

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, March 15th, 2011**

The public meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Reagan. Others present: Selectman Scott Borthwick, Selectman Marcia Wilson and TA Michael Samson. Members of the public included Bob Scott, Al Posnanski, Ellie Davis, George Lazarus, John Hennessy, Shirley Packard, Karen Wolk, Keith Mansur, Dwayne Mansur, Wesley Mansur, Tim Lewis, Amanda Lewis, Pat Danielson and Phillip Savail.

Chairman Reagan started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Minutes of February 22, 2011.

Motion by Scott Borthwick, seconded by Marcia Wilson to approve the minutes of February 22, 2011. Unanimous approval.

Purchase of Fire Truck

Samson delivered a copy of the purchase agreement on the replacement fire truck for engine 3. The contract and specifications have been negotiated and approved by the fire department officers and signed by them but needs the approval of the contract by the Board of Selectmen and approval of the purchase order. After brief discussion with the two deputy chiefs in attendance, Scott Borthwick moved and Marcia Wilson seconded a motion to sign the purchase order and contract for a replacement truck from Emergency One for a price of \$283,899. Unanimous approval and signing by the Board members.

Transfer Station

Samson provided a detailed powerpoint review of the finances and operations of the transfer station. A copy of the printed slides of the finances of the transfer station are attached. A number of questions were raised. Wesley Mansur asked whether the Casella proposed rate included fuel surcharges and environmental fees. Samson indicated that the fee was a flat rate fee with no additional charges. He also stated that it was a fee that was good until a live floor system was put in place. He was questioned why we were going to Bethlehem and Samson stated that was one option but not the only option and that no decision would be made on that issue until the end of the year. We gave notice to Lebanon that we would non-renew the agreement next year because a one year notice was required but that we reserved the right to withdraw the notice prior to that point and asked Lebanon to continue discussions on the rate. Samson indicated that he had asked Lebanon to reduce the \$68.68 per ton rate by \$8 per ton in light of current market pricing and the fact that the capital costs and closure costs should be fully funded. At this point Lebanon has declined to lower the rates. Samson was asked why the Town should go to a live floor system now and he indicated that a live floor system allowed us to drop the number of pulls in half and also allowed us to obtain hauling prices from more contractors since the only equipment needed is a tractor with a wet kit to operate the live floor. He indicated that we would save half of the hauling cost even if we continued to haul to Lebanon. He was asked who was building the live floor station and Bob Scott indicated that Highway was. He was criticized for using highway time to do the work and Bob indicated that he would do the work and the highway crew would not be involved.

Samson pointed out that between Highway and Solid Waste the two departments were saving nearly two hundred thousand dollars a year by making changes and that the two departments were working well together. Samson was asked whether a Canaan roll-off box would be made part of Northeast (Casella's) regular fleet and Samson said no, that one box would always be stored in Northeast's yard after being dumped. He was told that Casella would not pull a box on Saturday and Samson indicated that with three boxes, there should always be two at the transfer station so that a Saturday pull should not be necessary. He described the scenarios for hauling in detail. Samson noted that after receiving an increased price from Tim Lewis for fuel costs, he had contacted Waste Management, Casella and Bestway for quotes. He had also spoken with Tim about hauling tandem loads if the Town bought a tandem trailer. After getting two bids lower than Tim's old price, Samson and Tim confirmed that Samson had asked Tim if he wanted to stick with the old price until the live floor was in use. They both indicated that Tim had declined. He was asked to make sure that the roll-off boxes were marked since Casella would use them otherwise. Samson was asked what the backup plan was if the ram went down and he responded that he would use the second ram. He was asked what the backup plan was for the live floor and he indicated that he would use a rental unit but it was noted that the rear door would be custom. He indicated that he would develop a fall back strategy before we go to the system. Other questions focused on encouraging recycling. Al Posnanski asked several questions starting with how much money is to be deposited in the Recycling Revolving Fund. There was discussion of the wording for the initial vote to create the account and the Board determined that the intent was to put 25% of the gross revenue from the sale of recyclables into the fund. Motion by Borthwick and second by Wilson to put 25% of the gross recycling revenue from 2010 (nearly \$5,000) into the revolving fund. Unanimously approved. Al's second question was a request that we match up revenue and expenses if possible in financial reports on the transfer station. His next question was what were we doing about stickers. There was discussion that included the view that usage should be restricted to residential users only. There was discussion about Orange's request to use the transfer station for purposes other than recycling. Al next asked about how cash was being handled at the transfer station and Samson indicated that cash was being brought to the Town Office with receipts after each day. Finally Al asked if there was a possibility that we could crush our glass in the gravel pit and Bob Scott answered that we only screen material in the pit.

Town of Orange request for use of transfer station for appliances.

Motion by Borthwick, second by Wilson to allow Orange to use the transfer station at the same rates as Canaan residents upon payment by Orange of \$3,000 a year or \$250 a month.

Hauling Service

Motion by Borthwick, second by Wilson to use Casella to haul roll-offs at the rate of \$195 per pull at least through July. Unanimous.

Disposal contract

No further action at this time.

Perry's Garage

After site visits by individual Selectmen, there was a feeling that the applicant satisfied all the requirements for being an inspection station. Motion by Borthwick, second by Wilson to recommend approval. Unanimous approval.

Logging

Samson reported on his conversations with Jim Burnett who recommended that that the trees in stand 2 weren't ready but that there would be trees ready next winter in stand 1.

Other Business

Samson reported on the auditors' progress which so far indicated no criticisms and was completed on site in three days.

Samson handed out income and expense numbers and noted that he would review cash flow at the Tuesday meeting on the 22nd. He also noted that we were holding off on the cruiser and transfer station until we were sure that we were safe on cash flow prior to the receipt of July tax revenues.

Ellie asked whether the cemetery reimbursements in yet? No.

Ellie asked if we could use the private duty money could be used to support the cost of the cruiser. She also asked if the SRO funding supports the cruiser as well. Samson described that there is some money from the SRO billing to support the cruiser.

Keith asked that the Town look at the drainage problems on Fernwood Farms road and do something about speeders on the road and clean up a few limbs on Back Bay. Bob Scott indicated that he would.

At 8:02 PM Selectmen Borthwick made a motion to enter non-public session to discuss personnel under 91-A:3 II(b)&(a). The motion was seconded by Selectmen Wilson and voted 3-0 by a roll call vote of the Board.

At 8:55 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 8:57 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 9:00 PM Selectman Wilson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Selectman Borthwick and voted 3-0 by the Board.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

Marcia Wilson
Canaan Board of Selectmen