

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, October 9th, 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 Littlefield, TA Michael Samson, Al Posnanski, Chuck Townsend, Martha Richards, Philip Ferneau and Joe Frazier.

Acceptance of the Minutes of September 25th, 2012

Motion by Scott Borthwick with second by Marcia Littlefield to approve the minutes as amended for August 28th, 2012. Unanimous.

Visits by Chuck Townsend and Martha Richards

Candidates Townsend and Richards visited with the Board of Selectmen to seek feedback and support. There was general discussion about labor laws, state revenues, county taxes, merchant services at the county prison and savings from wood chip heating.

Budget vs. Actual – 2012 Year End Encumbrances

The Board reviewed the expense report for 2012 and noted that it is anticipated that there will be at least \$54,000 surplus in the operating budget. There are no new surprises for expenditures unless fuel goes up dramatically. Samson also distributed a sheet of proposed year end expenditures totaling \$51,000 that included: over expenditure on the eager beaver trailer of \$5,200, repair of the rescue vehicle of \$7,000 (partial payment), library electrical entrance and generator \$16,600, computers \$3,250, diagnostics for mechanic \$13,000, paint cabinet \$800, shredder \$500 and used bulldozer \$5,000. There are additional needs including highway garage outside lights, tree removal and transfer station cameras that total an additional \$7,000 if there is additional surplus available. Samson noted that the paint cabinet, trailer, rescue vehicle, computers and diagnostics are all necessary. The Board indicated that they would authorize the expenses by purchase order on a case by case basis.

Perry Road Entrance

Samson indicated that there was a consensus of Bob Scott and several residents on Perry Road that the Town extend the paved apron down the hill for at least 100 to 200 feet to allow for save access to Route 4. The Board concurred.

Transfer Station Fees and Staffing

Samson handed out an up-dated sheet on the comparative costs for hiring a full time transfer station person and doing our own hauling and the current system. He noted that the funding is all within the existing budget. Samson also passed out a sheet showing actual costs and current fees for certain wastes. He recommended that the rate for tires and 20# propane cylinders be reduced. Motion by Scott Borthwick and second by Marcia Littlefield to drop the passenger tire fee to \$2.00, leave the truck fee at \$5.00, charge as needed for larger tires, and drop the 20# propane fee to \$1.00. Unanimously approved.

Other Business

Marcia Littlefield indicated that the Conservation Commission would be hosting an open house at the hut maintained by the Conservation Commission in West Canaan from 10 to noon on Saturday October 13th. She also indicated that the Recreation Commission will host a Halloween open house for all Canaan kids at the Senior Center on October 31st. Samson indicated that he is getting quotes for aeration equipment for the lagoons and agitation equipment for the water storage tank.

Motion at 8:45 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 9:17 PM Selectman Littlefield made a motion to come out of non-public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Borthwick and unanimously approved. At 9:18 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to seal the minutes of the non public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Littlefield and unanimously approved. At 9:19 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to terminate the contract with Water Systems Operators on January 1st, 2013. The motion was seconded by Selectman Littlefield and unanimously approved.

At 9:20 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Selectman Littlefield and unanimously approved.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

Marcia Littlefield
Canaan Board of Selectmen