

**TOWN OF CANAAN
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
April 19, 2012
Canaan Fire Station
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Members present: Chair Eleanor Davis; Dave Barney; David McAlister; Al Posnanski; John Bergeron; Karen Wolk; Martha Pusey; and Scott Borthwick. Also present was Town Administrator Mike Samson. Committee members absent from this meeting were Bill Crowther and Denis Salvail.

Eleanor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and took attendance. Eleanor Davis requested that committee members review their contact information on the roster handout and make any necessary updates.

Approval of Minutes

Committee members reviewed draft minutes dated January 11th and January 12th, 2012.

MOTION by Scott Borthwick and seconded by David McAlister to accept the January 11th, 2012, minutes, as written.

No corrections were suggested at this time.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO 1 ABSTENTION (D. Barney)

MOTION by David McAlister and seconded by Martha Pusey to accept the January 12th, 2012, minutes, as written.

No corrections were suggested at this time.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO 1 ABSTENTION (D. Barney)

Election of Officers

Eleanor Davis requested nominations for the Budget Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary positions.

MOTION by Scott Borthwick and seconded by Al Posnanski to elect Eleanor Davis as Budget Committee Chair.

The vote was unanimously approved 8-0.

MOTION by Scott Borthwick and seconded by Dave Barney to elect John Bergeron as Budget Committee Vice Chair.

The vote was unanimously approved 8-0.

MOTION by Martha Pusey and seconded by Dave Barney to elect Karen Wolk as the Budget Committee Secretary.

The motion was unanimously approved 8-0.

MOTION by Dave Barney and seconded by Scott Borthwick to elect Bill Crowther as the Capital Improvement Plan representative to the Planning Board.

The motion was unanimously approved 8-0.

Eleanor Davis suggested setting meeting dates on the first and third Thursdays in September through December but also adding November 29th for the budget review sessions. Eleanor Davis offered to distribute a calendar of these meeting dates to committee members. There was also general consensus to schedule June 21st for the next meeting date in order to receive an update on this year's expenditures and revenues.

Other Business

Al Posnanski noted that he has requested a proper accounting of the revenues collected for tires at the transfer station.

Eleanor Davis requested explanation of the street lighting budget and how the energy consumption at the transfer station impacts that budget.

Mike Samson summarized various comments received from the general public regarding the increased sewer and water rates.

Scott Borthwick noted that the Department of Labor visited town officials approximately three weeks ago regarding a compliance violation for not submitting a safety report, which was due January 1st.

Scott Borthwick also noted that the town's junkyard ordinance is in effect and that town officials will soon be enforcing compliance on four private properties.

Seeing no other business or questions, Eleanor Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:45 P.M.