

Town of Canterbury  
Board of Selectmen  
November 12, 2011

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM.

Bob explained that the Selectmen have called this meeting as an order of business under RSA 41:14a provisions. They have since decided to call for a Special Town Meeting.

Since that a Town vote was taken to purchase the Sod Farm, they feel that they want to make sure the wishes of the Townspeople are clear and that they have the legal clarity to sell the land. The Board feels that the best and clear route is to have a Special Town Meeting.

Bob reported that George Glines will be petitioning the town to ask for a Special Town Meeting. The warrant for the Special Town meeting will be posted by Friday, November 18, 2011. Bob explained to George that he will need to have his petitions along with the required signatures to the Sam Lake House by 1:00 PM on November 18, 2011.

Bob explained that they plan to schedule the Special Town Meeting for December 3, 2011 to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the property known as the Canterbury Intervale Farm. This vote will be taken by a ballot vote.

George asked under which RSA he could find the wording for a warrant article. Bob stated that it begins with RSA 39:1.

Jim Bassett suggested that if George submits his warrant article by Friday, November 18, 2011 that the Board have Town Counsel review both George's and the Selectmen's warrants.

Kelly Short asked if all the other parties named in the Easements aware of the proposed sale. Bob explained that yes they are. Kelly asked if there will be a discussion of how the proceeds would be distributed. Kelly suggested that it be made clear of what they can do with the funds and when. Bob explained that the Board believes that that type of discussion may distract from the purpose of the Special Town meeting.

Ty explained that he has been working with LCHIP and the Forest Society all summer. LCHIP needs to sign off on the sale. A brief discussion was held on LCHIP funding.

Dan Sperduto stated that he is concerned with what would happen with the proceeds. He would like to have funds returned to the Conservation Commission Capital Reserve Account. Bob explained that if the property is sold, depending on what money is received, we have preserved and permanently protected the land, with a net cost of approximately \$100,000.

Ken Stern stated that when the property was originally purchased, \$150,000 was taken out of Conservation Funds. Jim Bassett stated that he could argue that if voted by the Townspeople, that may not be appropriate to use funds for another purpose without a vote by the Town.

Bob made a motion that under RSA 39:1 to draft a warrant to warn the Town of a Special Town Meeting for the proposed sale of Canterbury Intervale Farm. Ty seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried

Briggs seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

George suggested that the Selectmen insert to “sell or lease” into the warrant article that they will be drafting. Bob explained that he has a call into Town Counsel to discuss a lease or purchase.

Ty explained that the Recreation carve-out area will be added to the new deed. They are re-writing the deed to ensure the protection of the Town.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 AM. Briggs seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout  
Administrative Assistant