

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, July 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, Kate Keating and Bill Chabot.

Minutes of June 28, 2011

Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the minutes. Second by Marcia Wilson.
Unanimously approved.

Senior Center

There was a general discussion between the Board and Kate regarding access to the senior center. The locks had been re-keyed to avoid unauthorized entry into the building. It was noted that the Planning Board, Recreation, Conservation Commission, Historic District, Historical Society and Meeting House Committee regularly use the building. Kate indicated that she checked the town calendar to know when one of these committees is having a meeting. Mike indicated that not all committees are listing their meetings on the calendar. Bob thanked Kate for her concern regarding safe-guarding the building. It was decided that permission should be sought first from Kate or in the alternative from Bob Reagan. The key for the Town will be in the key box and will be secured unless released by Terri or Mike.

Rapid Infiltration Beds

Mike reported that we have started on beds 1 and 2. The bed elevations are complete and the rough berm finish grades are complete on the first two beds. The remaining work on these two beds includes a liner for the sides of the berm and the rip-rap on the side walls and the new pipe to bed number 1.

Water and Sewer Study

Samson indicated that in the first round of work with Granite State the strategy for water and sewer management includes encouraging conservation by big users, establish a system to spot and fix leaks in regular accounts, do the rapid infiltration beds daily and reduce rainwater that enters the lagoons.

Conservation Commission

There was general discussion regarding the transfer of the Casperson property to the Nature Conservancy. Much of the land will be more open to the public for recreational use (1,000 acres) and another large block will remain in active forestry. Thirteen thousand acres will be placed in current use for forestry and in land conservation easement. The town currently receives about \$17,000 per year in taxes. Nature Conservancy has indicated that they will be leaving part in current use and making payments in lieu of taxes on part of the land. Nature Conservancy has asked for a letter of support.

Henley Equipment

Samson has heard back from the attorney on the Henley equipment and they are seeking the property back and are willing to trade the Freightliner motor for the equipment. He also indicated that Henley might be willing to sell some of the equipment at a reasonable cost to the Town. There was discussion as to whether the ramp truck and any other equipment might be useful to the Town and Samson indicated that he would check with the Departments to see if we wanted to place a bid on any of the equipment.

Electrician for the Transfer Station

Samson indicated that we had received two bids for the wiring at the transfer station for the new live floor area. One quote came in at either \$10,000 or \$11,000 from Kevin Hurley for the wiring with and without a new pole on the upper landing of the live floor area. The second quote for \$4,281 from Langlois Electric needed additional conduit and wire that would add another \$500 to \$1,000 to the price for a total of \$4,781 to \$5,281. Samson recommended Langlois Electric. Scott Borthwick moved to award the contract to Langlois and Marcia Wilson seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Re-organization of the Meeting House Committee

Samson and Borthwick reviewed the revised Articles of Agreement governing the Meeting House Committee. The Committee is also turning over all funds to a trust fund with the Trustees of Public Funds to be expended by the Selectmen with the advice and consent of the Meeting House Committee. The Committee will be composed of 7 members with staggered terms appointed by the Selectmen and based on the recommendation of the Committee. Scott Borthwick moved to approve the proposed Articles of Agreement and appoint the new members of the committee as recommended by the Committee. Marcia Wilson seconded the motion. Carried unanimously. Scott Borthwick moved to accept the donated monies in trust for the maintenance and restoration of the Meeting House. Marcia Wilson seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Mortgage Deeds for Delinquent Taxes

Samson reviewed the plan to roll delinquent taxes, interest and penalties into a demand note and mortgage that will be taken on several properties where the taxpayers would have qualified for an elderly or disability deferral. The property will be retained by the owners until the town obligations reach the legal limit (about 80% of value) and will then be sold. The obligations will carry a 5% interest rate. Samson indicated that he had reviewed the strategy with Bernie Waugh's office and they had concurred with the strategy. Scott Borthwick moved to authorize drafting the mortgages and Marcia Wilson seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Budget vs. Actual

Samson reviewed the Budget vs. Actual and noted that he had included a new column that indicated what was projected to be over and under through the balance of the year. The comparison indicated that there would be at least \$20,000 in surplus without adding the balance in the contingency accounts and that the surplus would most likely be higher.

Other Business

Parts of the Past Junk Yard license

There was general discussion regarding the renewal of the license. Scott Borthwick moved to approve the license and Marcia Wilson seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Lary Woodlot

The Board reviewed and signed the Notice of Intent to Harvest Wood

Maple Road Delimiters

Bob asked that the Board ask Bob Scott to install delimiters on the curve by Neily's house on Maple Road if they would like it.

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

At 9:06 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 9:07 PM Selectman Wilson made a motion to seal the minutes of the non public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Borthwick and voted 3-0 by roll call vote.

At 9:07 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