

Board of Selectmen
Minutes
July 24, 2007
Canaan Fire Station
62 U.S. Route 118
7:00 pm

Present: Selectboard members Robert Reagan, Jay Waldner, Kristina Burnett

Also, Al Posnanski, Katina Caraganis

Absent: Dana Hadley, Town Administrator

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm by Chair Robert Reagan

1. Robert Reagan brought to the Board a request by a Canaan merchant to recycle cardboard (only) at the Canaan Transfer Station. Al Posnanski, Transfer Station committee member, pointed out that at present the policy statement precludes recycling of any commercial materials. However, the subject is being discussed in his committee. There is an interest by some members in recycling cardboard but not in taking trash and concern by others that this would not be in the town's best interest at this time for financial reasons. As the committee continues to explore the issue, Jay Waldner expressed his opinion that if the policy is altered, it should reflect the town's position that any change should only be made if the Transfer Station can do so without incurring additional costs to the Town.
2. Robert Reagan brought to the Board a question about the cost of disposing of small amounts of construction debris. Currently the rate is \$35.00 per pick up load or \$50.00 for a larger truck load, which goes into the Hammond dumpster. Al Posnanski will take the question to the Transfer Station to ask their opinion about a reasonable rate for small amounts.
3. Robert Reagan asked the Board to discuss the Winter Road Maintenance policy, which needs to be finalized. No action was

taken, as we expect Dana Hadley has information needed to move ahead with this subject.

4. Robert Reagan informed the Board that Alan Hill can accept more sludge in the town sludge pit. He recommends we increase the charge per gallon to 8 cents. EPA and DES guidelines are followed in the process of treatment and disposal. Motion Jay Waldner/Kristina Burnett, unanimous vote in the affirmative to open the pits for sludge from the Mascoma Valley Regional High School and Canaan residents at a charge of 8 cents per gallon and to give Alan Hill the authority to open and close the pit when appropriate.
5. Robert Reagan read a thank you note from the Munsey family thanking the Board and the Town for its recognition of Cora Munsey's age and service to the town of Canaan and for the gift of the Boston Post Cane.
6. The Board agreed with Robert Reagan that it would be appropriate for us to call and thank the race track owners, the Henrys, for their cooperation in delaying the Saturday, July 21, race until a local wedding which took place adjacent to the track, was concluded.
7. Robert Reagan brought to the Board a letter from the Regional Planning Commission which asks the town to complete a survey which, when compiled with those of neighboring towns, will help them develop new ways to share information with New Hampshire leaders about the benefits of working with regional planning commissions. This survey will be given to Terry Purcell and Andy Musz to complete.
8. Robert Reagan brought to the Board a notification from Comcast to the FCC, which demonstrates effective competition among service providers, and which, therefore, renders Comcast free of rate regulation. No action was taken.

9. Kristina Burnett reported to the Board that at the most recent CIP meeting, Superintendent of Schools, Barbara Trembley expressed some concerns about increased building on Jerusalem Road and asked us to alert the Road Agent to this fact to be sure the road is bus-worthy in the fall. Robert Reagan will speak to Dale Morse about this matter.
10. Kristina Burnett reported that a new Executive Director for the MVHI has just been named. She is Danielle Thompson. She begins her duties September 4.
11. Robert Reagan distributed copies of the Actual and Anticipated Revenues and the Actual and Budgeted Expenses and Encumbrances to date. The Board reviewed both documents in some detail.
12. Robert Reagan reported rot at the back entrance to the Town Office. It was decided that he would ask Tom Guillette to contact Estes and Gallup who did the original work to see if they would like to address the problem.
13. Al Posnanski announced the next Transfer Station meeting will be held at the Town Office, Tuesday, August 7, 5:00 pm. He will arrive five minutes early to be sure the building is unlocked.

Motion to adjourn Walner/Burnett, unanimous vote in the affirmative, about 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Burnett

Robert Reagan
R.D. Walner 8/15/07
Kristina Burnett 8/15/07