

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 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: Al Posnanski, Ed Provencal, Roger Cantlin, Matt Wilson and Phil Salvail. Chairman Reagan led those in attendance in reciting our pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of August 25, 2009 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 August 25, 2009 meeting as written. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the motion.

Review of 2010 Budget Submissions - continued

The Board continued their review of the 2010 budget submissions. Michael provided an update of the worksheet that included some adjustments and additions. There were some minor adjustments to wage and FICA lines for the deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector to more accurately reflect anticipated work hours. There were also some changes in the Town Clerk equipment and dues line to include additional costs for implementing credit card payments. A reduction was made to the drug testing line after we were notified that we would be limited to four tests next year. There was an increase to the government buildings repairs and maintenance line to include some additional work requested by departments. The revised numbers from the Cemetery trustees were added. Also added were a request from the Canaan Lake Association for funding, the highway block grant estimate provided by the DRA and an adjustment to the uniform line in the Highway budget. Michael mentioned that he had checked into some of the questions the Board had asked at the last meeting. All of the Town employees and elected and appointed officials were subject to FICA because they did not fit the description of a sub contractor as defined by the IRS. Also, the mileage reimbursement rate paid by the Town should be the same as what is paid to government employees. The Board will continue their review of the Budget at their next meeting with a goal to have questions and discussion topics ready for the department meeting on October 7, 2009.

Discussion of possible sale of tax deeded property

The Board reviewed the information that Michael had prepared. After some review and discussion of each property, Selectman Lewis made a motion that the eligible properties be put up for sale by sealed bid. These would include:

Tax Map 5 Lot 33 Sublot 2
Tax Map 17 Lot 85
Tax Map 15A Lot 61
Tax Map 15A Lot 66
Tax Map 6 Lot 79
Tax Map 6 Lot 44A
Tax Map 12 Lot 2D
Tax Map 8 Lot 77
Tax Map 15C Lot 2

The motion was seconded by Selectman Borthwick and voted 3-0 in favor. Michael will conduct a final review, prepare a package of information on each property and put together an ad explaining the terms and conditions of the sale for the Board to review.

Project Updates

Michael informed the Board that the additional well testing had started this morning. He also mentioned that representatives from Wright-Pierce would be in Canaan on September 17, 2009 to visit the Water plant as part of their design review. There was some discussion with regard to what would be required by way of design at the water plant. The Board expressed concern that the project not be over engineered. Michael noted that he has repeatedly expressed that concern to Wright-Pierce, but would contact them again to reinforce that point.

Other Business

Michael asked the Board to consider options for the first session of the 2010 Town Meeting. The two Saturdays available for the meeting would be January 30, 2010 and February 6, 2010. After a brief discussion the Board requested that Michael make arrangements to hold the meeting on Saturday, January 30, 2010 beginning at 9 AM at the Elementary School. Michael will contact the SAU to be certain the facility is available on that date and time.

Michael informed that Board that he and Glenn Carey had two follow up discussions regarding the potential benefits of switching the Transfer Station to a dual stream facility. Michael suggested that Glenn and members of the Transfer Station Committee attend the Selectmen's meeting on September 15 to continue the group discussion. The Board agreed and asked Michael to add it to the agenda for 9/15/09.

Chairman Reagan asked if the other members of the Board thought it appropriate to have a local out of warranty repair alternative to the Ford Dealership for repairs to the Police Cruisers. There was general agreement that this would be useful for any repairs that could not be handled by the Town Mechanic. Michael noted that there had been some preliminary discussions with regard to this topic with Larry and he had some suggestions for possible vendors. Michael will review the information previously collected with regard to this issue and report back to the Board.

Non-Public Session (RSA 91 – A.3-c)

With no further business before the Board, at 8:02 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. At 8:43 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 8:43 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 8:44 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