

Minutes
CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Tuesday, February 19, 2008

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by Chairman Reagan at the Canaan Fire Station. Selectman Burnett, Selectmen Hudgens and acting Interim Administrator Dexter Bucklin were also in attendance. Others present: Phil Salvail, Al Posnanski, Ed Labrie, Tim Lewis, Earl Smith, Shirley Packard and Matt Wilson. Michael Capone, Administrator designee, was also present.

Acceptance of Minutes of the February 12, 2008 Meeting

Having reviewed the minutes the Board voted the following: Selectman Hudgens moved, Selectman Reagan seconded, and the Board voted 2-0 to accept the Minutes of the February 12, 2008 meeting as amended. Selectman Burnett was not at that meeting and abstained.

Current Use Tax

The Board reviewed and signed 4 Land Use Change Tax applied to four properties that no longer qualified for current use assessment values.

Taxi Bylaw Letter

The Board reviewed and signed a letter responding to a request for information relative to a Town Bylaw for the licensing of taxi cabs. The letter stated that the Town of Canaan has no ordinance regulating the operations of a taxi services but that there are certain State requirements under RSA 376.

Sand and Salt Memo

The Board reviewed and signed a memo to Dale Morse, Road Agent, directing the highway employees to follow more closely his directions on the amount of salt and sand to be applied relative to the conditions. Supplies of both sand and salt are painfully low and timely delivery of additional amounts is questionable.

Public Hearing on Article 11, Transfer Station Revenue Fund

As required by statute, RSA 31:95-c, at 7:15 PM the Board opened the duly noticed public hearing on Article 11. "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict the first 25% (twenty five per cent) of each year's revenue from the sale of recycled materials to expenditures for the purpose of equipment, repairs or improvements at the transfer station? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Town Transfers Station Facility Revenue Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote of the town meeting from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund."

It was explained that the public hearing was necessary since this article takes revenues that could be used to reduce taxes and earmarks it for a specific purpose at a future time. After a brief discussion and no additional questions from the audience, the Board voted to close the Public Hearing.

Request for a Charitable Abatement

The Board reviewed a request from the Mascoma Valley Masonic and Eastern Star Association for consideration for an abatement on the property tax on their Lodge located at 17 Canaan Street. After reviewing the written statement outlining the Lodge's charitable contributions to the community, the Board requested that a representative from the Lodge appear before the Board to elaborate on their charitable activities.

Administrative Contract

The Board reviewed and signed copies of the contract offered to Michael Capone to become the Town's Administrator effective March 17, 2008. It is a three year contract, through April 1, 2011, with an initial salary of \$55,830. per year. Mr. Capone will review the contract and return a signed copy on Saturday.

Other Business

Selectman Hudgens handed the Board copies of a draft Class VI Highway/Private Road Policy that the Planning Board would be discussing and voting on at their February 28, 2008 meeting. He requested Board members to review and the Board could discuss a recommendation at next weeks meeting.

Non Public Session (RSA 91-A.3 ©).

At 8:00 PM Selectman Burnett moved, Selectman Hudgens seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to go into non public session to discuss a personnel matter. The Board returned to public session at 8:10 PM and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Robert Reagan

Kristina Burnett

Thomas Hudgens
Canaan Board of Selectmen