

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, June 26th, 2012**

The public meeting at the Canaan Fire Station was called to order at 6:35 PM by Chairman Reagan. Others present: Selectman Scott Borthwick, TA Michael Samson and Sherri Farrell.

Motion at 6:35 PM to enter into executive session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) (d) & (e) by Scott Borthwick second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved. Invited to attend was Sherri Farrell. Selectman Wilson joined the meeting at 6:50.

At 6:55 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 6:56 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 re-opened the public meeting. Selectman Scott Borthwick, Selectman Marcia Wilson, Selectman Bob Reagan and TA Michael Samson in attendance. Members of the Public in attendance included Jeannie Forrester, Paul Simard, Barry Clause, Bob Scott and Al Posnanski.

Acceptance of the Minutes May 22nd , 2012

Motion by Scott Borthwick with second by Marcia Wilson to approve the minutes for May 22nd. Unanimous.

Jeannie Forrester

Jeannie Forrester spoke on her past term in the Senate and specifically what she was able to do on the Public and Muinicipal Affairs Committee. She indicated that some of the major issues that she worked on during the session included:
Northern Pass and the option of creating an underground system;
Support for the 6 wood chip power plants to obtain adequate power tariffs;
And a rule change to allow certification of public works workers to replace culverts without a specific permit. She indicated that she was proud to be able to serve municipalities. Jeannie introduced Paul Simard of Bristol who is currently in the House. He indicated that he will be a candidate in the floterial district that Canaan is part of. Some of his accomplishments include a cap of 2% for welfare payments by towns and the use of managed care for medicare and Medicaid cases. Scott Borthwick discussed the need for welfare caps for towns and also discussed the need for the Department of Labor to notify towns if a report is late rather than imposing a fine and inspection. There was also a discussion regarding the public employment retirement system. Scott Borthwick asked what could be done to change the law that requires Police Chiefs to approve the levels of protection for community events like races. There is a tendency to over police the events. Forrester and Simard said they would look at the issue.

Recreation Swim Program

There is a swim budget of \$6,550 and can be reduced to a low of \$3,085. There is a balance of \$2,000 in contributions and fees and a balance of \$3,000 unspent in the recreation budget. Marcia indicated that they would like to raise an additional \$1,550 to completely fund the program. The Commission intends to hire three people working part time to cover the lifeguard's duties and the water safety instruction. Motion by Scott Borthwick and second by Marcia Wilson to authorize hiring three part time employees for the program provided that the cost is covered by the existing budget and fees and contributions and further authorize the mailing of contribution letters for support of the program. Unanimously approved.

Highway

Bob Scott asked that he be allowed to hire Dan Quimby as a temporary full time worker to replace Larry Brabant . The pay is to be negotiated and subject to approval of the board. Motion by Scott Borthwick and second by Marcia Wilson to authorize hiring Dan Quimby with pay to be negotiated. Unanimously approved. Bob also indicated that the salt shed was done but that it would need an end wall on one of the structures and would cost about \$15,000. He indicated that the request would be deferred until 2013.

Meeting House

Samson reviewed the Harvest Construction reimbursement request for \$16,625 and recommended payment. Motion by Scott Borthwick and second by Marcia Wilson to authorize the reimbursement request of Harvest Construction. Unanimous.

Welfare Rules

Samson reviewed the suggested rules for welfare recipients that receive multiple payments. The Board has already stated that all recipients receiving more than \$250 shall meet with the board. In addition, Samson suggested that multi month recipients in a single year should be given places to seek employment and obtain a sign off that there are no openings available to them. A second requirement would be to require recipients to obtain sign-offs from social service agencies that they had attempted to obtain benefits from appropriate service agencies. A third requirement would be to require housing support candidates to apply for subsidized housing after three months of rent support. The final requirement for people receiving three months of benefits is to look at a prior year tax return and budget resources for the coming year and make budgetary requirements based on need and resources. Motion by Scott Borthwick and second by Marcia Wilson to the adoption of those five requirements. Unanimously approved.

Hill Climb

Samson reviewed the rumors circulating about the Hill Climb. The staffing of private duty officers was as negotiated two months before the Hill Climb. There were a total of three state police officers that Canaan asked to have in the region but not in Canaan to allow for backup if necessary. There were no undercover officers staging at the Fire Station or the State Highway Garage. There was no apparatus or software used to do facial recognition at the Hill Climb. Only 2 DWI citations were issued by Canaan police. Barry Clause stated that he had donated a portapotti to the Fire Department at the request of George Lazarus for use of the public. When Barry picked it up, there was a plastic

baggy for donations. Barry thought that it was insulting to have the Fire Department raise funds on his donation. Samson indicated that he would follow up on the baggy. (NOTE: The baggy was put on the portapotti to seek donations for Barry Clause not the Fire Department. There was virtually no use of the portapotti and no donations were made.)

Junk Yards and Subdivisions

Samson indicated that there was progress by all violators to conform except for Chuck Adams. He recommended a 30 day notice to Chuck that citations would be issued. Motion by Scott Borthwick and second by Marcia Wilson to send the notice of Commencement of Prosecution to Charles Adams. Unanimous approval.

Department of Labor

Samson reviewed the proposed DOL response indicating what steps we had taken to correct all violations and asked the board if they would like to make any changes. Motion by Scott Borthwick and second by Marcia Wilson to authorize sending the response. Unanimous approval.

Budget v. Actual

There are no significant changes to projected revenues and expenses.

Other Business

There was a consensus to get a proposal from Langlois for moving and combining the two electrical services at the Town Office.

Samson reviewed the proposal from Maine Oxy to reduce the cost of gas service at the Highway Garage with a five year contract that can be cancelled annually. Motion by Scott Borthwick and second by Marcia Wilson to authorize signing the contract as amended by Samson and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract. Unanimous approval.

Samson reviewed a request by Tony Bishop for replacement of his tire that went flat going over the Back Bay detour. The consensus of the board was to maintain the legal policy of not accepting liability for the tire.

A junk yard license for Parts of the Past was renewed and signed.

Acknowledgements for contributions made for the Meeting House were signed for mailing.

There was a consensus of the Board to open the second floor pew boxes in the Meeting House to the public.

Motion at 9:40 PM to enter into executive session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) (d) & (e) by Marcia Wilson and second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimous.

At 10:11 PM Selectman Wilson made a motion to come out of non-public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Borthwick and unanimously approved. At 10:12 PM Selectman Wilson made a motion to seal the minutes of the non public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Borthwick and unanimously approved.

At 10:12 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