

TOWN OF CANAAN
CANAAN SELECTMEN MEETING
April 17, 2007
Canaan Fire Station

Selectmen present: Robert Reagan, Kristina Burnett, and Jay Waldner. Also present were Dana Hadley, Phillip Salvail, Al Posnanski, Dale Morse, 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:

The scheduled meeting with Paul Savchick regarding gravel deposits on town owned property was postponed until the May 1st. There was general discussion that property maps have been given to Paul Savchick and that he will present a proposal the May 1st meeting. Dana Hadley summarized that he has walked the property with Earl Charbono before and has some idea of where Earl thought the gravel deposits were. Al Posnanski said that Elwyn Neily knows the property well and might be of assistance.

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the April 10th, 2007, minutes.

MOTION by Jay Waldner and seconded by Kristina Burnett to accept the minutes dated April 10th, 2007, as corrected.

Jay Waldner corrected the misspelling of the word "manual".

VOTE: Unanimous in the affirmative

New Business:

Kristina Burnett requested a report of damages sustained and emergency services provided during the past storm. Dana Hadley responded that he is quite proud of the emergency services and public works personnel who worked all night to address fallen trees, trees on electric and telephone wires, flooded basements, washed out roads, and power outages. He said that Emergency Management Director Bill Bellion opened the Town's emergency operations center at the police department. Kerry Lazarus from the Fire department worked throughout the entire day at the command's dispatch center. Roads that were significantly impacted by fallen trees, power outages, and washouts included Cod Fish Hill Road, River Road, Potato Road, Jerusalem Road, Cider Mill Road, South Road and Ibey Road. There is also shoulder work to be done on Roberts Road. The town library was closed as there is no power there. Extension cords plugged into the Town Office were used to power the sub-pump in the basement of the Library and the evacuator for to pump water up to the town sewer connection. Residents of Indian River Apartments were appreciative that the fire fighters took the time to check on their welfare during the power outage. The complex had power in certain areas of their facility powered by generators and the complex had heat. A shelter was opened at The Methodist Church for people without heat and lights. Dana Hadley summarized that he will be meeting with Bill Bellion and Dale Morse to review the final costs of the storm. It is predicted that \$300,000 to \$400,000 will be needed for road repair materials.

Robert Reagan suggested that by relocating the electrical service for the Library from the east side to the south side of the building would enable hookup to the Route 4 power lines, which has more reliable power. Dana Hadley said there is also an option for future generator hookup.

Dale Morse summarized that bank run gravel is needed immediately for numerous areas of road washouts. He explained that bank run gravel would be 1.5 inch gravel that would be used as a sub-base only in order to make washed out roads passable. Richard Remicle has offered gravel at \$2 per yard if town employees load the trucks and \$3 per yard if he loads the trucks. It was suggested that Dale Morse should go see the gravel material before any agreements or payments are made. Dale Morse clarified that other materials may be available at cheaper prices but that the material would need to be screened first.

Dale Morse clarified that Ibey Road has already been repaired with gravel that Earl Charbono had purchased. 700 yards of gravel was used on the hill alone.

There was general discussion as to how much material should be purchased at this time. Jay Waldner suggested that the amount could be determined by calculating how much gravel could be loaded, transported, and used in one week. Dale Morse responded 5000 yards. Dana Hadley cautioned that materials should not be purchased and stockpiled at this time due to limited cash flow.

Dale Morse confirmed that he has enough personnel on-hand to be able to load the gravel at the \$2 per yard price.

Board members signed a purchase order for \$10,000 to purchase 5000 yards of gravel from Richard Remicle.

It was understood that roads can not be repaired until the electric companies clean up the downed electric wires.

Kristina Burnett asked whether the Police or Fire Departments communicate with the Highway Department when the electric companies have finished clearing wires. Dale Morse responded that he monitors the status of such areas.

