

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, October 22nd, 2013**

Chairman, Bob Reagan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Selectmen Robert Reagan, Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister, TA Mike Samson, Bob Scott, Paul Grumbine, and Al Posnanski.

Minutes of October 8th, 2013

Motion by Dave McAlister to approve the minutes of October 8th, 2013 after changing Scott Borthwick's vote on the police grant to a vote against. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Water Bill - Kirstead

The Board reviewed a request by Kirsteads for an abatement of their total water bill for the last quarter due to the sediment in the water over a two week period. Samson noted that they used the same volume of water as last year's third quarter. Motion by Scott Borthwick to abate 50% of the water bill due to the quality of the water and the inconvenience with the landscaping work that was done on the property. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Goose Pond Bridge

There was a review of Chis Fournier's letter (HEB Engineers) indicating the impracticality of creating a temporary bridge at the Goose Pond Road bridge site. He also noted that the detour was no more than 2 miles at the greatest distance. Samson was directed to send a copy of the letter to all of the landowners involved.

HHW Report

Samson distributed a report on the success of the HHW collections. The utilization by homeowners was three times the state average on both collections and the total cost was about the same as Enfield's but with double the waste collected and homes served.

Budget vs. Actual

The latest budget report was distributed indicating that the year remains very tight.

Junk Yards

Samson reviewed the proposed enforcement action against Gaudette and Jameson. Motion by Scott Borthwick to authorize the notices of violation against both Larry Gaudette and Dan Jameson for junk yard violations. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Wescott Tax Sale

Samson reviewed the proposed purchase and sale agreement on the Wescott house at 1275 Route 4 for \$35,000. Motion by Scott Borthwick to accept the proposed purchase and sale agreement and authorize Bob Reagan to sign the paperwork. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Safe Routes to School

Bob Scott explained the process to get funding for a sidewalk along School Street to Batten Road. The next step is a planning survey and preliminary engineering that will cost about \$10,000. Bob proposed that the work be done by the UVLSRPC. There was general discussion regarding whether a sidewalk was needed and whether we could maintain it. The Board indicated that they would like to contract with some other group than the Regional Planning Commission. Bob was asked to look at other options.

At 7:18, Selectman McAlister moved to enter executive session. Scott Borthwick seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 8:10 Selectman Borthwick moved to come out of Executive Session. McAlister seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

At 8:11 PM Selectman Borthwick moved to seal the minutes and Selectman McAlister seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Scott Borthwick to adjourn with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

David McAlister
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