

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, August 17th, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Reagan. Others present: Selectmen Marcia Wilson, Selectmen Scott Borthwick, and Michael Samson. Members of the public included Al Posnanski, Alice Ely (Mascoma Valley Health Initiative), Shirley Packard, Carolyn Barney and Judith Kushner.

Chairman Reagan started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to accept the minutes (Open session and non-public session) of the Selectmen's Meeting of August 5th, 2010 made by Selectman Borthwick, seconded by Selectman Wilson and unanimously approved.

Mascoma Health Initiative

Alice Ely introduced herself as the Interim Executive Director of MVHI. Alice requested that the Board assure the payment of the \$2,489 that was included in the budget so that MVHI could use it as a match for a grant application. The Board noted that it was their policy to wait until the end of the fiscal year to determine that there was a sufficient fund balance. After considerable discussion of possible impacts on other expense accounts, a motion was made by Marcia Wilson and seconded by Bob Reagan to make the payment in September. Motion carried with Bob and Marcia in favor and Scott Borthwick against.

Meeting House

There was considerable discussion about the need for a fee structure for use of the Meeting House, current building revenue and other safeguards to assure the appropriate use of the building and care of the antique furnishings in the building. Mike Samson and Tom Goulet were asked to attend the next meeting that the Meeting House Committee held to discuss these options.

Historical Society and LCHIP application

Samson described the final draft of the LCHIP application and the correspondence from LCHIP indicating what maintenance would be required and what the review standard was for maintenance. Samson recommended signing of the LCHIP grant application. Marcia Wilson moved that Bob Reagan be authorized to sign the application and Scott Borthwick seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Police Department Cruiser Video Monitoring System

Samson described the video monitoring system that Sam was requesting and indicated that there were no other less expensive alternatives. He noted that the purpose of the system was to avoid potential liability issues by recording arrests and incidents and to more effectively present evidence in prosecutions. There was discussion as to whether the 50% state match was guaranteed. Marcia Wilson moved to authorize the purchase provided there was a contract guaranteeing the state match. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and the motion carried with Marcia and Bob voting in favor and Scott against.

Marcia also asked that the security of the booking room be reviewed to see if changes were necessary.

Highway Chloride

Bob Scott requested that an additional \$5,000 be authorized for chloride for dust control due to the hot, dry summer. He asked that \$5,000 be taken from the gravel account to make the funds available in the chloride account. Scott Borthwick moved to authorize and make the necessary budget adjustments. Seconded by Marcia Wilson. Unanimously approved.

Welfare

Samson asked that the Board authorize two changes to Welfare policy. He requested that the proposed "Allowable Levels of Assistance" schedule be approved with maximum levels set for various forms of assistance and further asked that the Welfare Director assisted by the Town Administrator be authorized to negotiate within those levels with landlords and other service providers to hold down costs to the Town. Motion to approve the schedule made by Marcia Wilson and seconded by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved. Motion to approve negotiations up to the Allowable Levels made by Marcia Wilson and seconded by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

River Road

Samson and Scott provided information on the current progress on the River Road bridge. It is now anticipated that the bridge will be complete within a week. Late liquidated damages penalties are now accruing.

Generator Specifications

Samson presented the proposed generator specifications and after a brief discussion, it was determined that the transfer switch should be sized to the entrance. There was unanimous direction to Samson to check on the sizing needed at the police station and to put the RFP out to bid.

Water Quality

Samson outlined the plans for grant requests for both Canaan Street Lake and for Goose Pond. At Canaan Street Lake, the proposal would be to remediate drainage issues at the town beach, along Canaan Street and Roberts Road, repair a run-off problem on Moss Flower Lane and create rain garden detention basins on Fernwood Farms Road. At Goose Pond, we hoped to create a reduced salt management plan, do a drainage analysis with recommended action along town roads and use regulations to reduce phosphorus loading in the lake. Erin is working on the applications and will be providing the engineering services on the projects. Bob Reagan asked that Erin look at building up the side walk going north on Canaan Street to help divert water flow to the correct drainage areas.

Beaver Trapping

Scott requested that beaver control services go out to bid so that he may legally bid on offering the service to the town. Samson was directed to put the service out for bid/proposals and advertise it in the Valley News.

Other Business

Samson was directed to revisit the street light issue with Larry to see if there was a mid level reduction possible and to look at warning a hearing on street light changes.

Samson indicated that we are having on-going issues with computer performance and indicated that he was seeking proposals for consultant services and hardware and software improvements. He noted that two computers were infected by a virus and malware but that they were restored within three days.

Bob Reagan read a letter from the Canaan Old Home Days requesting use of the town property again in 2011 on the 250th anniversary to be celebrated on August 5-7th. The selectmen directed Samson to respond favorably.

Bob Reagan gave a brief report on the Cemetery Trustees and Library Trustees.

Reagan asked Samson to check with Primex on health care costs and attempt to hold the line on costs.

It was noted that the primary is also the day of the first September meeting.

It was also noted that the Historic District hearing on regulations changes was rescheduled and re-warned to August 24th.

Selectman Borthwick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Selectman Wilson and voted 3-0 by the Board.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

Marcia Wilson
Canaan Board of Selectmen