

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
February 2, 2015

Selectmen Present: Bob Steenson
Cheryl Gordon
Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM.

Fire Chief Pete Angwin and Deputy Chief Jon Camire attended the meeting to discuss purchasing a fire truck.

Jon distributed a comparison sheet on the two types of vehicles (commercial & custom). Jon went over the documents distributed and explained that there are not many options available when you purchase a commercial chassis.

A general discussion was on bonding the purchase vs. leasing. Bob explained that they would not be to act on this as the bond notice would have had to be posted 10 days prior to the meeting for discussion now. Bob stated that he is not convinced that this Town needs a custom truck

In his research, Jon found a custom truck available for a lease to purchase for \$465,989. He explained that this could be purchased with no impact to the Tax Rate. They would use \$200,000 from the Capital Reserves and use the \$50,000 that would be deposited into the Capital Reserve to make the lease payments. The Board explained that yes, that would have no tax impact but, at the end of the lease, you will have no money saved up for future purchases.

Chief Angwin explained that he is concerned about the longevity of the trucks, say a commercial truck will last 10-15 years, the Town will keep it for 20 years. Will that commercial chassis hold up on our roads, etc.?

Bob stated that our own evidence with the Highway trucks carrying corrosive materials while plowing and not getting out of second gear speaks well for a commercial chassis. Pete explained that he doesn't want to purchase a truck for the sake of getting one, he wants to replace what they have with a decent truck that will do the job that needs to be done. Bob explained that he feels that commercial manufactures can complete that task.

The warrant article for a new Fire Truck will be removed this year and further researched for 2016 town meeting.

The Board thanked Jon & Pete for attending.

Bob made a motion to open the Public Hearing at 7:53 PM for the proposed 2015 budget and warrant articles.

The Board amended the proposed budget by the following:
Delete \$300,000 for Fire Truck

Delete \$20,000 for Sam Lake Renovation research
Increase Sam Lake Capital Reserve to \$25,000

Bob made a motion to approve the warrant articles as amended. Cheryl seconded the motion.

Bob made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 8:22 PM. Cheryl seconded the motion.

The Board signed: Accounts Payable Manifest
 Payroll Manifest
 Intent to Cut – Tax Map 220 Lot 1

The Board reviewed a request from a resident asking to have interest and penalties waived on a tax payment that was sent late. Under the circumstances explained, the Selectmen denied the request.

Bob made a motion to approve the December 22, 2014 minutes as amended. Cheryl seconded the motion. Cheryl seconded the motion.

Bob made a motion to approve the January 5, 2015 public and non-public minutes as written. Cheryl seconded the motion.

Bob made a motion to approve the January 19, 2015 public and non-public minutes as amended. Cheryl seconded the motion.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on February 16, 2015.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Cheryl seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant