

Town of Canterbury  
Board of Selectmen  
November 18, 2013

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

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

Ben Bynum and Jim Sawicki joined the meeting.

Bob Steenson joined the meeting by telephone so the Board could discuss the unofficial tax rate. Bob explained that he had reviewed the worksheet and just wanted to be sure that the valuations matched the MS-1, the figures were checked against the audit and the unreserved fund balance agrees. Bob explained that with making no changes, the increase overall would be 1.233% or \$0.32 per thousand.

Tyson made a motion to approve the unofficial tax rate as presented at \$26.15. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried. Ben said that he would be sure to get the signed document to DRA first thing Tuesday morning (11/19/2013).

The Board discussed a town owned parcel of land in Sherwood Forest. The prior owner has contacted Roger and wishes to repurchase the property. Roger recommends waiving the 15% penalty due to some confusion of the owner not receiving proper notification. Bob stated that since no paperwork was received for a change of address, he feels that the Board should go ahead with the full penalty amount. Cheryl and Tyson agreed.

A general discussion was held on the Motor Vehicle on-line renewal process. Bob does not see how this saves any time or money. The discussion then turned to printing and mailing the renewal notifications in-house instead of paying a vendor.

A discussion was held on selling the old Highway Truck. Jim explained that the transmission is not that healthy. Jim asked what the Board would be willing to take for it. Bob stated that he is willing to sell it but doesn't want to give it away.

Bob left the meeting.

The Selectmen decided to put the truck on Craigslist and ask \$15,000.

A brief discussion was held on coordinating a meeting with Mainstay, Board of Selectmen and all the employees of the Sam Lake House at 4:00 PM at the Meetinghouse. Roger will set this up with Mainstay.

The Board thanked Ben for attending.

Jim Sawicki stated that he was enough money in his budget and asked the Selectmen to allow him to purchase a generator in the amount of \$347 to be used to thaw out culverts when they freeze up. Jim also asked to purchase a hot water pressure washer for \$3,500, a lawnmower for \$5,700 and 4 bunks at \$300/each. Jim explained that since he does

have surplus money in the budget, he would like to purchase these items this year. The Selectmen approved the purchases.

Jim read an email from Adrienne regarding CRSW/RRC Annual Meeting. Adrienne explained the Stephen Rashe is unavailable to attend the meeting. As the Alternate she will attend and be able to vote on the budget and how the communities wish to have the incentive money returned to them. As a reward for staying part of the cooperative, towns may receive this incentive in the form of a check or credit. Adrienne believes it is more to our benefit to take the money rather than a credit.

Tyson made a motion to accept the money and not the credit. Cheryl seconded the motion.

A brief discussion was held on the culvert that was replaced on Sunset Hill Road. Tyson suggested a letter be written to the property owner notifying them of the condition of the culvert when it was removed.

Chief Peter Angwin attended the meeting.

A general discussion was held on the leaking roof at the Municipal Building, Ty asked Roger to get the roof repaired.

Roger explained that Bob had asked to have service contracts on the furnaces at the Municipal Building. Roger explained the Eastern Propane, Desmarais and Bow Plumbing & Heating do not offer service contracts and that he has contacted Eastern Propane, our current supplier, to make the necessary repairs to the failed systems only.

Jan asked Pete to forward his proposed Budget to her.

The Board thanked Peter for attending.

Beth McGuinn and Jill McCullough attended the meeting to update the Board on the Agricultural Commission. Beth explained that she would like to give the Ag Commission one more try. Both Boscawen and Loudon have active Commissions. Roger stated that in order for the Ag Commission to have a useful role, the Planning Board and Conservation Commission need to enlist their help.

Jill and Beth explained that they are looking for additional members and asked the Board if they knew of anyone who might be interested. Jill suggested that the composition of the Commission should be farmers and non-farmers alike. Beth explained that the Commission has had scheduled meetings but typically only 3 members attend.

Now that the agricultural map project is completed the Commission has no further projects. The maps are located in the store, library and town office.

The Board thanked Jill & Beth for attending.

The Selectmen reviewed a draft agreement between the Town of Canterbury and Shaker Village for payment in lieu of taxes. Tyson suggested some amendments and will add his revisions.

The Selectmen reviewed a proposal from Total Security for the Transfer Station. The Board will further discuss.

The Selectmen signed:

- A/P Manifest
- P/R Manifest
- Intent to Cut – Tax Map 258 Lot 6
- Tax Map 255 Lot14
- Leave request for Mary Hauptman
- Town Center Sign Placement request

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 4, 2013 meeting. Tyson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Cheryl seconded the motion.

Cheryl reported that she will attend the Cemetery Trustee meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at the Meetinghouse.

Cheryl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. Tyson seconded the motion. .

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout  
Administrative Assistant