

TOWN OF CANAAN
CANAAN SELECTMEN MEETING
March 6, 2007
Canaan Fire Station

Selectmen present: Robert Reagan, Kristina Burnett, and Jay Waldner. Also present were Dana Hadley, Al Posnanski, Eleanor Davis, and the minute taker Christi Berube.

Robert Reagan called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appointments:

There were no appointments scheduled at this time.

Old Business:

There was no old business discussed at this time.

New Business: Review of Junkyard Application

Dana Hadley handed out a draft copy of a junk yard application that is similar to the application used in the Town of Deering, NH. There was general discussion that the application should include references to the state statues and/or zoning ordinances for the applicant's review. Dana Hadley asked whether the Board of Selectmen have any suggestions or input regarding the draft copy. Dana Hadley summarized that he reviewed various applications that he found online from different NH towns and that he also incorporated information that was presented at the workshop by Paul Sanderson of Local Government Center.

Robert Reagan asked what the second question regarding distance from the highway may be referring to. Dana Hadley responded that this information could help address future encroachment issues.

Kristina Burnett suggested that the applicant should receive a printed copy of the state statues so that applicants know what is legal before an application is submitted. There was general consensus that this suggestion is a good idea.

Kristina Burnett suggested that the draft copy should be sent to Paul Sanderson for review in order to make sure that the sample applications reviewed were not out of date.

Jay Waldner commented that the draft copy has "a sense of entrapment about it". Jay Waldner added that the application should include a self certifying statement that the applicant is complying with state law. Jay Waldner suggested that the questions should be phrased on the application as the state statues read.

Robert Reagan expressed concern that the question regarding the burning of vehicles should be revised or removed since the practice is illegal.

Jay Waldner suggested that applicants should receive a copy of the materials that were presented at the workshop, which included the Best Management Practices.

Kristina Burnett asked whether an application already exists that Paul Sanderson would recommend. Dana Hadley responded that he had checked and the answer is no.

Robert Reagan suggested that the town office may need to supply maps to the applicants since the applicants may not be aware whether their land is within an aquifer.

Kristina Burnett noted that proof of ownership and a plot plan drawn to scale are required by state statute and should be noted on the application.

Jay Waldner added that a statement is also required on the application regarding conviction of larceny. It was also suggested that the application should include a map and lot number of the property.

There was general discussion as to how rigid the application process should be followed. Dana Hadley agreed that the application appears to be strict but that the state statutes are quite comprehensive and need to be enforced. Jay Waldner summarized that the application should include enough information relevant to permanent property markers (i.e. roads and the property pins of neighbors) so that town officials can determine whether a specific junkyard is shrinking or expanding in size.

Jay Waldner also suggested that the application questions should be in the same sequence as the state statutes for easy reference between the two documents.

Dana Hadley reviewed the suggestions provided and offered to continue working on the draft copy.

Al Posnanski asked whether the workshop included any references to successful junkyards. There was general discussion that personnel from the Department of Environmental Safety spoke of several junkyards that are in full compliance with state statutes and even a few junkyards in NH that actually exceed the state standards in order to be known as *NH Green Yards*. Dana Hadley commented that the workshop provided a new prospective of what a junkyard can and should be. There was general discussion regarding the number of vehicles that require proper disposal each year and how the population growth of the state contributes to that increased number of vehicles and potential contaminates that will require proper disposal in the future.

Kristina Burnett informed board members that testimony for House Bill 423 is scheduled for March 14, 2007, at 1:30 P.M. Dana Hadley noted that he will be attending.

Robert Reagan informed board members that Senator Reynolds of Plymouth, NH, is introducing a Senate Bill in hopes of gaining state aid for the past flooding.

Dana Hadley informed board members that a meeting is scheduled at the Orange Town Hall tomorrow at 10 A.M. to discuss with Bob Anderson from the Department of Revenue how the school

district tax rates are set. Dana Hadley noted that he will be attending the meeting. There was general discussion that every town has a separate school district tax rate based on the number of properties in each town.

Other Business:

There was general discussion that Dale Morse has started the process of posting the town's roads with six ton limit signs. Robert Reagan noted that the newspaper advertisement will need to be repeated after thirty days, if needed.

Dana Hadley requested board signatures for two budget transfers, which resulted from items being billed to the wrong accounts.

Dana Hadley reminded board members that the auditor is scheduled for next Monday in the town office. There was general discussion and consensus that the Board of Selectmen would like to set a time to meet with the auditor during the week in order to discuss what will be included in the report.

Robert Reagan informed board members that Bill MacDonald has announced that Daniel Robert Lewis Adam will be honored this Saturday for earning the status of Eagle Scout.

Dana Hadley requested board signatures for a \$2,100 purchase order regarding the town newsletter. Dana Hadley summarized the content of the newsletter and noted that the newsletter will be mailed to residents at the end of the week. The mailing will create an additional cost for the town. Jay Waldner asked whether subscriptions should be sold or whether donations should be collected for the town newsletter. Dana Hadley noted that the Service Credit Union had expressed interest in partnering with the town in the past. Jay Waldner informed board members that the Town of Plainfield has had a self-supporting newsletter for fifteen years through the efforts of a citizens group. Al Posnanski commented that the Town of Canaan had a group of citizens who were interested in producing a newsletter about five years ago.

Dana Hadley summarized that the Town Report was available at the town office today. Six hundred copies were ordered and the report will be posted on the town's website. Dana Hadley added that the printing costs are not known at this time.

Jay Waldner asked whether the 2004-2014 plan from the Regional Planning Commission would be the most recent version of the ten year Department of Transportation plan. Dana Hadley responded yes and summarized that the most recent version includes the bridge and the downtown renovations. There was general note regarding the need to direct drainage away from the lake on Canaan Street. There was general discussion and consensus that the Water Source Protection Committee should be revitalized.

Dana Hadley informed board members that he has contacted Granite State Rural Water Association regarding the town's sewer capacity problem. Dana Hadley summarized that a second test is scheduled in June to evaluate whether visible system leaks can be repaired and to compare the capacity readings to past readings. There was general discussion whether the Department of Environmental Safety would make an allowance for surface water runoff.

Dana Hadley summarized that the standard letter used in the past will be mailed in the near future to the town's water customers regarding contaminants.

There was general consensus to not schedule a Board of Selectmen meeting next Tuesday due to town voting. Board members are scheduled to meet tomorrow morning at 8 A.M.

Dana Hadley requested a non-public session.

MOTION by Kristina Burnett and seconded by Jay Waldner to adjourn the public session at 8:25 P.M. and to go into non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3 II(c).

VOTE: Unanimous in the affirmative.

The public and the minute taker were excused from the non-public session.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christi Berube, Minute Taker

Minutes Accepted by the Board of Selectmen on April 3, 2007