that a sign be placed at the end of Welsh Road "non-town maintained, pass at your own risk".

Tom asked the Board if they could help the situation with the water coming down Morrill Road as it washes out the end of Welsh Road. The Board will discuss this with Phil along with what Phil would charge for winter maintenance.

Tom thanked the Board.

Wayne Mann attended the meeting to discuss the soils on the Canterbury Intervale Farm.

Wayne reported that he has received the Cornell Soil test. He reported that the USDA put money into the Conservation Easement with the intent to preserve unique and farm land for food protection. The Town has the stewardship responsibility to make sure the soils are not ruined.

Cornell has made recommendation on how to improve the soil deficiencies. These deficiencies can be corrected with fertilizer and the addition of organic material.

Wayne suggested that the Selectmen should engage someone to monitor the soils, talk to the lessee and monitor current and future plans.

Bob stated that the town has an obligation to maintain the soils and need to find a way to do this, possibly putting this type of thing in the lease.

Ty asked Wayne if this was something the Agricultural Commission would be interested in. Wayne stated that he has someone that may be interested.

The Board thanked Wayne for attending.

Eric & Peter Glines were also in attendance. Eric reported that the corn will be gone in 2 – 3 weeks. Briggs suggested that the Town buy the rye seed and plant it.

The Board discussed with them the possibility of the Town purchased the rye seed, would they plant it. Eric & Peter agreed to do this.

The Board thanked Eric & Peter.

The Selectmen reviewed the new valuation data sheet. The new valuations were approved as submitted.

Bob reported that he spoke with Boscawen Selectmen Lori Carey regarding the Canterbury/Boscawen Bridge. Lori proposed that a Selectman from each Town go to the State Historical District to discuss the bridge removal.

The Selectmen signed:	Accounts Payable Manifest
	Payroll Manifest
	Welfare Manifest
	Intent to cut – Tax Map 260 Lot 2
	Interfund Transfer
	Employment offer letter to Lisa Carlson
	Sam Lake Trust reimbursement request
	Surviving Spouse Veteran's Credit

A brief discussion was held on the legal concerns of the Conservation Commission accepting donations.

Roger will contact David Boles to notify him that money is not available this year to assist in treating the milfoil on Rocky Pond and to ask him to make a presentation to the Selectmen and Conservation Commission for possible funding for next year.

Ty reported that he will put an ad in the Manchester Union Leader for the Sale of Canterbury Intervale Farm.

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the August 29, 2011 meeting. Briggs made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ty seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The Selectmen reviewed the non-minutes of the August 29, 2011 meeting. Briggs made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ty seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Bob left the meeting at 8:30.

Treasurer Al Edelstein attended the meeting.

Briggs apologized for Bob not being able to stay at the meeting, but he had a prior commitment that could not be changed.

Al stated that he is making a formal request to the Board for mileage reimbursement or some type of stipend. He is using his vehicle to make the deposits and believes he should be reimbursed. Briggs explained that it was his opinion that the Treasurer's salary should cover the cost of travel and that Al entered into the position knowing the salary. Al stated that yes; he knew what the salary was. He has started logging his time; this has been averaging below minimum wage. Al explained that it may get to the point where he can't afford to do it. The federal reimbursement is \$0.55 per mile; this would average \$22.00 a week.

Ty asked how many hours Al puts in on a weekly basis. Al explained that it takes him approximately 1 hour to make the deposits; he still has filing, etc. He understands that the Treasurer's salary was reduced due to the on-line banking, but there is still a lot to do. Briggs stated that he understands that

he puts in time and wants to be paid. This is an elected position with a community service concept. Al stated that he does a lot of community service for the town, but considers this a job.

Roger explained that there are important functions to be done by the Treasurer. Currently Mary H. is doing the reconciliation and this should be done by the Treasurer. Roger stated that if you want the Treasurer to do what the Treasurer needs to do, the salary should be increased.

Ty asked Roger to contact other Towns to get figures on what the Treasurer receives. The Board will further discuss this. Al will continue to log his time.

Al thanked the Selectmen.

A brief discussion was held on a meeting place for the Clover Buds. The Selectmen agree to have them use the Municipal Building.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on October 3, 2011 at the Meeting House at 6:00 PM.

Ty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00. Briggs seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant