

Town of Canterbury
Board of Selectmen
March 19, 2012

Selectmen Present: Bob Steenson
Tyson Miller
Cheryl Gordon
Town Administrator: Roger Becker

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

Road Agent Phil Stone attended the meeting.

Bob made a motion to enter into non-public session at 6:05 PM to discuss a personnel matter.
Ty seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bob made a motion to exit the non-public session at 6:15 PM and to permanently seal the minutes due to the personnel issues discussed. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bob explained that he had heard that the Highway Department was applying sand onto the muddy roads. Bob questioned the use of straight sand as the Town does not accept that practice for residents who upgrade a Class VI Road. Phil explained that they are not using straight sand, but ¾" crushed and 1" ledge pack.

Ty stated that the Board is hoping to get the bridge on Old Tilton Road completed soon; we are relying on Federal Funds for other projects. Ty will respond to the State regarding their letter on non-compliance with posting the bridge at 6 tons, explaining that the bridge is being replaced as soon as possible. Bob suggested that Ty also let the State know that the bridge materials have been ordered and will be installed as soon as the field conditions allow. Phil will contact Michie Corporation to check on the status.

Chief LaRoche, Chief Angwin and Jon Camire joined the meeting.

Bob explained that he wanted to discuss the radio project while all the Department Heads were present. The Selectmen want to be sure that they are all on the same page; John reported that Ernie is contacting several suppliers to get the best price. Bob stated that the Board would like to see the two lowest bids as they will be administering the project.

Ty explained that he would like to have some work done at the Canterbury/Boscawen Bridge site to ensure people won't be driving to the river when the bridge is removed. Ty reported that the contractor will be using a portion of the bridge to make an arch as a barrier. Ty suggested that the area be picked up and made to look nicer. He would like to make it a place of destination. The Board discussed with Phil about doing some grading to create a berm, seeding and possible planting some shrubs.

Bob thanked the Department Heads for the participation at Town Meeting. John stated that the Selectmen did a great job explaining the warrant articles.

A brief discussion was held on an incident with damage done to a resident's vehicle from a Highway truck. Selectmen Cheryl Gordon recused herself from the discussion. Typically the Selectmen deny these claims because a Highway vehicle has the right-of-way while performing road maintenance. Due to the fact that the resident pulled over and stopped for the Highway Truck, the Selectmen approved the payment to repair the resident's mirror which was damaged by the Highway Truck while the resident's vehicle was stopped. Phil stated that he was unaware of the incident.

Chief LaRoche reported that they had an incident at the Belmont Firing Range and asked if he could set up a shooting range at the Transfer Station. Bob explained that the Transfer Station has on-going monitoring for leads, as long as they don't use lead bullets, they can proceed to set up a range with the appropriate safety precautions. John explained that they cannot use Sunset Mountain Club because they won't allow them to draw from a holster. John further explained that these training sessions will only occur 3 to 4 times a year. Cheryl asked John to notify the neighbors of when they will be performing the training.

The Board thanked John and Phil for attending.

Chief Pete Angwin explained that he received an email from Roger regarding purchase orders. They have limited vendors and try to keep their purchases local. Pete felt that this was another form of micro managing. Bob explained that the purchase of the fueling station pump at the Municipal Building was \$1,100. He would like to see a couple of quotes for purchases over \$1,000. Bob explained that in December we spend \$600 to install a used pump that didn't last and now we are purchasing a new one. Pete explained that Dave Nelson will be installing the new pump with the assistance of Bob Drew for the electrical. Cheryl asked if they could have purchased the pump other than from Grainger. Pete explained that if he knew about the purchase before it occurred, he would have checked with Sanels. Bob explained that this is not a new policy, but if it is not an emergency repair, the purchase warrants a discussion.

The Board thanked Pete and Jon for attending the meeting.

Steve Allman attended the meeting to discuss "Canterbury Aleworks".

Bob explained that the Selectmen received paperwork from the Liquor Commission. Steve explained that he received approval from the Zoning Board and met with the Planning Board. Planning Board Chairman Jim Snyder suggested that Steve come to the Selectmen to see if there was other licensing or Town concerns.

