

**Minutes**  
**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 26, 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: Al Posnanski, Tim Lewis, and Ellie Davis.

**Acceptance of Minutes of the February 19, 2008 Meeting**

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 February 19, 2008 meeting as amended.

**Delegation of Deposit Authority**

A change in the Statutes now requires a written approval by the Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen to authorize the Tax Collector to deposit Town Funds. This depository authority has been in effect for a number of years but is now required to be in written form. Board members signed the authorization.

**State Inspection Request Review**

Mr. Timmons had been informed that the Board could not sign off on his request to the State for an Inspection and Auto Repair license because of the deeded covenant limiting the property for residential dwellings only. He inquired if he was able to have owners in the subdivision grant him a waiver on this covenant would the Board be in a position to sign off on his request. After a brief discussion it was the position of the Board to sign off if all deeded owners signed the waiver request. Town Counsel suggested that such a waiver should be recorded with the Registry of Deeds.

**Source Water Protection Grant**

The Board reviewed and approved the following statement to be included in the minutes of this meeting. "This is to confirm earlier discussions in favor of the Canaan Board of Selectmen's support of the Source Water Protection Committee grant application for water testing of Canaan Street Lake. The Board has committed the Town to contribute \$200. toward the project and to join with Plymouth State University Center for the Environment and the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission for the Grant funded by the NH Department of Environmental Services."

## **Conservation Easement Update**

The Board reviewed a letter from Town Counsel Tim Bates to John Stebbins reviewing his initial contact on the issue of the alleged violation of the Conservation Easement with his client's purchase of a parcel of the easement property. The Easement calls for the entire property to remain under a single ownership. More information to be forthcoming.

## **Planning Board Policy Draft**

The Board discussed the Planning Board's draft of a policy relative to issuance of building permits on Class VI town roads and private ways. The policy outlines the process to be followed when a property owner on a Class VI road or a private way seeks a building permit. There were several items that Board members would like reviewed and explained when the Planning Board discusses at its Thursday nights meeting.

## **Wright – Pierce Draft Proposal**

The Board reviewed the latest draft proposal to address the disinfection by-products reduction that the DES is requiring to be corrected. Proposed solutions range from a \$60,000 chloramination option to million dollar ground water option. The State is applying pressure on the Town to find a solution to this problem in a timely manner. Some concerns have been raised as to appropriateness of the chloramination options. Mr. Bucklin will schedule a meeting for March 19, 2008 with representatives from the State, Wright-Pierce, Water System Operators, and the Town to review options.

## **LGC Application and Participation Agreement**

Board members were provided copies of a three year agreement for the Local Government Center to provide the Town with Health Insurance and Liability Insurance. This three year agreement guarantees that premiums will not increase more than 9% per year over the next three years. The Board voted to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town.

## **Other Business**

The Board reviewed a request from Christopher Kilmer to Gloria Koch copies of directives sent to her concerning rate of pay for police officers, especially concerning the rate of pay for outside details. The Board authorized the issuance of the minutes of the non public session held on February 5, 2008. The Board also signed a letter stating that any future requests for information relating to the present grievance (holiday pay) and the possible grievance on Outside Duty pay be directed to the Town Administrator with a copy to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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Robert Reagan

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Kristina Burnett

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Thomas Hudgens  
Canaan Board of Selectmen