

Town of Canterbury
Board of Selectmen
December 17, 2012

Selectmen Present: Robert Steenson, Chairman
Tyson Miller
Cheryl Gordon
Town Administrator: Roger Becker

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

Cemetery Trustees, Hugh Fifield, Mark Stevens and Kent Ruesswick joined the meeting . It was noted that they would need a new mowing machine to replace the one that Jay has been using. Road Agent Jim Sawicki should suggest a model and get pricing to go into the 2014 budget. The Board will create a grounds maintenance budget to be included under the Highway budget to include money to mow the cemeteries. It was noted that we now have 34 cemeteries scattered throughout Town. A discussion took place regarding the Blair lot in Maple Grove Cemetery and its precise location.

Peter Currier attended to discuss the property on Ayers Road. The Canterbury Conservation Commission is to make a recommendation. Peter would like to purchase the town owned acreage.

Kathy Dube and Bob McCormack of Canterbury Woods Golf Course attended the meeting to review the current status of the tax penalty. Mr. McCormack requests the Board to issue a new discretionary easement, to review and adjust the current assessment and to waive the 10% penalty due upon the expiration of the original discretionary easement. The Board will request Mandy and Jeff to review the current assessment. Mr. McCormack insists that while his competitors tax rates are going down his are going up, thus we are affecting his competitiveness. He says his taxes have gone up \$4,000 and he has a \$42,000 penalty. Mr. McCormack offers the Board \$5,000 per year over five (5) years to settle the penalty. The Board is willing to discuss the penalty amount and the timing of payments. The Board also would like to know how the Towns of Loudon and Pembroke assess golf courses.

Kelly Short attended the meeting to represent the Conservation Commission. There needs to be a location determined for the bench that will commemorate Bob Fife. A discussion took place about the easement for the Hildreth Field; there is a fee of between \$1,500 and \$2,000 for the easement plus a \$5,000 requested donation to the Forest Society. These and legal expenses would come out of the Canterbury Conservation Commission budget. The the Canterbury Conservation Commission would also like to have an agreement drawn up for using the field.

A further discussion of the Riverland area took place. If the current land owners do not mow the grass to our satisfaction we have the right, but not the obligation, to mow it. We need more Police visibility at the beach. Kelly would like \$12,000 added to the CRF for the Canterbury Conservation Commission. She would also like the summary of the Land Use Change Tax Fund published in the Town Report.

The Board continued to review the budget.

The next meetings of the Selectmen will be on 21 January to continue review of the budget with the Budget Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Roger A. Becker

Town Administrator