Steve explained that he plans to manufacture beer and is only licensed to sell the beer he makes. Bob asked how he envisions his operation. Steve explained that this will be a brewery, not a brew pub. It is considered a nano nano brewery; it's about as small as you can be to be considered commercial. He will be contacting Chief Angwin for a permit of assembly. Steve explained that under new Legislation he can only sell 1 4% bottle per label per person per day.

The Board had no concerns and wished Steve well on his business.

The Selectmen thanked Steve for coming in.

Mr. Ron Olzak attended the meeting to discuss his assessment on his property on Hall Road. Ron thanked the Selectmen for meeting with him. Bob explained that since Ron has filed an abatement, the Board has turned all information over to Cross Country Appraisals. Once they have reviewed the abatement request, they will respond to Board in writing. A brief discussion was held on how wells and septic systems are assessed.

The Board and Ron reviewed some of the abutting parcels to his lot. Roger explained that the reason Ron's assessment went up was because the condition went from 50 to 100%. Bob stated that unless he can say his lot is different from the others, the base value is in line with surrounding properties. Ron explained that his topography is worse, making it difficult to build. Bob asked Roger to contact Cross Country Appraisals and have them contact Mr. Olzak to meet and walk the site with him. At that time, Ron can ask them to make a topography adjustment. Jan scheduled Ron to meet with the Selectmen on April 2, 2012 at 7:00 PM to further discuss. Ron stated that he appreciates the Selectmen taking time to discuss this.

Jay and Anne Berry attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of abating interest/taxes on a property that they purchased.

Anne explained that they purchased the house on Kimball Pond Road. They purchased this sight unseen, no keys were available. Jay & Anne were assured by the bank that they kept up with the property. That have since gotten in to see the house, squirrels have gotten in and they have received an estimate of approximately \$50,000 to fix the foundation. They are asking the Selectmen to see if there is anything they could do to abate whatever they could on the outstanding taxes/interest. Bob explained that they rarely abate if a hardship is not determined.

Bob stated that he is pleased that they will take ownership of the property but they need to review what other taxpayers would expect them to do. Cheryl suggested having the Assessors review the property. Bob stated that if the sale goes through, they can have the Assessors go and do a condition adjustment. Jay explained that the house is in the Historic Center and feels it's an advantage to the entire Town. He asked that the Selectmen take that into consideration. Bob stated that it would be great to have the house occupied, but would like more time to consider the request. Cheryl stated that she would like to have some guidance from the DRA before a decision is made. Bob explained that the Board has the authority to abate. He would like the Board to gather more information and further discuss. Jan will put the Berry's on the April 2, 2012 agenda at 7:30 PM to further discuss.

Jay & Anne thanked the Selectmen.

Jim Sawicki attended the meeting.

Bob made a motion to enter into non-public session at 7:42 PM to discuss a personnel matter. Ty second the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bob made a motion to end the non-public session at 8:31 PM and to permanently seal the minutes due to the personnel matter discussed. Ty seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bob made a motion to enter into non-public session at 8:32 PM to discuss a personnel matter. Ty second the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bob made a motion to end the non-public session at 9:03 PM and to permanently seal the minutes due to the personnel matter discussed. Ty seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bob made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2012 Selectmen's meeting as written. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bob made a motion to approve the non-public minutes of the March 5, 2012 Selectmen's meeting as written. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bob made a motion to deny an abatement application submitted by Waterway on Tax Map 224 Lot 12 because the application was not properly filed.

The Selectmen signed:

- Accounts Payable Manifest
- Payroll Manifest
- Welfare Manifest
- Interfund Transfer
- 2 Veteran's credits
- Land Use Change Tax
- TD Bank Signature Cards
- 3 Appointment Slips for ZBA
- Junkyard Permit
- DRA Form MS-6

The Board reviewed a letter drafted to the LGC by Roger regarding alternate insurance plans for him.

Ty made a motion to nominate Bob as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Cheryl seconded the motion. Bob thanked Ty and Cheryl and accepted the nomination.

The Board reviewed a request from a property owner asking to purchase 26 Blue Boar Lane from the Town. The Selectmen denied the offer and will submit a counter offer.

The Board reviewed a request from a property owner asking to purchase 26 Nottingham Road from the Town. Bob made a motion to approve the proposal from Brian Magoon in the amount received with the condition that the lot will be merged.

Cheryl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 PM. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The next scheduled Selectmen's meeting will be held on April 2, 2012 at 6:00 at the Meeting House.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant