

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGENDA

**March 20, 2007
Canaan Fire Station
62 NH Route 118-Canaan
7:00 p.m.**

Present: Robert Reagan
Kristina Burnett
Jay Waldner

Dana Hadley

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Selectman Chairman Robert Reagan.

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 p.m. Ty Gagne-Primex-Risk Management

The Board met with Ty Gagne of Primex, the Town's insurance carrier for workman's compensation insurance and unemployment insurance. He explained how rates for coverage are determined. The Town of Canaan has been a member of the worker's compensation program since 1980. He spoke about the benefit of the insurance pool. The rates for insurance depend on claim history and anything that the Town can do avoid claims is in the best interest of the Town. He said that the Town is doing very well for claims when compared with similar size towns. He presented the Board with some documents outlining the services offered by Primex and a summary of the Town's contributions, dividends and claims paid since 1980. The result of the summary indicates that the Town actually had a net gain from being a member. Town Administrator, Dana Hadley asked about the Prime program offered by Primex. This program would assist the Town in best practices in regard to safety issues.

7:20 p.m. Nate Miller-Upper Valley Regional Planning Commission-Route 4 Corridor Study

The Board met with Nate Miller of Upper Valley Regional Planning Commission. He gave the Board the final report on the Route 4 corridor study spoke about the final analysis and findings. The study involved Route 4 from exit 17 in Lebanon to the Canaan/Orange town line. He said that it is important that this study does not simply sit on a shelf. He said that there will be an active Route 4 corridor committee and the focus is to work in partnerships in planning transportation needs in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes

1. February 13, 2007

Motion: Waldner/Burnett to accept the minutes of February 13, 2007.

Vote in the affirmative

2. February 20, 2007

Motion: Burnett/Waldner to accept the minutes of February 20, 2007 as amended.

Vote in the affirmative.

Other

3. Vote for On the Common Lane

The Board reaffirmed the vote for the street name for the street in front of the Hardware Store and Granite Northland to be known as On the Common Lane.

Motion: Burnett/Waldner to name the street in front of Canaan Hardware and Granite Northland to be known as On the Common Lane.

Vote in the affirmative.

The Board signed a letter to be given to the Building Inspector for this name change.

4. Authorize for Caron Bridge Easement Agreement

Motion: Waldner/Reagan to authorize Town Administrator, Dana Hadley to sign the Agreement between the Town of Canaan and property owners, Jean and June Caron for the easement on their property to accommodate the temporary bridge on River Road.

Vote in the affirmative.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Investment Policy

Town Administrator, Dana Hadley discussed with the Board his intention to work on the Town's investment policy. Every Town needs to have an investment policy. He reviewed copies of the plan for the cities of Concord and Dover.

2. Letter received and letter sent regarding buoys in Canaan Street Lake

The Board reviewed the letter received from the Department of Environmental Services discussing the state statute that prohibits placement of obstructions in waterways specifically the buoys that the Town puts in the lake to protect the reservoir section of the lake.

3. Discussion of Default Budget

The Board discussed the 2007 default budget.

4. Management Agreement with Vachon, Clukay and Company for audit.

Motion: Waldner/Burnett to authorize the Selectman Chairman to sign the management agreement with the Town's Auditor.

Vote in the affirmative.

5. Letter received from the Town of Hanover regarding perambulation.

The Board reviewed the letter from Peter Kulbacki in response to the Town's request for perambulation of the Hanover/Canaan Town Line.

6. Memo to Board of Selectmen regarding transfer station surplus equipment.

The Board reviewed the surplus equipment at the Transfer Station. One is the old compactor and a pallet jack. Both are worth approximately \$500.00. Dorchester has expressed interest in the old compactor. The Board authorized the Town Administrator to offer the equipment to the Town of Dorchester before putting the items out to surplus bidding.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Letter received from the Cardigan Mountain School as an abutter within the school's well head protection area.
2. Memo sent to Dale Morse regarding recycling building.

3. Letter sent by Town Administrator to Dr. Collins regarding Sand Filtration Study.
4. Email received regarding condition of Choate Road.
5. Letter received from NRRA

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board signed land use change tax forms and a current use form.

The Board discussed the Boston Post Cane.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Burnett/Waldner to adjourn.

Vote in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana I. Hadley, Town Administrator

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