

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

April 10, 2007

Canaan Fire Station
62 NH Route 118-Canaan
7:00 p.m.

Present: Robert Reagan
Kristina Burnett
Jay Waldner

Dana Hadley

Chairman Reagan opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 P.M. Sam Frank, Police Chief

- Follow up on Bomb Scare Training

Chief Frank reported to the Board the results of his research following a meeting with resident William MacDonald regarding concerns about training for bomb scare incidents. Mr. MacDonald had come to the Selectmen's Meeting of February 6th and expressed his concerns about liability issues for the Town. Chief Frank told the Board that there is a comprehensive training facility in New Mexico that would refresh an officer's knowledge on bombs, bomb scares, and how to identify a bomb. He said he is open to sending members of his staff to this training but the costs are prohibitive and not practical. He and Fire Chief Bill Bellion have discussed training offered by local agencies. He spoke to representatives of the Bureau of Alcohol, Fire Arms and Tobacco and of the New Hampshire State Police Bomb squad. They said the training facility in New Mexico was the only training specific for bomb detection and procedures. He also spoke with Butch Burbank of the Local Government Center to see if any training opportunities were offered locally. Mr. Burbank told Chief Frank, that they do not offer a course on that specific subject. Chief Frank forwarded the policy in the Police Manual for Mr. Burbank's review and was advised that the current policy is a good one, and consistent with other law agencies in the state. Chief Frank also asked the Local Government Center

about the Town's exposure for liability in such a case, and was informed that they were satisfied that the Town had done everything that it could to protect themselves from liability and that the insurance company would support the Town in the event of a claim. Mr. MacDonald thanked Chief Frank for researching the issue. The Board thanked Mr. MacDonald for bringing his concern to their attention. They expressed thanks to Chief Bellion and Chief Frank for their research and input. There was general consensus that the current policies of the Town meet present safety and liability concerns.

- Police Vehicle

Town Administrator Dana Hadley advised the Board that he had researched if there was any merit in waiting to purchase a new expedition in June. The vehicle that is currently at Irwin Motors in Laconia would not be available in June. The Town would have to order a 2008 vehicle that would not be available until the fall and the dealer would not give a quote on the price. The Board authorized for the Chief to purchase the vehicle now rather than wait until June.

Motion: Waldner/Burnett to authorize the Police to purchase a new Ford Expedition for the Police Department.

Vote in the affirmative.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Minutes

April 3, 2007

Motion: Burnett/Waldner to accept the minutes with corrections.

Vote in the affirmative.

2. Application for Junk Yard

The Board discussed revisions to the Draft Junk Yard ordinance as edited by Selectman Waldner. There were several small changes that were made to the document. After updating it will be sent to Paul Sanderson at the Local Government Center for his review and if he suggests it will be also sent to Town Council. Town Administrator, Dana Hadley will contact Pam Hoyt-Dennison at the Department of Environmental Services to obtain permission to use the wording from the Best Management Practice Book in the application and to get additional copies of the booklet.

3. Default Budget-MS-2

The Board signed the MS-2.

4. Pole License request from National Grid-May Street

The Board signed the pole license request from National Grid.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Letter received from Goose Pond Lake Association regarding Town funding

The Board reviewed the letter from Goose Pond Lake Association regarding the Town's funding for 2007.

2. Letter received from Grafton County Senior Citizens Council regard Town funding.

The Board reviewed the letter received from Grafton County Senior Citizens Council. The letter was to appeal the reduction in funding for 2007.

Motion: Burnett/Waldner to increase the stipend to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council by \$1,000.00 for a total contribution of \$4,000.00.

Vote in the affirmative.

3. Letter received from Occupational Health Services regarding employee wellness programs.

The Board reviewed the letter from Occupational Health Services of Alice Peck Day Hospital.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Burnett/Waldner to adjourn.

Vote in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana I. Hadley, Town Administrator

Minutes Accepted by the Board of Selectmen on April 10, 2007

ROBERT REAGAN

KRISTINA BURNETT

JAY WALDNER