

**-CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, November 9th, 2010**

The public meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Reagan. Others present: Selectmen Marcia Wilson, Selectmen Scott Borthwick, and TA Michael Samson. Members of the public included Al Posnanski, Ellie Davis, John Bergeron, and Phillip Savail

Chairman Reagan started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Selectman Borthwick, seconded by Wilson to accept the minutes of October 26, 2010. Unanimously approved.

Generator Bid Opening

Samson noted that he had received one bid but also noted that local contractor, Kevin Hurley was not on the bid list. Samson asked whether the Board would like to give Hurley an opportunity to bid before opening the one bid from Morin. The Board indicated that Samson should leave the bid process open for a week and ask Hurley if he wanted to bid.

Proposed Health Ordinance

John Bergeron provided a detailed review of the proposed Health Ordinance. He noted that it is designed to provide a well head protection zone for the Town's water supply and a minimum buffer around Canaan Street Lake which is also a public water supply. John described how the Ordinance differs from State law and what is prohibited under the ordinance. Marcia Wilson asked for confirmation that the ordinance moves some of the isolation distances back from normal state requirements. John indicated that was correct. Samson asked what activities had best management practices and whether they were clearly defined in state law. John indicated that the language was intended to assure that someone from the Town reviewed the proposed activity to make sure it was appropriate. Samson noted that without definition, that part of the ordinance might not be enforceable. It was recommended by the Board that the proposed ordinance be submitted to Bernie Waugh for review and comment.

Vital Communities Survey

Samson distributed the proposed survey that the Vital Communities Group was seeking to use at the Town transfer station. The relatively brief survey was designed to understand attitudes and practices regarding use and preference for locally grown food. The Board indicated that they had no problem with the group conducting the survey as long as they did not interfere with the operation of the transfer station.

Water Project

A brief discussion was held about the balance of funds still available in the water project. After discussions with the State, it was determined that the Town did not have to spend the \$230,000 that DES wanted us to spend. Our current project total will run about

\$210,000. It was also noted that the 50% of the project that is in the form of a loan at about a half percent can be paid at any time in January. Reviewing the available funds in the Sewer and Water accounts, the Town can repay the entire loan. Other needs that could be addressed by the grant funds included the installation of a security fence around the water facility and the replacement of a storage shed at the water plant. The total cost of these two projects should run about \$20,000 and the grant would pick up half of the cost. Scott Borthwick moved to spend up to \$240,000 on the project to include the fence and shed. Marcia Wilson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Friends of Canaan Street Lake Bath House MOU

The Board indicated that they are wanted to postpone the MOU to the next meeting.

Recreation Commission Vacancies

After a brief discussion, it was recommended that any interested parties wishing to fill a vacancy on the Recreation Commission should submit a letter of application to the Board. It was also suggested that someone from Goose Pond and Canaan Street Lake or the Bath House Committee should seek membership on the Commission.

Joint Municipal Meeting – School Aid and Welfare

Samson relayed the interest in neighboring communities meeting at Canaan to speak with locally elected Senators and Representatives about needed changes in State education aid and Welfare responsibilities. The Board indicated it would host the meeting at the fire station and suggested December 14th or 21st as possible meeting days.

FY 2010 Budget vs. Actual

Samson walked through the budget report and indicated that expense was well within budget and that there should be a surplus of about \$85,000 that could fund equipment needs at the transfer station, generators at fire, highway and police and computer replacement. Overall revenues are ahead of budget. We should be able to make the loan repayment in December and make our County and School District payments with plenty of reserves.

Davis Trust

There was a general discussion about the need to retain counsel for a cy pres action to use the Davis Trust Funds for additional purposes at the Cemetery. It was noted that the legal expenses might well be reimbursed by the Trust but needed to be fronted by the Town. It was decided to undertake that work after the first of the year.

Other Business

Samson was directed to speak with Tom about leveling the threshold going from the Fire Station meeting room into the garage and to fix the water in the bathroom.

At 8:50 PM Selectmen Borthwick made a motion to enter non-public session to discuss Personnel under 91-A:3 II(c). The motion was seconded by Selectmen Wilson and voted 3-0 by a roll call vote of the Board.

At 9:45 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to come out of non-public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Wilson and voted 3-0 by roll call vote. At 9:46 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to seal the minutes of the non public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Wilson and voted 3-0 by roll call vote. At 9:46 PM 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