

Minutes
CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Tuesday, January 15, 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, Al Posnanski, Alice Shori, Kate Brooks, William Chabot, Jamie Jukosky, David Shinnlinger, Aaron Allen, Curtis Shepard and Phil Salvail.

Continuation of Public Hearing on Class VI Road Building Permit

Chairman Reagan re-opened the continued public hearing from the December 18, 2007 meeting on a request for a building permit for property on May Street, a class VI road. The Board reviewed a memo from Fire Chief Bill Bellion outlining the requirements for meeting the minimum requirements for the delivery of an emergency response to that location.

Erin Darrow, representing the property owners, presented the Board with a copy of the recorded "Notice of the Limits of Municipal Responsibility and Liability for Non-Maintained and Private Roads (As required by RSA 674:42-1)". After a brief discussion the Board voted 3-0 to authorize the issuance of a Building permit noting the requirements of the Fire Chief.

Acceptance of Minutes of the January 8 2008 Meeting

Having reviewed the minutes the Board voted the following: Selectman Hudgens moved, Selectman Burnett seconded, and the Board voted 3-0 to accept the Minutes of the January 8, 2008 meeting as amended.

Conservation Commission Concern

Members of the Town's Conservation Commission appeared before the Board to inform the Selectmen of a violation of the Conservation Easement dated December 4, 1990 between the Town and Brownlee McKee. A parcel of the land in the easement was sold in 2007. This action violated Article 1, B: "The property shall not be subdivided or otherwise divided into parcels of separate distinct ownership." After additional discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bucklin to contact the parties involved and request them to attend the January 29, 2008 Selectmen Meeting to review the easement requirements.

Cross Country Assessing Contract

The Board reviewed the proposed contract with Cross Country Appraisal Group, LLC to continue to provide the Town with the annual pick ups, current use penalties, current assessments and other assessing functions as required. After a brief discussion the Board signed the contract.

UVLSRPC Appointment

Selectman Hudgens informed the Board that at the January 10, 2008 meeting of the Planning Board, the Planning Board voted to recommend to the Selectmen to appoint Tim Josephson as the Town's representative to the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. Selectman Hudgens moved, Selectman Burnett seconded, and the Board vote 3-0 to appoint Mr. Josephson to fill the vacancy.

Advance Transit Board Member

The Board was reminded that the Town has not appointed a representative to the Board of Advance Transit. Notice of the vacancy will be noted on the Web site and could be noted at Town Meeting.

Bond Release

The Board reviewed a letter from Andrew Musz, Chairman of the Planning Board, that construction of the roadway known as Lindsey Lane, off West Farms Road, had been completed to meet the required standards established by the Planning Board and that the required escrow account could be returned to Carrington Investments, LLC. The Board signed a letter to Treasurer Kendra Withington authorizing the return of the escrow funds plus interest.

2007 Tax Collections

The Board reviewed the year end Tax Collector's Report provided by Vicky McAlister. It was noted that by year end 93% of the property taxes had been collected.

Communications

Board members were provided the following;

Letter from DRA introducing the new auditor for the Town of Canaan, Shelley Gerlarneau

In progress status of the Budget Committee's MS 7, outlining 2007 appropriations and expenditures and the proposed 2008 budget.

Timeline for SB2 March Town Meeting

A copy of the draft of the 2008 Town Meeting Warrant

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Robert Reagan

Kristina Burnett

Thomas Hudgens
Canaan Board of Selectmen