

Town of Canterbury, NH
Board of Selectmen
Date: 2025 March 3
Location: Meeting House

Selectmen: Scott Doherty (Chair), Kent Ruesswick, Beth Blair

Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

Others Present: Edgar Rivera (Libertad Press NE), Jim Miller (Moderator), Sam Papps (Town Clerk), Bob Steenson

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 4:57 p.m.
2. Moderator Jim Miller and Town Clerk Sam Papps
 - a. At the work session on 2/24/25, the Selectboard decided who would present which warrant article. Scott read aloud that information.
 - i. Scott will present Articles 7 and 19, and prep for Article 17 in case there are questions.
 - ii. Kent will present Articles 9 and 15.
 - iii. Beth will present Articles 8 and 11.
 - iv. Sam Papps will present Articles 10 and 13.
 - v. Tom Franco will present Articles 12 and 14.
 - vi. Rich Marcou will present Article 16 and speak on his petition, Article 18.
 - vii. Stephen Rasche is expected to present his petition, Article 17.
 - b. Ken will be absent from Town Meeting.
 - c. Jim learned that Moderators don't need to read the whole warrant article aloud at Town Meeting. He is considering switching to that style.
 - d. Both petition warrant articles are potentially being withdrawn from the floor.
 - e. None of the warrant articles will require a ballot vote.
 - f. Ken will check with the Fire Department to see who is bringing in the flags.
 - g. Jim will find someone to do the pledge. Scott suggested Evan Christensen.
 - h. Setup for the Tuesday election will start on Monday at 3 p.m.
 - i. Setup for the Friday meeting can't begin until about 4 p.m. because it is being held at CES.
 - j. Jim will be attending an all-day work session for Moderators hosted by the NH Secretary of State.
3. Bob Steenson re Budget
 - a. Bob asked if the Selectboard would like anyone from the School Budget Committee available to speak at Town Meeting.
 - b. Scott will contact Bob tomorrow for feedback on his budget presentation.
 - c. Bob suggested that the proper path for "withdrawing" the petition warrant articles would be a motion to table. Tabled items would "die" at the conclusion of the 2nd session.
 - d. Bob suggested that Beth find the report from the Sam Lake House Committee that addressed the purpose of the garage and the text of the trust itself.
4. Administration
 - a. The Selectboard signed:
 - i. The Selectboard signed certificates of appreciation. One for tonight's Fire Department Member Recognition Ceremony and one for Town Meeting.
 - ii. Kent made a motion to sign the Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$546,973.54. Beth seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

1. \$503K is for the School District Payment.
 2. \$14K is for repair of a highway truck. It had to go get repaired twice. Parts were \$9,500.
- iii. Kent made a motion to sign the Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$64,221.30. Beth seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.
- iv. The Selectboard signed an interfund transfer from TDBank Operating A/C to Conservation Commission Fund in the amount of \$10,000. This is a Land Use Change Tax Payment.
- b. Previous Minutes Approval
 - i. Kent made a motion to approve the public minutes for the Selectboard meeting on February 18, 2025. Beth seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.
 - ii. Kent made a motion to approve the public minutes for the Selectboard meeting on February 24, 2025. Beth seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.
5. New Business
 - a. Road Agent John O'Connor will be doing the road posting on/about March 7th, 2025.
 - b. Community Power Letter
 - i. Tom Franco sent Ken an email regarding HB 760. Ken brought a template letter to speak against the bill if the Selectboard would like to sign it.
 - ii. The Selectboard signed the letter. Ken will correct the typo on the 1st page and send it along to the Science, Technology and Energy House Committee.
 - iii. If this bill goes to the full House, then we can contact our Canterbury District reps.
 - c. Traffic Count
 - i. Discussion of this item has been moved to the 3/17/25 agenda.
 - ii. The Planning Board and Highway use this report. John uses it to determine how to prioritize road maintenance.
6. Old Business
 - a. Tuition Reimbursement from Former Employee
 - i. See Selectboard minutes 12/16/24 Section 8.d. for previous discussion.
 - ii. Ken will be going to court on Thursday at 12:30 p.m.
 - iii. Mediation will be offered. Ken isn't sure what the other side wants.
 - b. Penacook Rescue Squad Update
 - i. See Selectboard minutes 1/7/25 Section 2.c. for previous discussion.
 - ii. Merrimack County wants to continue the discussions about EMS contributions. The next meeting will be March 31st.
7. Adjournment
 - a. Kent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m. Scott seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Next Meeting: 2025 March 17, 5:00 p.m. at the Meeting House

Minutes submitted by Kathleen McKay, Administrative Assistant