

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, January 10th, 2012**

The public meeting at the Canaan 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. Other members of the Public in attendance included Al Posnanski, Bob Scott and Ellie Davis.

Minutes December 27th, 2011

Motion by Scott Borthwick with second by Marcia Wilson to approve the minutes of December 27th. Unanimous approval.

Warrant Articles

There was discussion about the need to seek funding for legal defense of the NH Electric Coop abatement case. Samson pointed out that the lost tax revenue in a single year, if we failed to defend, would equal three quarters of the legal expense. The draft articles includes article 11 which would ask for additional legal and technical funding to defend ourselves against NH Electric Coop. Scott Borthwick made a motion to approve articles 2 through 12 as drafted. Marcia Wilson seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Samson reviewed all of the submitted articles and noted that several had no language to “raise and appropriate”. Several had the word appropriate only and Samson said he would check with Bernie on the legality of using appropriate only. Scott asked if these would be defective if approved. Samson indicated that there was insufficient language in the Advanced Transit article and in the Tri-Cap article to raise and appropriate. Scott suggested that we accept all articles as drafted. Samson noted that we are obligated to accept them in any event. Each of the articles was reviewed separately for recommendation by the Board.

The WISE article (13) was not recommended by Scott Borthwick and Bob Reagan and recommended by Marcia Wilson.

The Senior Citizens Council (14) was recommended by Marcia and Bob Reagan and not recommended by Scott Borthwick.

The Advance Transit article (15) was recommended by Marcia Wilson and Bob Reagan and not recommended by Scott Borthwick.

The Visiting Nurses Association (16) was recommended by Marcia Wilson and Bob Reagan and not recommended by Scott Borthwick.

West Central Behavioral Health (17) was recommended by Marcia Wilson and Bob Reagan and not recommended by Scott Borthwick.

Mascoma Valley Health Initiative (18) was not recommended by Scott Borthwick and Bob Reagan and recommended by Marcia Wilson.

Tri-Cap recommended by Marcia Wilson and Bob Reagan and not recommended by Scott Borthwick.

Cross Country Contract

There was brief discussion regarding the contract. After review, it was determined that the contract included a little over \$25,000 for revaluation of 25% of the properties and would bill the revisions and new construction at a price per change. Scott asked how much we had budgeted and Samson indicated that there was enough to cover the base contract and the new parcels. The Board suggested that we hold off on the contract until the next meeting.

LCHIP

Samson reviewed the paperwork from LCHIP and noted that we have to sign our intent to accept the LCHIP grant at this time. There will be other documents that we need to prepare and submit during the spring. As part of those documents, there will be a new stewardship agreement. Scott Borthwick moved to authorize Bob Reagan to sign the letter of intent to go forward. Marcia Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

School Care

Samson indicated that we had a February 1st deadline to decide whether we are going to take School Care for health coverage. School Care (CIGNA) has a total cost of \$305,000 while the LGC using Matthew Thornton would cost \$329,000 and Harvard Pilgrim through the new insurance cooperative would cost \$333,000. Marcia Wilson moved that the Town go with School Care. Scott Borthwick seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

There was discussion regarding a request by Bob Scott for an additional \$2,000 for electrical work for the lunch room. The Board asked if there were any ways that the Department could hold down this cost by using old fixtures or by stringing the wire themselves. Bob indicated that he would try to reduce the proposed expense by the next meeting.

Bob also asked that his purchase order for a new plow frame be authorized to give the Department more flexibility in how the frame is used. The purchase order was signed.

At 8:30 PM Selectman Wilson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Scott Borthwick and voted 3-0 by the Board.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

Marcia Wilson
Canaan Board of Selectmen