

Town of Canterbury  
Board of Selectmen  
November 7, 2011

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM.

Bob thanked everyone for attending and explained that the Board had asked the Chairmen from the Planning Board (Jim Snyder), Conservation Commission (Jen Taylor) and the Agricultural Commission (Wayne Mann) to attend. The roles of the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Agricultural Commission are to help evaluate the various proposals on the technical aspect. Wayne explained that one the applicant's is a relative and wanted to ensure everyone that he is here to answer technical questions and not to make a judgment.

Bob explained that the Selectmen have received 7 proposals. These proposals are a mix, lease to purchase to an all-out purchase Canterbury Intervale Farm.

Bob outlined the process for the meeting. They will go into non-public session to interview each proposal. They are in hopes to gather enough information tonight, if that is not reached, they may ask some to come back. If they are able to select a proposal, they will sign a purchase and sale. The Selectmen by statute must meet with the Planning Board and Conservation Commission for their input, and then hold 2 public hearings. They will also ask the Agricultural Commission to join the meetings. If needed they may call for a special town meeting, in the case that a long-term lease is accepted, this would require Town vote.

The Selectmen and Chairman will be evaluating each proposal. They will look at the intended use to ensure that it fits with the Conservation and harmonizes with what the Town has set forth in the Master Plan. They will also be looking at the financial background of each proposal.

Bob stated that he and the Board appreciates everyone's offer.

Ty made a motion to enter into non-public session under RSA: 91-A:3II(b) at 6:16 PM for the consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. Briggs seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Briggs made a motion to exit the non-public session at 10:02 PM and to permanently seal those portions of the proposals that represent business or financial data. Ty seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Ty made a motion to select the Brookford Farm proposal as the first choice of the Selectmen as the intended buyer in a proposal sale of the Town property known as the Canterbury Intervale Farm, and to submit said proposed sale to the Planning Board and to the Conservation Commission for review and recommendation by those bodies. Briggs seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The Board signed:   A/P Manifest  
                              P/R Manifest  
                              Welfare Manifest  
                              Appointment Slips  
                              Timber Tax Warrant

A brief discussion was held on communicating to all the other proposals and scheduling meeting dates.

Briggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 PM. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on November 21, 2011 at the Meeting House at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout  
Administrative Assistant