

Town of Canterbury  
Board of Selectmen  
August 06, 2012

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM.

Bob made a motion to enter into non-public session at 5:04 PM to conduct second interviews with the final two candidates for the Road Agent position. Ty seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Bob made a motion to exit the non-public session at 6:30 PM and to seal the minutes due to the confidential nature of the discussion. Ty seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Howard Moffett joined the meeting to present his views on the legislature in brief summary form as he is running to represent Canterbury in the upcoming elections. He would like to join the Board possibly one-on-one to discuss in more detail, perhaps at a later date.

Gordon Jackson and Bob Scarponi joined the meeting to discuss the Historical Society's role in the Town wide fair. There are apparently some disagreements with regard to how proceeds from any sales are handled. The Fair Committee has ruled that all proceeds from sales regardless of who is making the sale must go to the Fair itself. Bob Scarponi said the Society had wanted to sell books but thought it unfair that the proceeds should go to the Fair. They did not request or suggest any action to be taken by the Board.

The conversation then drifted to a discussion of signage in general and then on to the bridge demolition at the end of West Road. Would the Historical Society like a seat at the table concerning how to go forward with restoring the land after the bridge is gone?

Tyson departed the meeting to attend a ZBA hearing scheduled for 7:30.

Laurie Lockwood joined for a discussion about the handling of money transfers from the trust funds. The Selectmen's Office will handle writing an occasional check for the Trustees. It is a very minor item and will not cause any hardship whatsoever.

Tyson returned to the meeting after a short interval; apparently the applicant did not show up at the appointed time.

Sumner Dole volunteered to help out with the current use update program. The Board thanked him and would decide how to proceed at a later date.

The Board reviewed an elderly taxpayer's outstanding taxes and advised Roger to abate the interest and penalty charges so that all future payments would go to reduce the principal amount owed. This was done by a voice vote of the Board.

The Board instructed Roger to draft a stern letter to Norma Glines with a copy to Kathy Dole concerning the trailer parked on her property off of Randall Road.

The Board reviewed two bids for removing the large maple tree in front of the Sam Lake House. They asked that a third bid be obtained.

The Board reviewed the request for a payroll advance and approved increasing the advance to \$1,500. The Board will address a formal policy and set limits on the amounts that may be advanced for the future. No further advances will be approved until a formal policy is in place.

A general discussion was held on access to the Chapman Beach and beyond. It was agreed to have either Web Stout or Mark Stevens mark the end of the Class VI road (Sand Hill Road) and then place a sign there indicating that no wheeled vehicles would be permitted beyond this point.

The Board reviewed the letter responding to the petition for weekly pay roll. Bob will wordsmith the letter prior to sending it out.

The Board reviewed the Selectmen's Action list. The following items require further action:

1. A letter needs to go to the Emerson's by Wednesday.
2. Need a proposal from Hubbs for the Salt Shed.
3. Need a proposal to protect the gas regulator at the Municipal Building Utility Room exit from falling ice.
4. A letter needs to go to the DRA requesting a meeting concerning the recent DRA letter.
5. The Board needs documentation to support Win Thomas' request for a paved sidewalk from the church to the Town Hall.
6. The irrigation system cables need to be ordered from Batavia Farm Equipment.
7. A comparison of the generator bids needs to be generated.

The Board reviewed a letter to Virtus Mutual Funds stating that Roger Becker would be the sole trustee for the account of Philip Stone (#5491208). This was made in the form of a motion by Bob and was seconded by Tyson Miller. The motion passed by voice vote.

The Selectmen signed the following:

Accounts Payable Manifest  
Payroll Manifest  
Welfare Manifest  
LUCT waiver  
Intent-to-Cut  
Timber Tax Warrant  
DRA Federal & State Forest Land Inventory  
Interfund Transfer  
Leave request  
Corrective Deed

There being no further business to come before the Board, Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

The next scheduled Selectmen's meeting will be held on August 20, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Meeting House.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger A. Becker  
Town Administrator