

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009**

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00PM by Chairman Bob Reagan. Selectman Tim Lewis and Town Administrator Michael Capone were also in attendance. Others present: Tom Guillette, Earl Smith, Matt Dow, John Dow, Chris Dow, Ellie Davis, Al Posnanski, and Philip Salvail. Chairman Reagan led those in attendance in reciting our pledge of allegiance.

Acceptance of Minutes of the March 24, 2009 Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes and voted the following: Selectman Lewis moved and Chairman Reagan seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of March 24, 2009 as written. The Board voted 2-0 in favor of the motion.

Safety Committee Presentation

Tom Guillette, chair of the Joint Loss Management/Safety Committee, was present to update the Board on the status of the revised Health and Safety Policy that the group has been working on. Tom provided draft copies of the document for the Board to review. He provided an overview to the Board regarding what is included in the updated Policy. Tom noted that the document should be adopted by the Board at a subsequent meeting after they have had time to review it. Michael asked if the April 14, 2009 meeting would be soon enough. Tom thought that would be fine. He also asked the Board to contact him if they had any questions or changes they wanted to make in the Policy. The Board will review the draft document with the goal of adopting it at their April 14, 2009 meeting.

Budget vs. Actual

Michael reviewed the March 31, 2009 worksheet with the Board and those present. He noted that overall spending was slightly below projections for the year to date. After thirteen weeks we are one quarter of the way through 2009 and average budget expenditures should be at 25%.

Michael reviewed all the budget lines that were below 75% which is the average amount of funding that should be remaining. He explained the circumstances that account for some of the variations in spending. Among the expenses that were running above projections were the Welfare rental assistance, Welfare utility assistance, Mechanics Tools, Police Overtime and Building Maintenance.

Michael also noted that for now the money allocated for Police Salaries covered under Warrant Article 4 will be reported on the worksheet under the Warrant Article and not included in the operating budget.

Other Business

Michael informed the Board the Matt Dow of Canaan Hardware was present to further discuss with the Board the business event they were planning for May 16, 2009. At an earlier meeting the Board expressed concerns with closing off “on the common lane” to traffic. Matt explained in more detail for the Board what the event would entail. There was discussion about using the Common for set up in an effort to minimize the impact to the road. This would allow for set up of booths and tables away from the road. The Board informed Matt that it would be okay to use the common if he would submit a formal request for the Board to approve. There was a discussion about placing some temporary signage on the road to help with traffic control. Michael mentioned that he would contact Road Agent, Bob Scott with regard to repairing the damaged storm drain at the edge of the road near the gazebo.

John Dow asked if the Board could provide him with a quick update on the status of the water and sewer system improvements. Selectman Lewis and Chairman Reagan reviewed all of the work that had been done during the past year and described the two projects that were presently underway to address the water and sewer issues. Michael provided some up to the minute information on the projects as well.

Michael informed the Board that he would be at the NHDES public hearing with regard to ARRA funding for water and sewer projects on Friday, April 3, 2009 in Concord. He was hoping to get some additional information to assist the Board with their decisions regarding moving forward with any of the proposed projects.

Michael reported that the Dorchester Selectmen would like to attend the April 14, 2009 meeting to discuss options with regard to payment of their 2007, 2008 and 2009 fire service cost sharing billings. They are concerned with interest provisions included with the payment plan. The Board asked Michael to add them to the April 14, 2009 agenda.

Michael mentioned that he had received a request from the Mascoma Valley Regional School District for the Board to provide a representative to the committee they will be establishing to study the “feasibility and suitability of the withdrawal of the Town of Enfield from the Cooperative School District” The Board will take the matter under advisement.

Michael informed the Board that the citizen request forms were put out in the front office lobby last week. We have already received one returned by a resident who complained that he was turned away at the dump despite having a valid sticker. Michael will look into the matter.

Michael asked if this would be an appropriate time to contact Remacle Construction with regard to completing the work in Orange Brook that was started last fall. Selectman Lewis said he would contact Richard and get the work scheduled for early summer when the water flow in the Brook is lower.

Non-Public Session (RSA 91 – A.3-c)

With no further business before the Board, at 8:36PM Selectman Lewis moved and Chairman Reagan seconded a motion to enter into non public session. The Board voted 2-0 by roll call vote to go into non public session to discuss advice from legal counsel. At 9:59 PM Selectman Lewis made a motion to come out of non-public session. The motion was seconded by Chairman Reagan and voted 2-0 by roll call vote. At 9:59 PM Selectman Lewis made a motion to seal the minutes of the non public session. The motion was seconded by Chairman Reagan and the Board voted 2-0 by roll call to seal the minutes. At 10:00 PM Selectman Lewis made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Chairman Reagan and voted 2-0 by the Board.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Tim Lewis
Canaan Board of Selectmen