

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, December 31st, 2013**

Chairman, Bob Reagan called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. In attendance were Selectmen Robert Reagan, Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister, TA Mike Samson, Chief Sam Frank and Al Posnanski.

Minutes of December 10, 2013
Not available.

Budget vs Actual

As of right now, there is \$25,385 left unexpended in this year's budget and \$9,000 unexpended in 2012 encumbrances. There is also an additional revenue of \$169,734 above the budgeted revenue. That means that there is currently \$204,119 going into undesignated fund balance.

Extend year end encumbrances

Samson itemized the outstanding encumbrances that need to be carried over:

DeSoucy pump repairs	13107	\$1,500
Bergeron Turn-out Gear	13086	\$7,640
Yankee Generator	13065	\$1,750
Ossipee Radio	13110	\$2,999.88
Twin Bridges Computer	13109	\$3,000

Selectman Borthwick moved to approve the extension of these purchase orders into 2014. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Articles to Amend Handicapped and Elderly Exemptions

There was general discussion regarding the changes to the exemptions. The Board directed Samson to monitor the number and qualification of the applicants.

Selectman McAlister moved to approve the inclusion of proposed articles 13 and 14 amending the exemptions. Scott Borthwick seconded the motion. Borthwick and McAlister in favor and Reagan abstained as he may someday take advantage of it. Motion passed.

Conservation Commission Article

There was discussion regarding the draft article to protect the the Canaan Town Forest. There was a change to add the Map and Lot number and specify that it is at 565 US Route 4 on the north side.

Selectman McAlister moved to approve the inclusion of proposed article 15 to protect the Canaan Town Forest. Scott Borthwick seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Utility Tax Appeal Warrant Article

There was general discussion regarding renewing the authorization to expend money on the appeals of utility property taxes.

Selectman Borthwick moved to approve article 16 that would renew the authorization to expend from undesignated fund balance \$15,812.97 that was previously authorized but unspent. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

2014 Wage Schedule

Samson proposed the wage schedule for employees for 2014 with a 1.8% pay increase as contained in the budget.

Selectman Borthwick moved to approve the wage schedule as proposed. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. All Selectmen signed the schedule.

At 4:30 Selectman Borthwick moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 5:25 Selectman Borthwick moved to come out of Executive Session. McAlister seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

At 5:25 PM Selectman Borthwick moved to seal the minutes and Selectman McAlister seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Scott Borthwick as follows:

In the event that the Town receives a resignation of Keith Bergeron as full time police officer who is now suspended because of certification, the Town will appoint Keith to inactive part time status for the next few months to allow him to recertify. This will not guarantee a return as a full time officer until there is a new full time position. Further to authorize proceeding with the hiring process for the candidate that is currently a full time employee. Selectman McAlister seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Sam Frank provided statistics to the Board of Selectmen that during 2013, Canaan had 371 arrests and 225 offenses. Arrests included 56 crimes against people, 34 against property, 24 DUI's, 76 drug arrests, 50 arrests based on warrants and 27 alcohol related arrests. Only 76 are traffic related.

Motion by Scott Borthwick to adjourn at 5:30 with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen