

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, May 20th, 2014**

Chairman, Bob Reagan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. In attendance were Selectmen Robert Reagan, Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Also in attendance were Al Posnanski, Ellie Davis, and John Bergeron.

Minutes of May 6th and 13th.

Selectman McAlister moved to approve the minutes of May 6th. Scott Borthwick seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Selectman McAlister moved to approve the minutes of May 13th. Scott Borthwick seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Budget vs. Actual

Samson reviewed the Budget vs Actual. There are no significant changes other than an increase in the savings for health insurance.

Relocation of Ball Field

Samson discussed the request of Jim Gerding to change the terms for the last 25 years of the easement. He has requested that the School Board have the right to terminate the easement during the last 25 years if the school pays for the full cost of relocating the buildings and equipment to another location. Selectman Borthwick moved to approve the change provided that the School would pay for all of the relocation costs. Dave McAlister seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Route 4 Bridge Project

There was a brief discussion regarding the state's plan to reconstruct the deck on the bridge just east of the Pleasant Valley Store on US Route 4 in 2015. There is a memorandum of understanding that defines the responsibilities for the state and town that the state has asked the town to sign. Samson also indicated that there is a need of from 5 to 13 remote emitters to activate the stop lights in an emergency. Selectman Borthwick moved to approve and sign the memorandum of understanding. Dave McAlister seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Highway Employees

The Board will meet with the Highway employees on May 28 to seek feedback on operations.

Use of Old Follansbee Road to Wells Cemetery

There was discussion by the Board about using the Old Follansbee Road spur that enters the back side of Wells Cemetery. Samson indicated that Joe and Stella Butterfield had no objections and he is waiting to hear from Don Butterfield. The consensus of the Board was to use the Old Follansbee Road for work crew access to Wells Cemetery assuming that Don has no objection.

Approve Mirror Lake Rod and Custom Inspection Station

Selectman McAlister moved to approve the application of Mirror Lake Rod & Custom Inspection Station. Scott Borthwick seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Plymouth Septage Contract

The Board reviewed the proposed 5 year contract at \$100 a year for disposal of Canaan Septage. This is \$50 less than the annual rate of \$150 a year. Selectman Borthwick moved to approve and sign the 5 year contract. Dave McAlister seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Other Business

John Bergeron requested permission to place a NH Historic Site sign near the Academy Building. Copies of the suggested text were distributed. Selectman Borthwick moved to approve the placement of the sign by the sidewalk area. Dave McAlister seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Bergeron asked about which roads will be closed during the July 4th Road Race and was told that someone from Recreation would get in touch with him.

Bayne Stone asked to use sick leave for reserve training. The current policy does not allow the use of sick leave for anything other than illness. The consensus of the Board was to maintain existing policy.

The Old Home Days Committee requested the payment of their \$1,000 appropriation. Selectman Borthwick moved to approve the expense. Dave McAlister seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

There was discussion regarding the need to restart enforcement against Larry Gaudette and Chuck Adams for the junk yards. The consensus was to immediately require Gaudette to complete what he had committed to do and to issue an immediate citation. The consensus was to require very specific clean up action on Adams as his clean up work had slowed significantly.

Job Descriptions

The Board reviewed and did a preliminary revision of the job descriptions for the Highway Superintendent, Town Mechanic and Treasurer. After redraft, the job descriptions will be considered for approval at the next meeting.

Motion by Scott Borthwick to adjourn at 8:10 with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

David McAlister
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