

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, October 7th, 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 Duane Brown, Al Posnanski, Matt Wilson and Ellie Davis.

Minutes of September 30th, 2014

Selectman Borthwick moved to approve the minutes of September 30. Dave McAlister seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Visitor – Duane Brown Candidate

Duane introduced himself as a candidate in the Canaan Floterial District representing 8 towns. He retired as an airline pilot and chose to live in New Hampshire. He said that he is worried about the future and living in New Hampshire with higher taxes and more regulations. He is afraid that these factors are encumbering new and small business. He also said that education should be decided locally and not by the state or federal government. The Board wished him luck in the election.

Budget vs. Actual

Samson indicated that the current budget was essentially unchanged and that the total anticipated surplus was about \$8,000 but will likely be between \$15,000 and \$20,000 by year end.

Samson reviewed the 2014 proposed budget for Board approval subject to changes on insurance premiums. There was also discussion of the possibility of an additional payroll change in the police department. The Board asked about uniforms and Samson indicated that there were three addition employees with uniforms and after discussion, the Board increased the uniform line item to \$9,500, an increase of \$1,500. Selectman Borthwick moved to recommend the budget to the Budget Committee subject to changes on insurance. Selectman McAlister seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Matt Wilson

MattWilson addressed questions to the Board about why his offer of \$45,000 at the February Tax Sale for the Disbrow property was refused by Samson and why the closing had not yet occurred since it needed to be complete in six months. Samson handed out the documents from the tax sale. There was an obligation by the bidder to clean up the asbestos waste on the property to the satisfaction of the State. The deed would be withheld until the property was cleaned up. There was no deadline in the tax sale notice but realistically the Board wanted to have the property transferred by the end of the year. Matt's offer was with the understanding that the Town would clean up the property. Samson indicated that the Town needed to clear at least \$27,000 after the clean up. The estimates that the Town had developed for the clean up ranged from a minimum of \$22,720 to a high of \$32,180. Even at the minimum clean-up cost, the Town would net out \$22,280. At the higher estimate, the Town would only net out \$12,820 or about half of the minimum needed. Phil Salvail's bid was for the total required and he would bear the burden of cleaning up the asbestos. Phil is in the process of cleaning the lot this month. Samson said that all of this was discussed at the sale.

Canaan Lake Well Proposal
Deferred

Recreation and Private Duty Review

Samson reviewed ledger sheets for the revolving recreation account and the private duty account. Included was income, expense and balance sheets. Revenue is markedly down in the private duty account with the closing of the Speedway. Recreations is still holding its own with a balance of about \$9,000 after all encumbrances.

Articles for the Warrant

Samson presented proposed warrant articles for review and indicated that there will be an additional one presented at the next meeting for the Conservation Commission.

Horseshoe Pits

Samson presented an e-mail indicated that the Horseshoe League has obtained a price for the additional lights and their request for assistance. The request is for \$600 and Samson recommended taking it out of the Williams Field Account. Selectman Borthwick moved to authorize the \$600 payment for the lights from the Williams Field Account. Selectman McAlister seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Friends of Canaan Village

The Friends of Canaan Village did a magnificent job of having the directional sign restored by Dimitri Gerakaris. The Friends requested splitting the \$400 cost. Selectman McAlister moved to authorize the \$200 expenditure to Dimitri Gerakaris. Scott Borthwick seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Other Business

None.

Selectman Borthwick moved to discuss personnel issues at 7:06. Dave McAlister seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. At 8:15 Selectman Borthwick moved to come out of Executive Session. McAlister seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. At 8:26 PM Selectman Borthwick moved to seal the minutes of the executive session and Selectman McAlister seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Scott Borthwick to accept the agreement for police department personnel compensation as recommended by the town administrator provided it is approved by both parties. Seconded by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Scott Borthwick to adjourn at 8:30 with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

David McAlister
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