

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009**

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00PM by Chairman Bob Reagan. Selectman Scott Borthwick, Selectman Tim Lewis and Town Administrator Michael Capone were also in attendance. Others present: Ellie Davis, Al Posnanski, Richard Wheeler and Philip Salvail. Chairman Reagan led those in attendance in reciting our pledge of allegiance.

Acceptance of Minutes of the December 30, 2008 Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes and voted the following: Selectman Borthwick moved and Selectman Lewis seconded the motion to accept the Minutes of the meeting of December 30, 2008 as written. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the motion.

Review of Warrant Articles for March 2009 Town Meeting

Michael distributed a draft copy of the available Warrant Articles for the Boards review and comment. The Board discussed each article in the draft. Michael noted that since a number of the articles were received too late for DRA review, there may have to be changes in the wording or corrections made on Wednesday. The Board agreed that they should go through each of the draft articles and vote recommend or not recommend.

The votes were to:

recommend the 2009 Proposed operating budget. (3-0)

recommend the 2009 proposed water and sewer budget. (3-0)

recommend the cost items associated with the new collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Canaan and AFSCME Local 3657 Police Department Employees be approved. (3-0)

recommend replacing the River Road Bridge #123/126 over the Mascoma River. (3-0)

not recommend the purchase of a replacement fire engine. (3-0)

recommend the addition of \$30,000 to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. (3-0)

recommend the addition of \$30,000 to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (3-0)

recommend the addition of \$50,000 to the Bridge Repair, Replacement and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. (3-0)

not recommend the purchase of a replacement police cruiser. (3-0)

not recommend the paving of Reagan Road, School Street, High Street, Hill Court, Chiefs Drive and On the Common in the summer of 2009. (3-0)

recommend the use of credit cards for the payment of local taxes and charges generated by the sale of utility services or other fees. (3-0)

not recommend a petitioned article to provide \$5,000 for emergency repairs to the Town Museum Building. (3-0)

not recommend a petitioned article to provide \$8,000 to the Advanced Transit Inc. (3-0)

not recommend a petitioned article to provide \$8,000 to Grafton Senior Citizens Council. (3-0)

recommend a petitioned article to advise the Canaan Police Department to withdraw any and all support, be it financial or service related, from the Central New Hampshire Special Operations Unit. (3-0)

Review of Default Budget for 2009

Michael presented a revised draft of the default budget for the Boards review and comment. The default budget for 2009 will be \$3,235,860.00 a decrease of \$121,154.00 from the 2008 default budget. Most of the decrease was due to reductions in debt service and workers compensation premiums. Michael briefly explained some of the changes he had made to the first draft of the default budget and asked the Board to review the document and let him know if there were any other changes to be made. The signed default budget must be available for the January 15 public hearing on the Proposed 2009 Operating Budget.

Budget vs. Actual – Review of 2008 Expenses

Michael presented a budget vs. actual report that incorporates the final bills paid (not including encumbrances) for 2008. He noted that there would most likely be other adjustments made by the auditors when they review the Town's financials. In addition, the final adjusted balance of funds from the 2008 budget will hopefully help to offset Town's potential cash shortfall in the spring as well as help to replenish the unreserved fund balance that was used in the fall to help offset taxes.

Other Business

The Board continued their discussion of how to best insulate the baler shed at the Transfer Station. There was general agreement that, if there were to be no further alterations to the building, foam insulation would be the best alternative. The Board also asked Michael to get a price on putting some insulation in the ceiling as well.

Michael mentioned that he was going to send out a notice for the first Department meeting which will be held on February 4, 2009 at 8 AM at the Fire Department.

Michael informed the Board that Town Counsel, Bernie Waugh, would be in attendance at the deliberative session on Saturday, January 31, 2009 at 1 PM in the Elementary School Gymnasium.

Michael mentioned that he had received an email from John Bergeron, asking the Board to amend the appointment of Brooke D'Entremont to the Historic District Commission. Selectman Borthwick made a motion to extend the term of Brooke D'Entremont to the position of alternate on the Historic District Commission until 2012. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lewis and the Board voted 3-0 in favor.

Al Posnanski asked if the Board had received any information from Glenn Carey to support the increase in the fee that would be assessed to the Town of Orange for allowing their residents to bring their recyclables to our Transfer Station. Michael informed AL that he had not received anything from Glenn.

Non-Public Session (RSA 91 – A.3-c)

With no further business before the Board, at 8:48 PM Selectman Borthwick moved, Selectman Lewis seconded and the Board voted 3-0 by roll call vote to go into non public session to discuss advice from legal counsel and a personnel matter. At 10:17 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 roll call vote. At 10:17 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to seal the minutes of the non public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lewis and voted 3-0 by roll call vote. At 10:18 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lewis and voted 3-0 by the Board.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

Tim Lewis
Canaan Board of Selectmen