

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, November 22nd, 2011**

The public meeting at the Fire Station was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Reagan. Others present: Selectman Scott Borthwick, Selectman Marcia Wilson and TA Michael Samson and George Sansoucy.

Motion at 6:00 PM to enter into executive session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) (d) & (e) by Scott Borthwick second by Marcia Wilson. Unanimously approved.

At 6:50 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 6:51 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 7:00 PM Chairman Reagan called the public meeting to order. Other members of the Public in attendance included Al Posnanski, Ellie Davis, Ruth Conwell, Nelson Therriault, Len Reitsma, Noel Everts, Elizabeth Chabot, William Chabot and Judith Kushner.

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After review of the minutes, Scott Borthwick moved to approve the minutes, second by Marcia Wilson and approved unanimously.

Conservation Commission

Bill Chabot gave a report on the efforts of the Conservation Commission and reviewed their statutory responsibilities. Scott Borthwick noted that he wants to make sure that the Commission communicates with the Board of Selectmen. He acknowledged that the Commission may give its opinion but he stated that the only group that should state the Town's position on a topic as controversial as the proposed Mascoma headwaters preservation effort should be the Board of Selectmen. Bill agreed that the Conservation Commission does not speak for the Town and advises the Town on what courses of action the Town should pursue for the conservation of land and water. He hoped that the Commission did help in securing information about the preservation effort and answering questions.

Scott Borthwick moved to recess the regular meeting at 7:30 and enter into a meeting of the water and sewer Commissioners. Second by Marcia Wilson. Unanimously approved.

Water and Sewer Rates

Ruth Conwell made a presentation of an alternate plan for the funding of water and sewer. Her proposal would increase the first threshold of users by the same level of CPI adjustments that had occurred over the past ten years during which the rates remained constant. She stated that this rate increase would raise sufficient funds to cover the proposed operational budget. She stated that after the new meters were in, the Town could look at the actual flows and increase rates further in needed to cover capital costs.

Samson indicated that the plan would still assure a very high subsidy for the largest users and would only raise about \$30,000 of the \$70,000 needed. The Board thanked Ruth for her input. Samson indicated that there had been some discussion by individual Board members about using a credit system to cushion the increases for people whose accounts increased by more than \$200 a quarter with declining credits over the next two years. The Board took all of the comments under advisement and indicated that it would set rates at the next meeting on December 13th.

Motion by Scott Borthwick to come out of the Commissioners meeting at 7:30 PM.
Second by Marcia Wilson. Unanimous approval.

The Board came out of the Water and Sewer Commissioners Meeting and re-entered the regular Selectmen's Meeting at 8:30 PM.

Zani Deeds

Samson reviewed the work of Cardigan Mountain Land Surveys and noted that the physical monuments were mostly in place and that the legal description of the right of way was now available. He asked for authority to have the deeds prepared for execution. Motion by Scott Borthwick and second by Marcia Wilson to authorize the preparation of the deeds. Unanimously approved.

Parking Agreements

Samson reviewed the three agreements that would be drafted to allow for public parking at the Assembly of God Church, the Methodist Church and the Methodist Church Parsonage. He asked for approval to send the documents to Gardner Fulton and Waugh for final drafting. Motion by Marcia Wilson and second by Bob Reagan to have the licenses drafted. Unanimously approved.

Trash Hauling

Samson reviewed the current status on potential haulers. He anticipated receiving prices from three or four haulers and expected to have the service in place by the first of December.

Budget vs. Actual

Samson reviewed the Budget vs. Actual and noted that it hasn't changed much since expenditures are slow with Gloria on vacation. He still expected to have at least \$120,000 available for the salt shed and the senior center elevator at the end of the year.

he had not had an opportunity to complete the minutes and asked that they be deferred to the next meeting. The Board agreed.

Warrant

Samson handed out drafts of the Warrant Articles for review and suggestions. He was advised to report on the condition of the existing equipment trailer, check into pricing for a used 25 ton trailer, and asked to make sure that the equipment evaluations by Larry Brabant and third party facilities is complete before the Warrant Articles will be approved.

NH Electric Coop Abatement Proceeding

Motion by Scott Borthwick and second by Marcia Wilson to retain the services of Donahue Tucker and Ciandella to represent the Town on the NH Electric Coop abatement petition. Unanimously approved.

Other Business

Chief Bellion has completed the Means driveway review.

At 8:45 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