

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, August 28th, 2012**

The public meeting at the Canaan Meeting House was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Reagan. Others present: Selectman Scott Borthwick, Selectman Marcia Littlefield (at 6:45 PM), TA Michael Samson and Chief Sam Frank.

Motion at 6:30 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 Sam Frank and Mike Samson.

At 6:58 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to recess the non-public session until the conclusion of the open meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman Littlefield and voted 3-0 by roll call vote. At 6:59 PM Selectman Littlefield 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.

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 Littlefield, and TA Michael Samson. Members of the Public in attendance included Chief Sam Frank and Al Posnanski.

Acceptance of the Minutes of August 14th, 2012

Motion by Scott Borthwick with second by Marcia Littlefield to approve the minutes as amended for August 14th, 2012. Unanimous.

Budget vs. Actual

Samson reviewed the budget statements and noted that while the overages and savings looked to be a wash, he is still expecting to have between \$45,000 and \$55,000 available in surplus with much of the surplus coming from under expense on health care.

Part Time Police Officer

Motion by Marcia Littlefield with second by Scott Borthwick to approve the hiring of an additional part time police officer, Jeffrey Hunold, subject to review and approval by Chief Frank and final interview with the Board of Selectmen. Unanimous approval.

Paulsen sewer abatement

Samson reviewed the file on Paulsen's request for an abatement. Motion by Scott Borthwick with second by Marcia Littlefield to approve the abatement of \$38.64 of his sewer bill for the documented diversion of water that filled his swimming pool which will not be drained into the sewer system. Unanimous approval.

Water & Sewer Voluntary Disconnection

Samson reviewed a discussion that he had with Jeff Majewski about the viability of voluntarily disconnecting from water and/or sewer to use on-site water and sewer. A state law allows the disconnection of water. Samson indicated that he has determined that the

Town may impose a special benefit tax that taxes the land that has the option to connect to the system that could be used to offset all of the fixed costs (including capital reserves) of the water system even after voluntarily giving up the connection. At this point there is no request for the disconnect.

Inter Fund Transfers

Samson provided resolutions for Board signature requesting and authorizing transfers of Funds from Trust Funds to reimburse the Recreation, Meeting House, Water & Sewer, and Bridge accounts. The Board members signed the authorizations.

Perry Road Apron

Samson discussed the idea of building up a level ramp at the Route 4 end of Perry Road so that cars accelerating up the hill in the winter time would have a level area to stop before entering Route 4. Bob Reagan wondered if the new slope to the level area would be too steep. The Board asked that Bob Scott take a look at the feasibility of the apron being flat.

NHELECOOP Appeals

Samson reviewed the proposal by Town Counsel to merge the 2010 and 2011 Coop appeals. Motion by Scott Borthwick with second by Marcia Littlefield to approve the merger. Unanimous approval.

Other Business

Samson noted that the MS 1 would be available for review and signature by the end of the month.

Motion at 8:02 PM to enter into executive session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) (d) & (e) by Marcia Littlefield and second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimous.

At 8:22 PM Selectman Littlefield made a motion to come out of non-public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Borthwick and unanimously approved. At 8:22 PM Selectman Littlefield made a motion to seal the minutes of the non public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Borthwick and unanimously approved.

At 8:23 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Marcia Littlefield and unanimously approved by the Board.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

Marcia Littlefield
Canaan Board of Selectmen