

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, December 2nd, 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 Ellie Davis, Al Posnanski, Denis Salvail, Roberta Berner and Phil Salvail.

Minutes of November 18, 2014

Selectman McAlister moved to approve the minutes of November 18 with a change in the date. Scott Borthwick seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Grafton County Senior Citizens

Roberta Berner described the financial changes for the Senior Council. There are significant decreases in state and federal funding (50% over 4 years) that have jeopardized the future of GCSSC programs. The Board indicated there were several strategies that could be used. These include increased user fees, more creative service delivery and changes in state funding. Samson indicated that he would meet with Roberta over the holidays to explore ideas for alternative funding.

Budget vs. Actual

Samson reviewed the expenses and noted that we now have about \$11,000 available that is unencumbered.

Canaan Motor Club

Samson reviewed the proposed abatement of taxes at the Canaan Speedway for the use of Canaan Hall, the grandstand and the related parking areas by the Town. The areas abated are valued at \$150,762. The taxes abated total \$4,210.78. The Board signed the abatement to be delivered to the Canaan Tax Collector.

Junk Yards

No progress at this time.

Michael Paine Letter

Michael Paine has offered to continue to snow blow the walk along Canaan Street if there is an indemnification for any claims made as a result of his efforts. The Board agreed to the indemnification up to insurance limits provided that Michael sign the standard Town volunteer agreement.

Hersey Development

There was general discussion of the Hersey development at the end of Switch Road. No building permit has been issued and so far it appears not to violate the Shoreland Protection Act. Samson indicated that it appeared that no soil was being removed for commercial purposes. There were comments that the soil was being removed for commercial purposes. Phil Salvail suggested that Samson talk with Hersey as they have all the permits they need.

Other Business

None.

Selectman Borthwick moved to discuss personnel issues at 7:55. Dave McAlister seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. At 8:34 Selectman Borthwick moved to come out of Executive Session. McAlister seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. At 8:34 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 8:35 with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

David McAlister
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