

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Chairman, Bob Reagan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Selectmen Robert Reagan, Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister, TA Mike Samson, Al Posnanski, Bob Scott, John Bergeron, Kevin Hurley, Benjamin Hurley, Samantha Hurley, Sawyer Lyman, and Phil Salvail.

Minutes of July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the minutes of July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Boy Scouts

The Board welcomed Sawyer Lyman and Benjamin Hurley as our newest Eagle Scouts and Samantha Hurley for receiving the Venturing Silver Award. The Board presented each with a certificate of achievement for completing the requirements for each of their distinctions as well as the community service they provided.

Museum Curator

Samson distributed a draft job description for the Town Historian's position that was based on typical descriptions in New York State which has similar positions. It was designed to reflect the current duties of Donna Zani Dunkerton. It focused on being a town resource, independent and knowledgeable about town history. The Board asked that the Curators, Donna and Historical Society review the job description. Motion by Dave McAlister and second by Scott Borthwick to table to next meeting. Unanimously approved.

Water System

Samson reported that John Coffey was being covered temporarily by Dana Arey of Pathways Consulting. He also reported that our conservation efforts were paying off. The last quarter showed that we accounted for all but 13% of our water usage and was in compliance with state requirements.

FAST Addition

Samson indicated that the FAST addition, as amended to increase the square footage of the addition, was approved by the Planning Board.

CIPC Report

Samson handed out copies of all of the Capital Improvements Program sheets detailing the future plans for capital assets over the next 20 years. He indicated that there was sufficient funding for equipment and roads but that there were no long term funds for buildings which require an appropriation of at least \$40,000 in the near future and bridges would need an appropriation of at least \$25,000 a year within 2 years. The schedule for dump trucks is 15 years across the board and may be too optimistic.

### Highway Report

Mike Samson and Bob Scott reviewed the current work plan for highways. Paving is about to be done on Turpike Road and Talbert Hill. Crushing, dirt road reconstruction, replacement of Follansbee Road water line, and relocation of the Elliott Field ball park to the Elementary school (removal this fall).

### Police Department

Samson reviewed the arrest reports for the Police Department and indicated that the arrest load has more than doubled in the last five years and was still increasing. This creates a personnel issue in that officers spend a great deal of time on investigations, preparation of arrest warrants, trial preparation and testimony. Much of that effort is scheduled at the discretion of the Courts and Prosecutor and makes manpower scheduling more difficult.

### Swim Program

Samson reported that the swim program had 38 registrations and 7 scholarships that were funded by the Social Summit Lodge #50 Masons.

### Canaan Speedway

Samson indicated that the Town would take over Canaan Hall by mid-October and that we were scheduling Chappy's Thanksgiving dinner and a Halloween dinner and dance. At this time, the Town will only control Canaan Hall.

### Budget vs. Actual

Samson reviewed the budget and indicated that it is still very tight but hoped that there would eventually be a surplus of \$15,000 to \$20,000 by the end of the year.

### Other Business

John Bergeron asked that the following changes be made to the Historic District:

New alternate members:

Kris Burnett expires 2016

Joanne Miller expires 2015

Renewed regular member

Dan Fleetham Sr. expires 2016

Renewed alternate member

Charles (Skip) Baldwin expires 2016

Kevin Schwamb has resigned.

### High Street One Way

The Board considered the request to make High Street one way going North starting at the intersection of Reagan Road and High Street and continuing North until merging with Canaan Street. No action was taken.

It was recommended that the Recycling Committee be re-established and that we should ask for volunteers on the transfer station sign and on the web.

At 8:08, Selectman Borthwick moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 8:50 Selectman Borthwick moved to come out of Executive Session. McAlister seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

At 8:51 PM Selectman Borthwick moved to seal the minutes and Selectman McAlister seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve legal action against Henley and to continue the contract for \$700 with Ed Grinley to clean out the Wescott house. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Scott 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  
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