

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008**

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Bob Reagan at the Fire Department. Selectman Scott Borthwick, Selectman Tim Lewis and Town Administrator Michael Capone were also in attendance. Others present: Shirley Packard, Al Poznanski, Alex Crate, Ellie Davis, Larry Gaudette, Jim Karmozyn. Chairman Reagan led those in attendance in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

Acceptance of Minutes of the April 29, 2008 Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes and voted the following: Selectman Borthwick moved, Selectman Lewis seconded and the Board voted 3-0 to accept the Minutes of the meeting of April 29, 2008 as written.

Meeting w. H.E. Bergeron Engineers: Update on River Road Bridge

Jim Karmozyn, PE of H.E. Bergeron Engineers was in attendance to update the Board on the River Road Bridge Project. Jim presented the Board with an overview of the bridge repair/replacement process. He also reviewed the Engineering Study prepared for the bridge with the Board. There was a discussion of the three options available for the type of bridge decking and guardrails. Selectman Borthwick made a motion to approve alternative three, which is the precast voided slab deck with steel guardrails, because of the lower maintenance costs. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lewis and the Board voted 3-0 in favor of alternative three.

Parks and Recreation: Update on Projects

Wally Medeiros, head of the Parks and Recreation department, made a presentation to the Board with regard to some improvements he wanted to make at the Cozy Corner to make the building usable year round and expand the user base. The improvements included replacing the overhead doors and winterizing the facility. It would also include adding pool and ping pong tables so there would be more activities available for everyone. Although, Wally felt that there would be volunteer labor and some donations available for the project, there was still money needed from the budget. Chairman Reagan asked Wally if he had an estimate on the cost. Wally thought it might be around five thousand dollars. There was some discussion among the Board and those in attendance as to where in the budget the money should come from, but everyone was generally receptive to the idea of making improvements to the building. Selectman Reagan asked Wally to prepare a more detailed estimate of cost for the Board to consider.

Vendors at Canaan Street Lake

Also included in the Parks and Recreation discussion was a request received from someone who wanted to set up a hotdog stand at Canaan Street Lake. Chairman Reagan asked if this was something that the Historic District Commission needed to review. There was also discussion about how to limit vendors if they were to be allowed at the Lake. The Board felt that more information was needed before making a decision on this matter.

Budget vs. Actual Review

The Board reviewed the Budget vs. Actual report for May 6, 2008. Michael mentioned that overall about 33% of the budget had been spent. Since the Town is nineteen weeks, or more than one third of the way, through the fiscal year, the overall number was looking good so far. The Board reviewed the report and took questions from those in attendance. The budget vs. actual report will be reviewed again in two weeks.

Other Business

Michael reported that a building permit had been received for an equipment shed to be built at Mascoma Valley Regional High School for the storage of athletic equipment. Since this part of the MVHS athletic program is not supported by taxpayer funds, there was a suggestion made that perhaps the Town could waive the permit fee. There was some discussion of the amount of the fee and it was determined that it was either \$25 or \$100 depending on how the building was classified. Selectman Borthwick made a motion to waive the permit fee up to a limit of \$100. Selectman Lewis seconded the motion and the Board voted 3-0 in favor of the motion.

Larry Guadette asked about the status of Tax deeded property sales. Michael informed him that he was working on the list for the Board to review and would have it ready for a future meeting.

Al Poznanski asked about the role for the Police Department in enforcement at the Transfer Station. Michael explained that he had spoken with Chief Frank, and the Chief said that the Police role would be to cite violators who failed to pay their civil penalties to the Town.

Non-Public Session (RSA 91 – A.3-c)

With no further business before the Board, at 8:52 PM Selectman Borthwick moved, Selectman Lewis seconded and the Board voted 3-0 to go into non public session to discuss personnel matters and advice from legal counsel. At 10:20 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to come out of non-public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lewis and voted 3-0 by the Board. At 10:21 PM, Selectman Borthwick made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lewis and the Board voted 3-0 in favor of the motion. Selectmen Borthwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Selectman Lewis. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of adjournment at 10:21PM.

Robert Reagan

Scott Borthwick

Tim Lewis
Canaan Board of Selectmen