

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 3, 2020**

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the Canaan Selectmen's Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister and Al Posnanski and TA Samson. Others: Ellie Davis.

Minutes February 18, 2020

Motion by Dave McAlister and Second by Al Posnanski to approve the minutes of 2/18/20. Unanimous.

Road Complaints West Farms Road and Goose Pond Road

Samson indicated that he had received many complaints about the dirt road being impassable on West Farms Road by the Bond Farm. The highway Department spent four days hauling in stone and working on the road but there was still another complaint and the complaining party was told to come to the Selectmen's Meeting. No one was in attendance. There was another complaint about how broken up the Goose Pond Road was near the lake. Again, no one attended.

Ellie Davis asked that No Parking signs be placed along Graceville Road in front of her house. She does not want people parking on her lawn and feels that the cars parked there are a safety hazard. She indicated these are all people bring kids to the road to meet a bus and picking them up later. She indicated that the road is too narrow for this parking and would hinder visibility. She also thought that there was no need for it. The Board took it under advisement and asked Samson to meet with Chief Frank and Bob Scott.

Recycling at the Transfer Station

Samson indicated that the recycling charge in South Portland increased to \$155 per ton from the previous month which was \$65 per ton. The increase is the result of completely flat Asian markets. Samson indicated that other towns were paying comparable rates \$125 per ton processing and \$100 per ton transport charge. If we discontinue recycling it will be very difficult to reinstate when the markets improve. Samson indicated that he would like to find a processing rate in the \$90 to \$100 range and would start looking. In the meantime, we will continue to go to South Portland.

EMT Hire

Bill Bellion recommended hiring a second EMT-A for the EMS. The money was budgeted for this hire and would reduce the 911 call payroll and cover weekends. Motion by Al Posnanski and second by Dave McAlister to approve the hiring of a second EMT-A at Chief Bellion's discretion. Unanimous.

Personal Days Policy

Samson recommended that the Personal Days Policy be clarified so that it could only be used for business or events that could not otherwise be done during non working hours. Motion by Dave McAlister and Second by Al Posnanski to approve policy as proposed. Unanimous.

EDA grant application

Samson indicated that we have received a commitment from NH DOT for permission to do the bridge and trestle replacements and to provide the matching funds required.

Water Funding

Samson noted that we still have a commitment of \$300,000 in loan funds to do water main replacement. We would still need voter approval to use these funds and we still need to locate another \$700,000 in funding.

Other Business

None

At 5:44 PM Selectman McAlister moved to enter non-public session to discuss an employee evaluation. Posnanski seconded and motion passed unanimously.

At 6:15 PM McAlister moved to exit non-public meeting. Seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:15 PM Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Dave McAlister moved to approve gift of the Town’s trailer in Country Village and transport provided that there will be no further welfare assistance for the client for at least 6 months.

Further that the client give us an indemnification and hold harmless agreement on the trailer indicating it was given “as is”. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Dave McAlister moved to sell the Donna Dudle property “as is” on the Turnpike Road. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

At 6:25 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

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Scott Borthwick, Chairman

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David McAlister

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Al Posnanski  
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