

Minutes
CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Friday, March 14, 2008

The meeting was brought to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Reagan at the Fire Department. Selectmen Burnett, Selectmen Hudgens and acting Interim Administrator Dexter Bucklin were also in attendance. Others present: Tim Lewis, Phil Salvail, Michael Capone, Dennis Salvail, Scott Borthwick, Shirley Packard, Alex Crate, Bob Scott, Duane Mansur, Eleanor Davis, Charles Neily, Elwin Neily, John Bergeron.

Acceptance of Minutes of the March 10, 2008 Meeting

Having reviewed the minutes the Board voted the following: Selectmen Burnett moved, Selectmen Hudgens seconded, and the Board voted 3-0 to accept the Minutes of the March 10, 2008 meeting as amended.

Review of Default Budget

Chairman Reagan informed attendees that the purpose of this meeting was to review a draft of the default budget that had been prepared by Mr. Bucklin and Mr. Capone. The draft default budget was prepared because the proposed budget had been defeated at Town Meeting on March 11. Since there is a statutory requirement that the default budget be reported to the State within 20 days of Town Meeting, it was important to begin the review process immediately.

In order to prepare the draft default budget, Mr. Bucklin and Mr. Capone conducted a meeting with representatives from the Highway Department, Police Department, Fire Department, Ambulance, Library, Transfer Station, Cemetery Department, Welfare Administrator and Finance on Thursday morning, March 13, 2008. At that meeting, representatives from the departments proposed reductions to the original operating budget to bring it in line with the default budget amount.

Chairman Reagan proceeded through the budget and presented the proposed changes. Mr. Capone and Mr. Bucklin provided explanations for those changes and the Board took questions from those in attendance with regard to some of the proposed reductions. Based on the input received from those in attendance, the Board instructed Mr. Capone to gather additional information with respect to some of the proposed reductions. The review of the draft default budget could continue at the next Selectmen's meeting.

With no further business before the Board, Selectmen Burnett moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Hudgens and by a vote of 3-0 the meeting was adjourned at 10:37AM.

Robert Reagan

Kristina Burnett

Thomas Hudgens
Canaan Board of Selectmen