

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, July 23rd, 2013**

Chairman, Bob Reagan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Selectmen Robert Reagan, Scott Borthwick, TA Mike Samson, Al Posnanski, Bob Scott, Chris Fournier, Matt Dow; Steven Freese, Jim Rancore, Carol Goodman, Alan Ricard, Sam Frank and Phil Salvail.

Minutes of July 9th, 2013

Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the minutes of July 9th, 2013. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

HEB - Goose Pond Bridge

Chris Fournier reviewed the preliminary engineering regarding bridge options and indicated that the only realistic option was a clear span bridge and recommended pre-cast concrete decking. Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the proposal. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Request to Make High Street One-Way

Samson reported that it was at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. General discussion indicated an agreement to make the road one way going north from the Reagan Road intersection to the intersection with Canaan Street conditioned on approval from Highway Superintendent, Chief of Police and authority of Selectmen to make the decision.

Acquisition of Tractor for Trash Hauling

Samson reported that the Town had acquired a used tractor capable of hauling our live floor trailer for \$7,500 and even with improvements not to exceed \$1,000 the tractor would be well within the authorization of \$15,000 and would save at least \$10,000 a year.

Delinquent Taxes

Samson reported that Schatz and Burke had paid their delinquent taxes. The next properties for sale will be Moore and Vincelette.

Old Home Days

Samson reported that the Old Home Days Committee had requested their annual contribution of \$1,000. Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the request. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Terhune Request for the Meeting House

There is a memorial service for Dietrich Shauff and the family had requested a waiver of the alcohol rule for a family tradition that is part of the service. Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve waiver. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

FAST Building Proposal

Samson reviewed the final proposal for the construction of an addition between the Police Station and the Fire Station at the expense of the FAST Squad. The proposal would increase the annual charge by \$7,500 over the amount budgeted in 2013 but would have inflation protection for 20 years. The business plan was reviewed that supports and funds the addition by generating new revenue and makes it possible to have 24 hour a day coverage at the FAST Squad. Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the plan to construct the addition and to sign a 20 year contract with the FAST Squad at \$65,000 per year with the understanding that any other increases would need specific approval and be for extraordinary events. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Budget vs. Actual

Samson discussed an up-dated projection for the rest of the year and indicated that we still have a very tight budget but should end the year with a nominal surplus.

Health Plan

Samson reviewed the status of the Mascoma Valley health plan and indicated that there is a work group building a staffing plan and budget for a regional facility.

Equipment Sale

Samson indicated that he will be warning an equipment sale of titled equipment formerly owned by Henley on August 19th at 5 PM at the gravel pit.

Realtors

The Board discussed listing the Bates and Wescott properties with a realtor. Samson was told to discuss the plan with Doreen Wyman and sign the agreements when both are legally owned by the Town and the Wescott property is cleaned out.

Recreation Camera System

The problem of vandalism at Williams Field was discussed and options for night vision cameras to monitor the property were reviewed. Samson indicated that he would use the 2012 purchase order to buy a camera system for the area.

Septage Pits

Samson reviewed how the pits were closed in late 2012 and never officially reopened. Rates were discussed as was the Town's current payment policy (cash). The pits have been reopened. The rates were tabled until a later time. Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve a payment policy of net 30 days for commercial haulers. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Other Business

None

At 8:45, Selectman Borthwick moved to enter executive session. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 8:55 Selectman Borthwick moved to come out of Executive Session. Reagan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

At 8:56 PM Selectman Borthwick moved to seal the minutes and Selectman Reagan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the recommendation of Samson and Therriault regarding a public assistance applicant dated this date. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the transfer of two inoperable wreckers to Ritchie Wheeler and the gooseneck trailer to Bob Scott in exchange for the use of their personal equipment used to remove the Henley equipment. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Scott Borthwick to adjourn with second by Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen