

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The Board of Selectmen gathered at the Canaan Elementary School at 5:30 PM to speak with the Mascoma Valley School District Board and Budget Committee. At 6:30 PM the School Board and Budget Committee convened in open session and announced their intention to withdraw the proposed bond votes from voter approval this year. The Board of Selectmen left prepared comments with the two boards and adjourned to the Fire Station to reconvene at 7:15 PM.

The public meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Chairman Reagan. Others present: Selectman Scott Borthwick, Selectman Marcia Wilson and TA Michael Samson. Members of the public included Cathy Parsons, Jeffrey Parsons, Ellie Davis, Al Posnanski, Elwin Neily and Phillip Savail.

Chairman Reagan started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Minutes of December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Scott Borthwick, seconded by Marcia Wilson to approve the minutes of December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Unanimous approval. Motion by Scott Borthwick, seconded by Marcia Wilson to amend the minutes of December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to include the price of the polycast sand spreader requested by Bob Scott. Unanimously approved. Motion by Scott Borthwick, seconded by Marcia Wilson to approve the minutes of December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 as amended. Unanimous approval.

Agenda

The agenda was revised to include review and approval of the Warrant articles, review and amendment of the revenue budget and review and consideration of petitioned Warrant articles. Other business to include bids for a door and gas heater, approval of a raffle at Cardigan Mountain School, a compensation study requested by Dave Barney and the contract for computer consultation with Twin Bridge for 2011.

Articles for Warrant

Article 2 (general budget)

Motion by Scott Borthwick to amend the article to round the budget number up to \$2,993,996 from \$2,993,995.09. Seconded by Marcia Wilson. Unanimously approved.

Article 3 (water & sewer)

Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the article as drafted. Seconded by Marcia Wilson. Unanimously approved.

Article 4 (purchase fire truck)

Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the article as drafted for the alternative to purchase a truck for up to \$284,000 with \$275,000 to come from the capital reserve and

up to \$9,000 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance and proceeds from the sale of the old truck to be returned to the Fund Balance, subject to approval of wording by town counsel. Seconded by Marcia Wilson. Unanimously approved.

Article 5 (Plow Truck)

Motion by Scott Borthwick to amend and approve the article as drafted with the alphabetic script appropriation total set at \$80,000 rather than \$96,000. Seconded by Marcia Wilson. Unanimously approved.

Article 6 (Police Cruiser)

Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the article as drafted. Seconded by Marcia Wilson. Unanimously approved.

Article 7 (Authorize expenditure for revaluation)

Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the article as drafted if town counsel believes it is required, otherwise to delete. Seconded by Marcia Wilson. Unanimously approved.

Article 8 (Contribution to revaluation capital reserve)

Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the article as drafted. Seconded by Marcia Wilson. Unanimously approved.

Article 9 (Contribution to fire truck capital reserve)

Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the article as drafted. Seconded by Marcia Wilson. Unanimously approved.

Article 10 (Contribution to highway equipment capital reserve)

Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the article as drafted. Seconded by Marcia Wilson. Unanimously approved.

Article 11 (Movement of monument and abandonment of Jog Road)

Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the article as drafted and amended to state “at no additional cost to the taxpayers” and subject to review by town counsel. Seconded by Marcia Wilson. Unanimously approved.

Article 13 (Authorization to remove street lights)

Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the article as drafted. Seconded by Marcia Wilson. Unanimously approved.

Article 19

Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the article as drafted and renumber all as necessary. Seconded by Marcia Wilson. Unanimously approved.

Petitioned Articles

Samson distributed copies of all petitioned articles. He noted that the signatures had been checked and all petitions contained at least 25 signatures of voters. Petitions will be

adjusted slightly to assure that each contained the words “raise and appropriate”. Each was considered for recommendation.

Recommendation for the West Central Behavioral request for \$3,300. Scott and Bob opposed. Marcia in favor.

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Recommendation for the Mascoma Valley Health Initiative request for \$2,735. Scott and Bob opposed. Marcia in favor.

Recommendation for the TriCap request for \$4,488. Scott and Bob opposed. Marcia in favor.

Recommendation for the Advance Transit request for \$7,600. Scott and Bob opposed. Marcia in favor.

Recommendation for the Grafton County Senior Citizens request for \$9,000. Scott and Bob opposed. Marcia in favor.

Recommendation for the WISE request for \$2,300. Scott and Bob opposed. Marcia in favor.

Recommendation for the NH VT VNA request for \$9,700. Phil asked how much is received for visits and Ellie noted that they do not serve everyone. Scott opposed. Marcia and Bob in favor.

#### Revenue

Samson reviewed the year end revenue numbers and proposed that the budgeted revenue numbers be adjusted as proposed in the handout totaling \$1,126,745 from non property tax sources. It was noted that the block grant was proposed at the full funding level with the understanding that the budget was also projected at the full funding level. If the grant is not full funded, the expense side will be reduced.

Motion by Scott Borthwick, second by Marcia Wilson to approve the adjustments. Unanimous.

#### Cardigan Mountain Raffle

Motion by Scott Borthwick, second by Marcia Wilson to approve the raffle. Unanimous.

Bob explained that there was a surplus Rinnai heater and door that we could offer for sale to town employees. The consensus was to do so.

At 7:55 PM Selectmen Borthwick made a motion to enter non-public session to discuss personnel under 91-A:3 II(b)&(c). The motion was seconded by Selectmen Wilson and voted 3-0 by a roll call vote of the Board.

At 8:15 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 8:16 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 8:20 PM Selectman Wilson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Selectman Borthwick and voted 3-0 by the Board.

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Robert Reagan, Chairman

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Scott Borthwick

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Marcia Wilson  
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