Other Business:

Selectman Jay Waldner recused himself as a Select Board member in order to act in his capacity with the Canaan Street Lake Association. He summarized his proposal and design for a kiosk to be located at the Town's Boat Launch on Canaan Street Lake. He explained where the kiosk would be placed and what it would look like. He said the Lake Association supports information being available at the boat launch as a lake host is not always available to remind boaters of the importance not launching a boat that may need to have weed contaminants washed off the bottom prior to launching in the lake. The design consists of a seven foot by four foot sheet of plywood with a single sided asphalt roof.

MOTION by Kristina Burnett and seconded by Robert Reagan to accept the design proposed by Jay Waldner if the Historic District approves it.

VOTE: 2 YES 0 NO 1 RECUSE (Jay Waldner)

Dana Hadley informed board members that the Boston Post Cane will be presented to a 101 year old Canaan resident who currently resides at Harvest Hill in Lebanon.

Dana Hadley informed board members that a Walk NH Relay has been scheduled on May 4th and May 19th with New Hampshire's First Lady, Susan Lynch.

Dana Hadley informed board members that the original owner of property auctioned at Chiefs Drive has purchased the property.

Board members were asked to review and sign various exemption applications for property taxes. Dana Hadley explained that the application deadline was April 15th.

Board members were asked to review and sign an update to a current use application and applications for re-categorizing.

Board members were also asked to review and sign the following items: two notices of intent to excavate, the manifest, and an application for a stewardship plan.

Kristina Burnett requested a non-public session at the next meeting to discuss a performance evaluation of the Town Manager. This session was scheduled for May 8th at 6 P.M.

There was general discussion regarding the need to appoint members to the Planning Board and the Capital Improvement Plan Committee. A set procedure or direction is needed from the Board of Selectmen. Eleanor Davis

noted that the CIP needs to be approved by the Planning Board before other Boards can review the document this summer.

Consent Agenda:

1. Dana Hadley circulated a thank you note from the family of Buster Charbono.
2. A letter of acknowledgement was also circulated from the Canaan F.A.S.T. squad regarding the Town of Canaan's donation to the ambulance fund in memory of Buster Charbono.
3. Dana Hadley informed board members that Lori Dacier of the Mascoma Valley Health Initiative has scheduled a meeting session on April 26th from 1 to 3 P.M. at the Senior Center to discuss an endowment for health issues.
4. 2007 seminar information from the Antioch New England Institute was circulated.
5. Information regarding training opportunities was also circulated from Local Government Center.

Pending Items and Status:

Dana Hadley summarized the status of the following pending items:

1. Barn Preservation Easements – Dana Hadley reported that an invoice is expected now that Cross Country Appraisal is completing the project.
2. Update of Personnel Handbook – This project is under way with a committee working with Barry Cox of Local Government Center. The next meeting is scheduled on April 18th. Mr. Cox has stated that this project should be finished by mid-April.
3. The update and codification of the Code and Ordinance Book is ongoing.
4. Survey Work at the Transfer Station – The attorney is working on title resolutions with Grafton Superior Court.
5. Junk Yard Application for Patrick Jameson – The application was sent to Paul Sanderson for review.
6. The following have been selected for the Park Use Rules Committee: David Heath, Tom Guillette, Wally Medeiros, and Barbara. The first meeting will be scheduled in April.
7. Policy Committee Regarding Building Permits on Class VI/Discontinued Roads – Work is underway with the Planning Board Committee.
8. Investment Policy
9. It was suggested that an Audit Report should be added to this agenda.

Al Posnanski asked whether plastic bags would be available for the roadside cleanup scheduled by the 4H Club on May 19th. Dana Hadley responded that three hundred were picked up but that more can be acquired if needed.

MOTION by Kristina Burnett and seconded by Jay Waldner to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 P.M.

VOTE: Unanimous in the affirmative

Respectfully Submitted,
Christi Berube, Minute Taker
Minutes Accepted by the Board of Selectmen on May 1, 2007