

Minutes
CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Wednesday January 2, 2008

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by Chairman Reagan at the Canaan Fire Station. Selectmen Burnett and Hudgens and acting Interim Administrator Dexter Bucklin were also in attendance. Others present: Ellie Davis and Phil Salvail

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF December 18, 2007

Having reviewed the minutes the Board voted the following: Selectman Burnett moved, Selectman Hudgens seconded, and the Board voted 3-0 to accept the Minutes of the December 18, 2007 meeting as amended.

2008 Warrant Articles

The Board discussed the following as potential Articles to be supported at the 2008 Town Meeting:

Article 2. "Are you in favor of updating the town's floodplain ordinance, as proposed by the planning board as follows: update and re-enact the current town floodplain ordinance adopted as Article 19 at the 1988 Town Meeting to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program?"

The Planning Board supports the Article.

Article \$161,109 for Water Sewer Operations paid out of user fees

Article for \$..... to replace heating system of the Town Library and Town Offices

Article for \$10,000. to repair tomb stone in Canaan cemeteries

Article to raise \$5,000 for a Transfer Station Capital Reserve Account

Article to raise \$30,000 for Fire Truck Capital Reserve Account

Article to raise \$25,000 for Bridge Capital Reserve Account

The Board discussed the merits of inserting an Article to establish a Police Detail revolving fund.

Article to raise \$30,000 for a Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Account

Article to raise \$25,000 for the purchase of a sidewalk tractor plow

The Board will finalize its position on the Articles on January 8, 2008 for the Budget Committee's review at its January 9th meeting.

Current Use Tax Court Case

The Board responded to questions from an interrogatory submitted by Goose Pond Development, LLC relative to the Current Use Tax assessed to property taken out of Current Use. The case is scheduled to be heard in the Grafton County Superior Court in 2008.

Transfer Station Issue

The Board debated the value of allowing the sale of transfer station coupons for the disposal of certain items, such as construction and demolition debris, at the Transfer Station as well as at the Town Office. The consensus of the Board was that it would be helpful to have the opportunity, under certain circumstances, to have the ability to provide the sale of coupons at the site. All parties will be allowed input into the manner in which the process would be most effective.

2007 Budget Adjustments

The Board reviewed the 2007 Budget expenditure and discussed the possible application of the Highway Block Grant monies to cover the over expenditures of other line items in the Highway Budget. With a current surplus in the Grant line item of \$118,000, other line items in the Highway budget will be over drawn by approximately \$60,000. The Board will review the extent to which such transfer will be authorized at the next meeting.

January Salary Adjustments for Insurance

To better explain the salary adjustment certain employees will receive on January 1st, Mr. Bucklin presented the Board with a spreadsheet depicting the impact of the salary increase and the 5% insurance withholding that went to effect on January 1st. This

adjustment was to have been made in April 2007 to insure the “hold harmless” concept until the plan was to be implemented.

2008 Budget Public Hearing

The Board was reminded of the Budget Committee’s public hearing on the 2008 Budget that is scheduled for 7:00 PM, January 10th.

2007 Town Report

The Board reviewed topics to be covered in the Selectmen Report in the upcoming Town Report.

Other Business

The Board reviewed the Class VI/Private Road Policy guidelines in preparation for the continuation of the public hearing for a building permit on a non maintained road. Mr. Bucklin is to follow up on contacting Enfield for input.

Meeting was adjourned at 9: 30 PM.

Robert Reagan

Kristina Burnett

Thomas Hudgens
Canaan Board of Selectmen