

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, July 29th, 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 Gary Hammond, Deborah Hammond, Bob Scott, Norman Daigneault, Phil Salvail and Ellie Davis.

Minutes of July 15, 2014

Selectman Borthwick moved to approve the minutes of July 1. Dave McAlister seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Hammond Property

Hammonds came in to find out what the status was on the closing for the Bates property. Samson stated that the within the last two weeks, the State had verbally indicated that they would not be making a claim on the proceeds since the proceeds are less than the amount owed the Town. The assurance is verbal only and this is at the Town's risk. The next step is to complete heir signatures and file with probate. That will be done within the next week. He also indicated the process is not six months to sell as previously stated. The Hammonds asked whether the Selectmen still wanted to sell it to them and wanted to know if the Board will sign extension of the contract. The answer from the Board was yes as to both questions. They asked that Samson keep their lawyer, Bryce Wing, informed. Samson said he would.

Norman Daigneault – Shoreland Protection

Norman is seeking to replace a prior non-conforming trailer with a larger non-conforming trailer. The newer one is 11 feet longer and 2 feet wider. The unit he is seeking to install is the smallest replacement unit available. Newer trailers have greater width and length. Samson reviewed the state law and regulations that indicated that there can be larger replacement units if there is some form of mitigation such as vegetative improvement or reduction of other impervious cover. The law requires that there is no more restrictive local control prohibiting the replacement. There is no more restrictive control by way of local ordinance. Motion by Scott Borthwick to recommend allowing a larger unit to replace the smaller unit assuming that the replacement is permitted by the state. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Budget versus Actual

No change. The budget is still very tight. Revenues are still running higher than anticipated.

Carol Quimby Property

Samson reviewed the exterior clean-up of the Quimby property and noted that even after the clean-up, there were rats present as seen by Selectman Reagan and Bob Scott. The interior of the house is the same as the exterior and is not secured. The recommendation of Bill Wilson and Bob Scott is to tear down the house entirely. Motion by Scott Borthwick to tear down and remove the Quimby house. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved. Samson indicated that he would send a one week notice out to the heirs to order clean-up of the interior.

Zani Land Swap

Samson reviewed for the third time the proposed land swap by lease with David Zani. Zani is seeking a 3,200 Square foot triangle of land that would adjust his western property line with the Town and give him 40 feet additional frontage. The line would run along the east side of Smokey the Bear. In exchange Zani would give the Town a parcel 200 feet by 160 feet behind the existing Town Highway Garage parcel. The line would run just north of the existing snow mobile trail. As the Selectmen cannot execute a sale of long term lease, the

proposed lease would be year to year and be submitted to the voters for a deeded exchange in March. Zani's need is based on the expansion of his parking lot to accommodate his larger grocery store. Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the lease land swap. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

School Renovation Answers

Samson reviewed the response from the School architect and the Superintendent regarding the Select board questions posed at the July 8th meeting of the School Board. In essence, the answers state that there will be no cost overruns but that they will be using a construction manager instead of a general contractor to manage the project.

Grind and Paving

Samson reviewed the proposed plan to merge the 2014 and 2015 capital construction budgets to repave 1.25 miles of Goose Pond, grind the entire Codfish Hill pavement, grind 1,000 feet of Talbert Hill and pave all of the ground sections. The paving of the ground sections would occur in 2015. The grinding and Goose Pond paving would occur in 2014. Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the paving and regrind plan. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Joe Frazier Appointment

There is no resolution needed on the appointment of Joe Frazier to serve as Treasurer replacing Kendra Withington. Joe was the only applicant and the acceptance of his application on July 15th is sufficient once the minutes are approved.

Open Container Waiver

The Board approved a waiver of the Open Container ordinance between 7 and 11 PM on Saturday, August 2nd as part of Old Home Days. Motion by Dave McAlister and second by Scott Borthwick to approve. Unanimously approved.

Other Business

Speed Bumps – Bob Scott discussed the proposed plastic speed bumps for Hill Court. Motion by Scott Borthwick to install the speed bumps. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

HEB Approval of Contract Amendment #2 – Samson reviewed the proposed contract amendment and recommended approval. Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve Contract Amendment #2 and authorize Bob Reagan to sign. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Selectman Borthwick moved to discuss personnel issues at 7:20. Dave McAlister seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. At 8:40 Selectman McAlister moved to come out of Executive Session. Borthwick seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. At 8:41 PM Selectman Borthwick moved to seal the minutes of the executive session and Selectman McAlister seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Scott Borthwick to adjourn at 8:42 with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen