

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, November 8th, 2011**

The public meeting at the Fire Station 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, John Bergeron, Andrew Musz, Ellie Davis, Nelson Therriault, Maxine Therriault, Ruth Conwell and Jeff Majewski.

Minutes of October 11th and October 25th.

The minutes of October 11th were reviewed. Motion by Scott Borthwick, second by Marcia Wilson to approve the minutes. Unanimously approved. The minutes of October 25th were reviewed. Motion by Scott Borthwick, second by Marcia Wilson to approve the minutes. Unanimously approved.

Hearing on Class 6/Private Road Access Permit for Augustus Means

At 7:05, the Planning Board joined the Board of Selectmen to conduct a hearing on whether to approve a private access road to the Augustus Means property off of Canaan Street. The Planning Board described the proposed development and the nature of the existing private road and the willingness of the landowner (Means) to sign a waiver of liability for recording in the land records. The exact nature of the building is not known other than the intent is to replace the current cottage with a larger cottage that could be all season. The road across the Means property does not exist yet. There were no people testifying either in favor or against the application. There was general consensus that the application lacked any detail as to the actual building but it was also clear that the building would be used for residential purposes and perhaps as a boat house. At 7:15 PM the Planning Board closed testimony and recommended approval of the application subject to Means securing all other necessary permits and the road meeting the standards of the Fire Chief. That decision was formally conveyed to the Board of Selectmen by the Planning Board Chairman. The Board of Selectmen, having heard the testimony or lack thereof and the facts of the application and the recommendation, asked if there was any further discussion. There was none. Scott Borthwick moved to approve the application subject to the two conditions of the Planning Board and Marcia Wilson seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

Zani Property

Samson reported that we should get a survey of the right of way into the old landfill property within the next two week and that it is being done by Scott Sanborn of Cardigan Mountain Land Surveys.

Propane Tanks

Samson indicated that the underground tanks anodes were tested to assure that it was functioning correctly and that they were operating. He noted that he took photos of the tests.

Methodist Church Lease

There was a general discussion of the access leases for the Church parking lot and the parsonage strip next to the Town Offices. There was a general discussion by two Board members of the desirability of getting access for public parking at the Church if there were no long term obligations. There was no interest in going back to the voters for a long term lease nor was there an absolute need to acquire land from the parsonage. Samson was advised to notify the Church accordingly.

Conservation Commission

Samson indicated that he had conveyed the Board's request that the Conservation Commission tell the Board of Selectmen what their responsibilities are and what power they have and whether they can speak for the Town.

Water & Sewer Rates

Samson reviewed the multi step rate structures as requested by Ruth Conwell as well as an option to increase the basic charge for non-using customers. Ruth asked if she could develop her own proposal that would raise the rates as needed without reducing anyone's rates. Samson agreed to furnish her a copy of a blank spreadsheet so that she could develop the rates. Jeff Majewski asked that the voters be asked to approve picking up the capital funding on the entire town tax base. It was noted that there are only 600 voters at best in the water and sewer districts and that the Town has at least three times that many voters who would oppose the whole town picking up the capital cost. The final hearing will be on November 22nd at 7:30 PM.

Budget vs. Actual and Year End Projections

Samson reviewed the budget versus actual and indicated that the projections for unspent money including FEMA money not totals about \$160,000. He reviewed the major sources which included \$60,000 in FEMA funds and nearly \$60,000 in Highway money. He also distributed a sheet indicating the major year-end expenditures that were being requested including a salt shed for \$86,000, floor drains in the highway garage for \$17,000, \$14,000 for propane tanks and a new elevator at the senior center for \$30,000. The list totaled about \$153,000. The projections will be acted on at the last meeting in December.

Other Business

Motion at 8:45 PM to enter into executive session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) (d) & (e) by Scott Borthwick and second by Marcia Wilson. Unanimously approved.

At 8:42 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 9:15 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 9:18 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