

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Chairman, Bob Reagan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Selectmen Robert Reagan, Scott Borthwick and David McAlister, TA Mike Samson, Pat Jameson, Road Agent, Bob Scott, Denis Salvail, Philip Salvail, Ellie Davis, Larry Gaudette and Al Posnanski.

**Re-Organization**

Scott Borthwick moved to elect Bob Reagan as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Second by Dave McAlister and unanimously approved.

**Minutes of February 26<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the minutes of February 26<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Second by Dave McAlister. Scott and Bob voted in favor and Dave abstained.

**Junk Yard Enforcement**

Pat Jameson, Larry Gaudette were in attendance and Samson indicated action that needed to be taken on each of the properties belonging to Chuck Adams, Pat Jameson, Larry Gaudette, Scott Lepine and George Pappas. Samson indicated that he had not been able to contact Chuck Adams yet but would serve him with a notice. George Pappas will receive his first notice that starts the enforcement action. Everyone except Pappas will have a performance deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 that they will need to meet. In the event that they fail to meet that deadline, fines will be levied daily. Initial court action will start by June 1<sup>st</sup> so realistically, all parties must be in compliance by June 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid paying over \$1,000 a day. There was general discussion with the two property owners and Pat Jameson wanted to know why he was refused a license four years ago. Samson indicated that he was too close to the road (300' setback required). Jameson indicated that the State said the Board of Selectmen could waive that requirement. Samson indicated that the Board had no authority to waive a requirement and asked Jameson to provide him with some document or letter or law that allows such a waiver. The consensus of the Board was to send out the Notices of Violation.

**Fire Department Officers**

Samson presented a letter from the Fire Department listing the Officers selected by the Department for approval by the Board of Selectmen. Motion by Scott Borthwick with second by Dave McAlister to accept the recommended slate of officers. Unanimously approved.

**Bear Hill Conservation Land**

Samson reviewed the discussions leading to a management plan for the conservation of the Robie property in Canaan and the proposed statement of support for the transfer of the conservation easement to US Fish and Wildlife. Motion by Scott Borthwick with second by Dave McAlister to sign the statement of support. Unanimously approved.

**Fire Works Contract**

Samson indicated that we have been asked to sponsor the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks again at the Canaan Fairgrounds and Cardigan has agreed to pay \$5,000 for the performance (total

cost). Motion by Scott Borthwick with second by Dave McAlister to approve the contract with Northstar Fireworks for \$5,000. Unanimously approved.

#### Assignment of Board Members to Commissions and Committees

There was a general agreement that Dave McAlister would take over the responsibilities previously held by Marcia Littlfield and would serve on the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Recreation Commission. All other representation would continue as designated in 2012 (Reagan on Trustees of Trust Funds, Cemetery Trustees, Library Trustees, and Capital Improvement Committee and Borthwick on Budget, Historic District, Museum Curators and Meeting House Preservation Committee.

#### Budget vs. Actual

Samson went through the budget and noted that there were some areas that would run over budget but generally, the budget was well within available funds and there were no surprises yet although it is only the end of the first quarter.

#### Other Business

Samson reviewed two requests for transfers from the general fund to non-lapsing accounts. Motion by Scott Borthwick with second by Dave McAlister to transfer \$4,209.01 from 2012 recycling revenue to the non-lapsing solid waste account pursuant to voter authorization and to transfer \$3,513.14 from current use fees to the Conservation Commission non-lapsing account pursuant to voter authorization. Unanimously approved. Samson asked that the GeoInsight contract for the management of the Autoware property be approved. Motion by Scott Borthwick with second by Dave McAlister to approve. Unanimously approved.

At 8:50, Selectman Borthwick moved to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 9:10 Selectman Borthwick moved to come out of Executive Session. McAlister seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

At 9:11 PM Selectman Borthwick moved to seal the minutes and Selectman McAlister seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Scott Borthwick with second by Dave McAlister to approve Richard Wheeler's pay at \$17.21 per hour, Dan Quimby at \$16.22 (upon CDL licensing), Sharon Duffy at \$17.50 for Information Technologist and Executive Assistant, and Bob Scott as Highway Superintendent at \$50,277 annually. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Borthwick to adjourn with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

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Robert Reagan, Chairman

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Scott Borthwick

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David McAlister  
Canaan Board of Selectmen