

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, May 8th, 2012**

At 7:00 PM Chairman Reagan called the public meeting to order. Selectman Scott Borthwick, Selectman Marcia Wilson, Selectman Bob Reagan and TA Michael Samson in attendance. Members of the Public in attendance included numerous visitors, legislators, Canaan Fire Chief Bill Bellion, Canaan FAST Squad President Alan Ricard, Canaan Police Chief, Sam Frank and the Grafton Fire Chief, Grafton Police Chief, Russell Poitras, the Grafton Rescue Squad and Assistant Chief James Collins of Massport Fire Rescue.

Presentation of Commendations

Officer Sam Provenza was presented with a Certificate of Commendation for completing the NH Police Academy Officer Training with the highest academic score of his class.

Fifteen Fire Fighters, FAST Squad members and a Canaan Police Officer were awarded a Certificate of Commendation for the professional service performed on an accident extrication on March 8, 2012 in Grafton. The awards were presented by the Canaan Board of Selectmen upon the recommendation of Assistant Chief James Collins of Massport Fire Rescue who observed their performance and was very impressed.

Meeting Recessed until 7:45 PM

Meeting reconvened in Fire Station Meeting Room at 7:45 PM

Selectmen and Town Administrator in attendance. Also in attendance: Al Posnanski, John Bergeron, Chuck Townsend, Paul Mirski, Ellie Davis, Philip Salvail, Joe Frazier, and Denis Salvail.

Purchase of Fire Command Vehicle

Chief Bellion presented all of the research on the acquisition of a new-to-us, used command vehicle. It appears that the best vehicle with the proper balance of age, miles, and quality is a club cab truck from Shaker Valley Auto. Motion by Scott Borthwick and second by Marcia Wilson to purchase the truck for \$16,000 and the trade in of the old Expedition. Fifteen Thousand will come from the voter authorization and \$1,000 will come from the Fire Department operating budget. As long as there is an appropriation for the truck and there is one, the Board can expend additional sums from other accounts. Unanimous approval.

Contract for meters and installation

Samson reviewed all of the points of the Stiles and Ferguson proposals and Bob Reagan noted that the summary was accurate. Samson recommended going with the Stiles proposal for the nutating disk meters which had excellent accuracy, lower wear, low pressure loss and less annual maintenance cost. He also recommended using M2 for the installation. Finally, he handed out a summary of the funds available indicating that there

will still be a balance of \$51,000. Motion by Scott Borthwick and second by Marcia Wilson to award the meter contract to Stiles with a total 10 year value of \$61,364 installed. Unanimous approval. Motion by Scott Borthwick and second by Marcia Wilson to award the installation contract to M2. Unanimous approval.

Appointments

John Bergeron reviewed the requested appointments for the Historic District and the newly created Board of Adjustment. Motion by Scott Borthwick and second by Marcia Wilson to reappoint John Bergeron to the Historic District Commission with a term expiring in 2015. Unanimous approval. Motion by Scott Borthwick and second by Marcia Wilson to appoint Kris Burnett to a term expiring 2015, Bill Chabot to expire in 2015, Jan Forbush to expire in 2014, Giovanna Lepore to expire in 2014, Michael Roy to expire in 2013 and Ed Berger, John Bergeron, Scott Berry and Michael Griffin as Alternates on the Board of Adjustment. Unanimous approval.

Reapportionment

All three local Representatives attended the meeting regarding the newly proposed reapportionment and proposed House Districts. Under the plan adopted, Canaan would share a Representative with Dorchester and Wentworth. Canaan would share in a second Representative with those three towns and another five towns. Paul Mirski gave a detailed explanation regarding the history of the state constitutional requirement to have a representative elected from any town that has enough population to justify one seat. He also described the federal requirements that every seat must not have a variance of 5% more or 5% less than the ideal population divided by the total seats available. In order to attempt to honor the state requirement while operating under the federal mandate, Paul argued that the proposed plan came as close as possible. There was discussion by all about the problems and advantages of redrawing some district lines by crossing county borders. Townsend noted that there were other options he believed were available including increasing the deviation to as much as 16%, computing deviations based on county population and using weighted voting. Sova indicated that he thought there was more flexibility in the federal one man one vote standard at a lower jurisdictional level like a house seat and compared it to union school districts. It was agreed that it was too late for the Town to join a law suit to enforce the state constitutional standard. Townsend noted that individuals could still join in the suit. All agreed that perhaps, we should start now to plan restructuring for the next census.

Junk Yards and Sub-Division Violations

Samson reviewed with the Board a summary of all of the proposed enforcement actions which would include enforcement against Michelle Lewis for violation of sub-division regulations, and Lawrence Gaudette, Roger Lepine, Charles Adams, and Judith Jameson for junk yard violations. Motion by Marcia Wilson and second by Scott Borthwick to authorize sending the Notices of Violations. Unanimous approval.

Fire Works

Samson and Marcia Wilson described how the Town was hosting the traditional Cardigan Mountain School fireworks at the Canaan Fairgrounds Speedway on July 4th. All

approvals had been received including permission from the track. There will be no admission charges and food will be available.

Other Business

There was discussion indicating that the Farmer's Market was approved for use of the Common again.

Motion at 9:25 PM to enter into executive session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) (d) & (e) by Scott Borthwick and second by Marcia Wilson. Unanimous.

At 9:45 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to come out of non-public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Wilson and unanimously approved. At 9:45 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to seal the minutes of the non public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Wilson and unanimously approved.

At 9:45 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Marcia Wilson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

Marcia Wilson
Canaan Board of Selectmen