

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, September 10th, 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, Ellie Davis and Marcia Littlefield.

Minutes of August 27th, 2013

Motion by Dave McAlister to approve the minutes of August 13th, 2013 as amended. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Water System Report

The line replacement on Follansbee is complete.

Samson reported that we have an issue with sedimentation in the water and John believes it is in the water purification tanks. John will be closing the system down to clean it.

Canaan Hall

The Board, Tillman Gerngross, his wife and board guests toured Canaan Hall and discussed the relationship between Tillman and the Town. All parties expressed a desire to work together to make the hall available to the community. Issues that will need to be addressed include replacement of the overhead door at the far end of the hall, installation of attic vents and a fence at the east end of the hall. Samson was directed to get Patriot Fuel to clean and check the furnace and get some idea of what it would cost to heat the building. The land between the hall and the road would be included in the agreement as would the gazebo. There would be further conversations about the grandstand. The Town would give a tax abatement on the building and land it occupies as long as it is operated by the Town. The Town will raise \$3,605 a year to go towards capital improvements to Canaan Hall and the public area. Motion by Dave McAlister and second by Scott Borthwick to sign the agreement. Unanimous approval.

Autoware

There was a general discussion of the price for building a 60' by 40' building on the lot and the business plan that would support the economic development use. Samson indicated he would draft a business plan. It was noted that the Friends of Canaan Village had a sub-committee that would make recommendations regarding the property.

Budget vs. Actual

The budget continues to be very tight and expenditures will be watched to make sure we stay within the budget. The unencumbered balance is a little over \$3,000 based on current year end estimates. There may be additional margin before the end of the year.

2014 Draft Budget

Samson handed out a slightly revised budget that went to the Budget Committee on September 5, 2013. There were additional costs that needed to be added in the Highway

and Mechanic Departments. The budget still has sufficient revenue such that no tax increase will be needed.

Other Business

The Board asked that we post a request for Recycling Committee members on the sign at the transfer station. The HHW collection day will be Saturday, September 14th.

Samson asked that a revised MS-1 be signed. Scott Borthwick moved to sign and Dave McAlister seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Samson reported that Sandra Hayden, a former long term resident of Canaan was asking for a waiver from the rule allowing only residents to purchase a cemetery plot. Motion by Scott Borthwick with second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Samson asked that the Board sign an amended engineering contract with HEB. Scott Borthwick moved to sign and Dave McAlister seconded. Approved unanimously.

The Board reviewed a grant application submitted by Chief Frank for new radio equipment. After extensive consideration, Dave McAlister moved to submit the grant application and Scott Borthwick seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Samson reviewed the listing agreement with Granite Northland for a listing on the Westcott house at \$49,000 and the Bates house at \$85,000. Motion by Scott Borthwick to authorize Bob Reagan to sign the listing agreement. Second by Dave McAlister.

Unanimously approved.

At 8:15, Selectman Borthwick moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 8:35 Selectman Borthwick moved to come out of Executive Session. McAlister seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

At 8:36 PM Selectman Borthwick moved to seal the minutes and Selectman McAlister seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dave McAlister and second by Scott Borthwick to approve the recommendation of Samson to make rent payments under welfare assistance to four individuals in the amounts of \$690, \$650, \$482 and \$850 upon receipt of signed welfare vouchers. Unanimously approved.

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

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

David McAlister
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