

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 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, David Barney, Zig Onacki, Phil Ferneau, Steve Ward, Karen Wolk, Erin Darrow, Denis Salvail, Cynthia Neily, Gil Miranda, Sharon Miranda, Joann Onaccki, Jeff Majewski, and Ellie Davis

Chairman Reagan started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Selectman Borthwick and seconded by Wilson to accept the minutes of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 as amended by striking the two sentences in paragraph 1 on page two reading "Motion by Selectman Borthwick, seconded by Wilson to authorize the proposed policy so long as it does not increase costs. Unanimously approved.". Motion passed unanimously.

**Hearing on Pete's Junk Yard License Application**

Samson described the application of Peter and Pamela Nadeau for a junk yard license and reviewed the report of DES indicating that the yard was properly operated and met all of the required conditions. It was also noted that the junk yard had been located at the current site for many years and there were no objections to the license. Marcia Wilson moved that the license be approved. Motion was seconded by Selectman Borthwick and motion was unanimously passed.

**Cemetery Trustees – Cemetery Water Supply**

David Heath and Ellie Davis discussed the proposal to drill a new well at the Wells Cemetery on Canaan Street to serve as a non-potable water supply. Ellie, David and Cynthia Neily noted that there trust funds available to obtain a water supply for the cemetery. After discussion, Scott Borthwick moved to authorize the use of Trust Funds to drill a well and directed Samson to put the well drilling out to bid. Motion seconded by Wilson and unanimously approved. Cynthia Neily noted that the funds would be paid to the Town and actually expended by the Town.

**Scott Hazelton Driveway**

Scott Hazelton discussed his feeling that the approach used to grade and ditch Fernwood Farms Road in front of his home was inappropriate with an excess slope and bank run gravel and repairs to his driveway that left the end of his driveway too steep and with no crown from side to side on his driveway. Samson indicated that Bob Scott had already agreed to repair the crown on his driveway. Hazelton stated he was an engineer and offered to provide help to the town in making further repairs.

**Jeff Majewski – Claim for Service**

Jeff Majewski requested that he be paid \$400 for rental of a man lift in 2009 for repairs by Denis Salvail to the Senior Center. The Board indicated that there was no prior

approval for the rental and that Salvail had never requested the rental but that the parties believed that the lift had been contributed. It was noted that Salvail's work was also contributed as was the most of the use of the man lift excepting the last two weeks. It was also noted that no bill had been submitted for the man lift until over a year later. Majewski indicated that the town had benefited from the use of the man lift and that he deserved compensation. He also asked who was supervising the work of Salvail and why hadn't the town known that the lift was rented and questioned whether Salvail's agreement to rent the lift was an agreement by the town's agent. Despite questioning of Salvail, it was not clear that Salvail had ever requested to rent the lift and it was noted by the Board that only the Selectmen and Department Head (Tom Guillette) could authorize an expenditure and then only if on a purchase order. The Board also noted that several purchases this year were cancelled and/or paid by non-town funds for failure to secure a purchase order. It was also noted that Jeff as a former Selectman knew of the purchase order system. Samson was directed to check with the Local Government Center to determine if there was any liability or legal requirement that the town pay the rental demand.

Tony Poirier – Grafton Turnpike Reclamation

Tony did not attend.

Dave Barney – Goose Pond Salt Free Zone

Dave Barney reviewed the Warrant Article from the 2010 annual meeting that directed the Board to follow a salt free policy on a portion of the roads around Goose Pond. Dave argued that this had previously been done and could be done safely. He recognized that the town had a legal opinion from town counsel, Bernie Waugh indicating that the final say over the management of the roads rested with the Selectmen rather than the voters. The voters are limited to control over appropriations. Selectmen supervise the management of the Road Agent and may take action contrary to the mandate of the voters if they feel it is necessary for the safety of the roads. Phil Ferneau indicated that he hoped that the Board would be the only group to exercise that right and not the Road Agent or Administrator. Samson was directed to check with other towns on their salt policy and Samson asked Barney to provide a list of towns with a no salt policy. Ellie Davis asked if overhanging trees made the road problem worse. Al Posnanski asked the Board to look at the cost of alternative salt policies. Erin pointed out that application of calcium chloride may well be impacting the pond as well. Karen Wolk hoped that there was a way to carry out the intent safely. The Board indicated that it would take all the comments into consideration and attempt to draft a policy that would address the concerns while maintaining safety. The Board also indicated that the plan would be created in consultation with Highway, Police, Fire, Fast Squad and the Schools.

Erin Darrow – Highway Projects

Erin reviewed the history of working as a volunteer on preparing grant applications on management of water quality issues around Canaan Street Lake. She indicated that while she is happy to volunteer some of her time, she has professional liability for the professional engineering work she is doing and would like it to be covered by an agreement. She also anticipated payment for future services under the ultimate grant

award. The Board asked her what projects she had been discussing with Bob Scott and she listed the Codfish Hill Hazard Mitigation grant, Roberts Road, the beach at Canaan Street Lake, Fernwood Farms Road and Moss Flower Road. She also noted that there was interest in doing a water quality impact assessment around Goose Pond. Erin noted that she discounts her rates for Canaan and would charge \$40 per hour for grant preparation and \$80 per hour for engineering. The Board asked her success rate in securing grants and she responded that while she has only been doing them a few years, she has been 75% successful. She was asked by the board to provide a typical agreement and a list of projects to be done for Highway, Fire, the lake associations and Water Source Protection. Selectman Borthwick moved that the town put out for proposals a request for engineering and engineering related grant writing. Marcia Wilson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### Non-Public Session

At 9:15 PM, Scott Borthwick moved that the Board enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(c). Seconded by Wilson and unanimously passed.

At 9:40 PM, Scott Borthwick moved to come out of executive session. Marcia Wilson seconded the motion and the motion passed. Scott Borthwick moved that the minutes be sealed. Motion seconded by Marcia Wilson and unanimously approved. Scott Borthwick moved to authorize Samson to enter into a forbearance agreement on a tax sale property with payments to be completed on the most delinquent tax year by December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year. Marcia Wilson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Scott Borthwick moved to adjourn, Seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

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Robert Reagan, Chairman

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Scott Borthwick

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Marcia Wilson  
Canaan Board of Selectmen