

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

The public meeting at the Canaan Meeting House 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 in attendance included Bob Scott and Al Posnanski.

Acceptance of the Minutes July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Motion by Marcia Wilson with second by Scott Borthwick to approve the minutes as amended for July 24<sup>th</sup>. Unanimous.

Replacement of GMC Truck Body

There was general discussion of the wisdom of buying a new truck body that can be switched to a new truck in two years. There is less than \$2,000 in cost difference between fixing the old body and buying a new body. The new body would have the sides that comedown reducing the corrosion in the truck box. The Board signed the purchase order for the replacement of the truck body.

Back Bay Culvert

Samson and Bob Scott indicated that there was a consensus to adjust the drive lanes of Back Bay Road so that it curves to the north before approaching the new culvert. This will allow for an approach to the culvert that more closely aligns the road to the abutments. Samson indicated that Cardigan Mountain School was willing to relocate the road as proposed. The consensus of the Board was to do the realignment provided that the Town receives something in writing indicating that they were in agreement to trade land to allow for the curve to the north.

Paving Contract

Samson reviewed all of the bids received and Bob Scott indicated that he wanted to award the contract to GMI even though the per ton price was a few cents more than Blaktop. Factoring the actual tonnages proposed, the two prices were nearly identical. Bob indicated that there was some concern about the quality of material used by Blaktop on South Road the last time they paved as well as their failure to put a patch layer in a hole on Back Bay prior to paving Back Bay. Samson indicated that he had reviewed these concerns with Blaktop and they indicated that they would work to remedy any issues that Bob had with the last paving job. Motion by Scott Borthwick with second by Marcia Wilson to approve the award of the paving contract to GMI at a price of \$73.45 per ton. Unanimous approval.

Part Time Police Officer

Samson stated that Chief Frank had told him that he had not prepared the proposal for the Board yet and that he would make the presentation at the next meeting.

### Coyotes

Samson reviewed the request by Barbara Baker to send Fish and Game a letter requesting the removal of coyotes near her home. Scott questioned whether there was a real problem since no one else was complaining. Samson indicated that Baker has told him that the coyotes had killed a cat and a chicken. Scott indicated that the State would only tell her to call him in any event so she should hire it done if it was an issue for her. The consensus of the Board was to take no action on the request that would set the precedent of trying to manage wildlife.

### Delbeck Substitutes

Delbeck broke an arm in after work hours activity that put him out of commission for the rest of the season. Samson asked to use the services of Enfield lifeguards (at the same rate of pay as Delbeck) to cover Delbeck's remaining hours. There would be no increase in cost and only a swapping of hours. The resolution to authorize two substitutes to cover his shifts was signed by two of the three Selectmen with Wilson and Reagan signing.

### Library Trustee

Cindy Neily communicated that Beth Wolf would be leaving as a Library Trustee and asked that Valerie Fleischer be appointed to serve until the March 2013 election. Motion by Marcia Wilson with second by Scott Borthwick to approve the appointment of Valerie. Unanimous approval.

### Grant for reimbursement of interest paid on the Water Improvements

Samson reviewed the paperwork for a grant to reimburse the Town for interest paid on the loan executed when we did the water improvements in 2010. The loan is to be repaid this fall and this grant will cover the last loan expense we will have on the project. The money is available in the Water-Sewer Non-lapsing Account. Motion by Borthwick with second by Wilson to approve the grant application. Unanimous approval.

### Moore Trailer

Samson indicated that the Bank expected to get nothing for the Moore trailer and was already liable for \$33,000. They would not be putting any additional money into paying taxes or penalties. Samson indicated that they might be prepared to sell the unit for a token sum of \$100 to \$500. The trailer has been abandoned by Moore and is in fair condition. Samson indicated that we will be owed about \$12,000 which is about what the home is worth. Samson also indicated that he had spoken with Rood (park owner) who indicated that he wanted to see the unit stay in the park and would bid on it to prevent someone from buying the house at a discount and then moving it out. Samson suggested that the options were to keep the property and rent to a welfare client with a payback of about 10 months or to sell it at a public sale. The Board consensus was to get an assignment of the mortgage from the bank for \$50 and put the home up for public sale.

### Kilton Road Maintenance

Strawberry Brook Forestry has asked that we maintain Kilton Road on the part that is Class 6. Samson indicated that we should respond as we did for Goodman indicating that the Town would not be maintaining a Class 6 road. Consensus of the board was to do so.

Bug Infestation

Samson reviewed the quote from JP Pest for removal of the bugs near the vault. The exterminator indicated that they are all seasonal bugs and will die later this fall anyway. The consensus of the Board was to wait until spring to see if they return and then make a decision regarding extermination.

Close-Out Old Garage Brownfield Site

Samson reviewed the letter from Nobis asking that we request the close out of the Old Garage Brownfield Site as remediated. All of the Board signed the request.

Budget v. Actual

There are no significant changes to the budget at this time.

Other Business

Alisa Harris raised the issue of speed limits in a written citizen request. Bob Scott indicated that all paved roads are 30 MPH and dirt roads are 25 MPH. Samson indicated that all of the speeds need to be reviewed as part of the rewrite of town ordinances and suggested that we tell Alisa that we will do that during the next six months. Consensus of the Board to have Samson convey that message.

Joe Roberts in requesting approval for a wine and beer license at the Competition Complex with some live entertainment. Motion by Scott Borthwick with second by Marcia Wilson to send a letter approving the license subject to state approval and entertainment as described in Robert’s letter to the Board. Unanimous approval.

Motion at 8:10 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 8:18 PM Selectman Wilson made a motion to come out of non-public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Borthwick and unanimously approved. At 8:19 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 8:20 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Marcia Wilson and unanimously approved by the Board.

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Robert Reagan, Chairman

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Scott Borthwick

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Marcia Wilson  
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