

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, February 26th, 2013**

Chairman, Bob Reagan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. In attendance were Selectmen Robert Reagan, Scott Borthwick and Marcia Littlefield, TA Mike Samson, Mechanic, Bayne Stone, Road Agent, Bob Scott and Transfer Attendant Jon Lounder. Motion by Scott Borthwick, second by Marcia Littlefield to go into executive session. Unanimously approved. At 6:50 PM, motion by Scott Borthwick to recess the executive session until following the open meeting with second by Marcia Littlefield. Unanimously approved.

Chairman Bob Reagan called the open session of the Board to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance, Selectmen Robert Reagan, Scott Borthwick and Selectman Marcia Littlefield. Also in attendance, TA Mike Samson, Al Posnanski, Stephen Windle, Marie Windle, Charles Neily, Robert Scott, Bob Cusick, Dave Barney and Wayne Morrison.

Minutes of January 22nd, 2013

Motion by Marcia Littlefield to approve the minutes of January 22nd, 2013. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Sale and Use of McKinstry Property

The Windles spoke with the Board about their interest in acquiring the ATV park and asked if the Town would have any problems with the continuation of the park and track area. The Board indicated that they did not object but noted that there were potential issues regarding whether all of the property in current use was in fact not being used for commercial activity. Samson indicated that he would meet with Windle to explain what was in current use and what the tax impact would be if the property were removed from current use.

AutoWare contaminated soil meeting

Samson indicated that DES and an engineer from Geo-Insights wanted to meet and review what the state was doing on contamination clean-up of the Ware property that is now owned by the Town. Samson invited the Board to attend and indicated that he would try to schedule a meeting during the first week of March.

Impact of Mascoma Bond

Bob Cusick, a business man from Enfield addressed the Board on the favorable impact of on property values that would result from a positive vote o the school bond. Likewise, he noted that a vote against the bond would hurt property values if Mascoma towns appeared to believe that the school system was not important. Samson indicated that there was an issue with any significant tax increase if marginal landowners were forced to sell or be delinquent in tax payments. There was a general discussion of ways the bond could have been reduced, was reduced why it was needed. Dave Barney pointed out that there were offsetting savings in employee health care costs and energy savings that would pay for the energy retrofit.

Furtherance of Legal Action against Local Government Center

There was a discussion of the potential refund that Canaan could receive if the suit against the Local Government Center was successful versus the cost of less than \$1,000 to join in the law suit with the other communities that were not able to participate in the premium refunds. The Board indicated that they would review the paperwork and sign-off by memo if they were in favor. (Memo was signed on February 28th).

Budget vs. Actual

Samson reviewed the current budget vs. Actual and noted that the year is young so no major issues have been encountered. He discussed why the Mechanic's supplies and equipment was running ahead of schedule. He also noted that revenues were running as anticipated.

Web Advertising Policy

Samson distributed a proposed policy governing free advertising on the web for commercial business as well as a future plan to sell display and classified advertising on the web. The consensus of the Board was to approve the policy as drafted.

NH DOT Application for Bridge Assistance

Samson reviewed the request drafted by HEB to add all of our bridges currently in jeopardy to the list of bridges requiring financial assistance. Samson acknowledged that we may not need to use state money for some of these repairs but at the very least, the money dedicated to the projects could be transferred to a more needy Canaan project that arises which would be helpful given the 12 plus year time lag between the request and the eligibility for funds. The application letters were signed by the Board.

Other Buisness

Marcia Littlefield moved that Bob Scott be employed at his current pay as the Highway Superintendent for the Town. Scott Borthwick seconded the motion. Unanimous approval. Scott Borthwick moved that Bayne Stone be appointed as a permanent employee having completed his probationary period successfully and that he receive a \$.50 per hour pay increase. Marcia Littlefield seconded the motion. Unanimous approval. At 8:52, Selectman Borthwick moved to reenter executive session to discuss personnel issues. Marcia Littlefield seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 9:17 Selectman Littlefield moved to come out of Executive Session. Borthwick seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

At 9:18 PM Selectman Littlefield moved to seal the minutes and Selectman Borthwick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Littlefield to adjourn with second by Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

Marcia Littlefield
Canaan Board of Selectmen