

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, April 12th, 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 Al Posnanski, Cindy Neily, Elwin Neily, Carol Bergeron, Ellie Davis, Thomas Guillette and Jim Miller.

Minutes of March 22, 2011

Scott Borthwick moved the minutes as written and Marcia Wilson seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Appointment of Museum Curators Committee

There was general discussion regarding the difference between the Museum Curators Committee and the Historical Society. It was noted that the Museum Committee is the only entity of the two that is governed by the Town and requires appointment. Members of the Committee in attendance indicated that they were in agreement with the proposed terms and members of the Curators Committee. Scott Borthwick moved that the following slate be appointed with the following terms:

	Term Expires
Daniel Fleetham, Sr	2014
Reginald Barney	2014
Donna Dunkerton	2014
Pete Cummings	2013
Betty Cummings	2012
Edward Lary	2012
Carol Bergeron	2013
Selectmen (Scott Borthwick)	2012

Marcia seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting House Use Agreement

There was general discussion of the proposed Meeting House Contract for use. It was noted that once the contract was approved, the scheduling will go through the Town Office and Terri would take the use forms and collect fees and deposits. Tom would be responsible for reviewing and inspected the premises after the use. Samson was directed to have the Local Government Center review the document prior to approval. Jim Miller also asked that he review the contract with the Meeting House Committee but that he was in agreement with the proposal and would try it for a year. He also indicated that he believed that the Town should do all of the inspections since it was assuming the responsibility. The Board indicated that they would do the final approval on the 26th after review by the Meeting House Committee and counsel.

Police Department Report

Chief Frank gave a presentation on the strategies that he was using to curtail overtime and the comparison of this years overtime hours versus those used to date in 2010. Sam

indicated that the hours were greatly diminished and that he was relying on more flexible use of full and part-time officers to keep the costs down. He noted that while he does not know how the summer will progress he is hopeful that the total overtime expense for the year will be \$15,000 less than last year.

Other business

Samson noted that we had a review request for Edson's engines as an inspection station. The Board noted that the address was for their residence and wondered if that was the physical address. Samson indicated that he would check it to verify.

Samson indicated that he is meeting with the FAST squad to review what their needs are in the immediate future.

Samson reviewed the Cross Country Contract and indicated that there was additional work that is billed that is beyond the contract price. When asked about the nature of the work, he said that he would look into it and get back to the board.

Samson reported that the Planning Board has warned several hearings regarding amendments to the Sub-Division Regulations. Generally, the amendments define and clarify road standards and are housekeeping in nature.

Samson asked that the Board authorize him to advertise the sale of the Impala and the Board concurred.

A question arose over the location of the burned out military surplus generator and Samson indicated that it was located in the back of the gravel pit and would be sold when the other equipment is sold.

Samson asked if it was all right for the Farmers Market to operate on the Common again and the consensus of the Board was to allow the use.

There were comments about sink holes on Ibeys Road and it was noted that we had several bridges that will soon need reconstruction.

There has been a flurry of activity in the Legislature that would reduce state funding to the Towns. Samson indicated that he would monitor the changes and urged people to attend a Legislator's forum on April 25th at the Community Building in Enfield.

At 8:17 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 9:28 PM Selectman Wilson made a motion to come out of non-public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Borthwick and voted 3-0 by roll call vote. At 9:29 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.

Selectman Wilson moved that wages for the officers be approved as recommended by the Chief. Selectman Borthwick seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Selectman Wilson moved that the Chief's salary be increased to the proportional amount recommended by the Budget Committee for the first quarter of 2011. Selectman Borthwick seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

At 9:31 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