

Minutes
CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, March 10, 2008

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by Chairman Reagan at the Canaan Senior Center. Selectman Burnett, Selectmen Hudgens and acting Interim Administrator Dexter Bucklin were also in attendance. Others present: Tim Lewis, Phil Savail, Michael Capone, Chief Bellion, Chief Frank, Attorney Laura Spector, Attorney Ed Philpot, Curtis and Caryn Shephard, Mrs. Valley, David and Nary Ann Heath, Bill Wanner.

Acceptance of Minutes of the March 4, 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 March 4, 2008 meeting as amended.

Review of Vacation Carry over from 2007

Mr. Bucklin explained to the Board that there appeared to be some confusion on the part of some Town employees as to how long they had to use their carry forward vacation time. It was the connection to the anniversary date that added to the confusion. The interpretation by some employee was that the carry forward vacation time had to be used by the anniversary date and would be lost if not used by that date. After further discussion the Board agreed that the employee, no matter what the anniversary date, had until December 31, 2008 to use the carry over vacation time plus any accrued vacation time earned in 2008. The policy limiting future carry forward vacation time to five days is effective at the end of 2008.

Road Posting

Under the authority of RSA 41:11 and RSA 231:191 Selectman Hudgens moved, Selectman Burnett seconded, and the Board voted, that "all town roads in the Town of Canaan will be posted temporarily prohibiting all vehicles weighing in excess of (6) six tons from traveling on these roads until further notice".

Projects in Progress

In response to a request from the Board in preparation for Town Administrator Michael Capone's appointment, Mr. Bucklin presented a list of projects that are in various stages of completions. After review, Selectman Hudgens requested that the completion of the Planning Board policy on building on Class VI and private roads be included in the unfinished list.

Budget Preparations Post Election

Mr. Bucklin asked the Board if they would be able to meet on Friday should the voters reject Article 3 and the Town would need to proceed with the Default budget. If necessary Mr. Bucklin and Mr. Capone would meet with Department heads and prepare proposed budget adjustments for the Board to consider. The need for such a meeting would be determined on Wednesday.

Deeded Property Update

Mr. Bucklin reminded the Board that they had set a date of March 15, 2008 as the deadline for the repurchase of a tax deeded property. Since that date is Saturday would the Board extend that date until Monday March 17, 2008. The Board said yes.

Appointment of a Police Officer

Police Chief Sam Frank appeared before the Board to submit his choice to fill the vacancy in the Police Department. After completing the required background checks, the Chief is recommending that Ryan Palmer be hired effective March 31, 2008 as a Patrol Officer for the Town of Canaan. After discussion, Selectman Hudgens moved, Selectman Burnett seconded, and the Board voted 3-0 to appoint Ryan Palmer as a patrol officer.

Public Hearing on Building Permits on a Private Road

At 7:30 Chairman Reagan opened the public hearing to consider the issuance of a building permit on a Private Road (Hall Road) to Mr. and Mrs. Shepard. Attorney Ed Philpot, speaking on behalf of the Shepards, reviewed the public hearing of the Planning Board and the recommendations of the Fire Chief Bellion. He questioned whether the Shepards could agree to requirements that may be placed into a policy that final requirements had not yet been formulated. The Shepards would abide by the standards of the State Fire Safety codes as outlined by Chief Bellion. After further discussion, Selectman Hudgens moved, Selectman Burnett seconded, and the Board voted 3-0 to authorize the building inspector to issue a building permit to the Shepards.

Having appeared before the Planning Board and having agreed to the requirements of the Fire Chief, Mrs. Valley appeared before the Board at the properly noticed public hearing to request a building permit for her property on Hall Road. After further discussion Selectman Hudgens moved, Selectman Burnett seconded, and the Board voted 3-0 to authorize the building inspector to issue a building permit to the Valleys.

Chairman Reagan closed the public hearing at 8:00 PM.

Other Business

Non Public Session (RSA 91 – A.3 c)

There being no additional questions, at 8:05 PM Selectman Burnett moved, Selectman Hudgens seconded, and the Board voted 3-0 to go into non public session to discuss a personnel matter.

The Board returned to Public session and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Robert Reagan

Kristina Burnett

Thomas Hudgens
Canaan Board of Selectmen