

Town of Canterbury
Board of Selectmen
March 4, 2013

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Chad Roberge of Avitar and Canterbury Assessor Mandy Irving attended the meeting to discuss a tax mapping proposal from Avitar.

Chad gave a presentation of the software. Ken Stern joined the meeting.

Chad demonstrated how the various layers of the program would be incorporated with the assessing software we are currently using. An example of the layers to be used over the tax maps could include aerial photographs, conservation easements, etc.

The Board believed that going forward this seems to be a very useful tool and should proceed. Chad made changes to the proposal as agreed by the Board. The Board will sign the agreement after town meeting.

The Board thanked Chad and Mandy for attending.

Kelly Short and Ken Stern attended the meeting to discuss a conservation easement on the Robert Fife Conservation Area.

Ty stated that he had questions on the easements in 3 areas.

- 1) Changes to the easement language.
- 2) The cost of the easement legal.
- 3) The power of Board of Selectmen, can they sign the agreement without a vote of town meeting.

Bob stated that he feels that there is a very low risk of development. Kelly explained that one of the biggest reasons is so that the property can be joined with the other property to be under the management of the Forest Society.

Tyson asked how the Conservation Commission decides what properties go under an easement with the Forest Society. Kelly explained that the Conservation Commission will be reviewing other properties. .

Ty distributed changes he made to the easement, including rights to manage future utilities.

Ty questioned if the town meeting had granted authority to Canterbury Conservation Commission to transfer Conservation Funds to a third party (ex. The Society for Protection of NH Forests).

A brief discussion was held on setting up a housekeeping warrant article for the 2014 town meeting to bring the Conservation Commission in line with the update RSA's.

The Selectmen thanked Kelly & Ken for attending.
The Board reviewed the Accounts Payable and signed the manifest.

The Selectmen signed: Welfare Manifest
 Interfund Transfer
 Payroll Manifest
 Center Sign placement request
 Intent to Cut – Map 223 Lot 3

A brief discussion was held on the direction plowing the Layton Road. The Selectmen will further review with Jim Sawicki.

Bob made a motion to enter into non-public session at 8:20 PM to discuss a personnel issue.

Bob made a motion to exit the non-public session at 9:08 PM and to seal the minutes due to the nature of the personnel issues discussed. Cheryl seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Chief Angwin stopped by to update the Selectman on the inspection of the Pelky property that is being rebuilt after the fire. The resident is asking to deck the cellar over and obtain a certificate of occupancy. Pete inspected the residence and went over a list of deficiencies. Chief Angwin will re-inspect at a later date.

The Board thanked the Chief and will follow up with Building Inspector Jim Snyder.

The Board reviewed Assessing Assistant Mandy Irving's report regarding Canterbury Woods. The Board asked Roger to draft a letter to Canterbury Woods with their decision regarding the Discretionary Easement.

Bob made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 18, 2013 minutes as written. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 PM. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Monday, March 18, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the Meetinghouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant