

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, May 6th, 2014**

Chairman, Bob Reagan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. In attendance were Selectmen Robert Reagan, Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister, and Mike Samson, TA. Members of the public included Sam Frank and Richard Brown.

Interview of Police Candidate

Chief Sam Frank introduced Richard Brown formerly of Whitefield, New Hampshire and Carroll County. Prior to coming to the Canaan area, he had been a Sargent on the Whitefield Police Department. He has completed the selection and review process and Chief Frank recommended his employment as a part time officer. Brown also indicated he was a candidate for full time officer at Hanover but could work both the 20 hour part time position and the full time position.

Motion by Dave McAlister with second by Scott Borthwick to hire Richard Brown at the wage recommended by Chief Frank. Unanimously approved.

Discussion of Police Coverage at School Board Meetings

Sam Frank indicated that the School had asked for private duty coverage during board meetings. He said that the school has the right to set reasonable rules for public participation and that the role of the Department would be to attempt to diffuse any potential conflicts prior to resorting to removal or arrest.

Proposal to relocate Ball field

Samson reviewed the specifics of the relocation of Elliott Field. Motion by Scott Borthwick to authorize Samson to negotiate the agreement with the School Board with any minor modifications but to return to the SelectBoard if there are proposed major changes. Unanimously approved.

Nuisance on Route 4

Samson described a health hazard on Route 4 that needs to be remediated. Fred Hammond indicated he would help. A notice of demand will be sent to clean it up and if not done, the cost of the clean up will become part of the Town Tax Lien.

Motion by Dave McAlister to go forward with the abatement with notice to the owner with a second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Autoware

There was general discussion of the Autoware property and a consensus to get Autoware to agree with the purchase within the next two months or sell the property at auction.

Proposal to calculate FEMA Benefit Cost Analysis

There was a discussion of the latest proposal from Right Angle Engineering to undertake the BCA determination for FEMA to secure funding for the Potato Road and Transfer Station bridges. The proposal would have Right Angle assume the risk of a positive BCA determination but would require a fee of 7% of the project cost if successful. Samson noted that this is more than 10 times the value of the work and suggested we try to get this number modified. Scott Borthwick moved to not accept the offer and terminate the discussion. There was no second. Motion by Dave McAlister to seek to amend the proposal to a reasonable number and continue the process with second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Scott Borthwick to adjourn at 7:00 with second by Dave McAlister.
Unanimously approved.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

David McAlister
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