

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, July 21, 2020**

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the Canaan Meeting House. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister and Al Posnanski, and TA Samson. Others: Ellie Davis, John Bergeron, Patricia Stevens, Bruce Stevens.

Minutes July 7, 2020

Motion by Dave McAlister and Second by Al Posnanski to approve the minutes of 7/7/20. Unanimous.

Eggleston's and Brevel Junk Yard

Samson reviewed the status of Eggleston's junk yard. The property fits the criteria for enforcement. The dwelling footprint is 4,736 SF and the junkyard footprint is 17,782 SF. The only obstacle to enforcement was the delay to determine if tax revenue would be impacted by Covid-19. On July 7, we determined that thus far, there is no impact. Because there is sufficient revenue, enforcement will start within the next 30 days. The Breveleri junk yard is similar. The house square footage is 1,014 SF and the junkyard SF is 5,521.

Water Line Replacement

Samson reviewed the plan by John Coffey for water system up-grades. There are ten different projects with a total cost of \$2.8 million dollars. This is supposedly a list of shovel-ready projects to be built with federal capital projects stimulus money. None of the significant engineering needed is ready for any of these projects.

Broadband

Samson indicated that he has been appointed to a task force to manage implementation of county wide broadband coverage for Grafton County. He will be one of 5 committee members working for the implementation. Towns represented include Canaan, Haverhill, Bristol, Littleton and Campton. The work is supposed to start in August.

New Covid-19 Funding

There is state funding available for municipalities to cover the cost of Covid related needs for social services in towns and counties. We are considering monitors for the ambulances, training for EMTs, implementation of broadband, expanded dental care at the health center and installation of a generator at the health center.

Budget v. Actual

Samson reviewed the current revenues and expenditures. We are fine on property tax revenue and no significant changes in expenditures.

Appointment of George Foley

John Bergeron asked that the Board approve the appointment of George Foley as an alternate on the Historic District Commission with a term expiring in 2023. Motion by Dave McAlister and Second by Al Posnanski to appoint Foley. Unanimous. Bergeron also asked the Board for \$2,500 in funding for PVC signs identifying the Historic District boundaries. The Board indicated that there was too much stress on the budget at this particular point in time to fund this.

#### Concession and Public Use Policy

The following changes were recommended:

Include Elliott Field in the list of properties;

Limit use permits to 4 weeks at a time;

Declare a permit void if unused for two consecutive events or days;

Require a minimum charge for all business uses regardless of whether there is water and electric use; and

Include garbage disposal from patrons included in the use fee but not disposal of commercial garbage from preparers or vendors.

In the future we will explore structuring of rental fees at the beach.

Motion by Al Posnanski and seconded by Dave McAlister to approve these changes. Unanimous approval.

#### Vacancies

We are starting to receive applicants for the highway and water jobs and there are several that appear well qualified.

At 5:30 PM Selectman McAlister moved to enter non-public session to discuss hiring and legal matters. Posnanski seconded and motion passed unanimously.

At 5:45 PM McAlister moved to exit non-public meeting. Seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

At 5:45 PM Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Motion by Posnanski and second by McAlister to hire Shane Geddis as a temporary full-time government buildings maintenance person for the month of August at the rate of \$12 per hour. Unanimous approval.

At 5:45 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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