

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 3rd, 2015**

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. Others: Denis Salvail, Joan Thomson, Patricia Duscinsky, Paul Grumbine, Bill MacDonald, Al Posnanski, and Phil Salvail.

Minutes 2/17/15

Motion by Dave McAlister and second by Scott Borthwick to adopt the draft minutes for 2/17. Unanimous approval.

Budget vs. Actual

Samson reviewed the Budget vs. Actual and talked about the high costs related to the intense winter weather.

Wind Turbine Project

There were many questions from several people attending the meeting led by Denis Salvail. Denis stated that there is no town wide meeting to vote on the turbines nor is he proposing one but he noted that all of the neighboring towns have voted formally or informally against the wind turbines. He indicated that he plans on organizing a petition drive in opposition. It is designed to let the Selectmen know what the feelings of the Town are. There was extensive discussion regarding the pros and cons of the project. Denis said that while he supports private property rights, the project is so major that it impacts many people adversely. In addition, Denis indicated that the economics of the turbines relies extensively on federal subsidies to make it work. He indicated that he did not expect the Board to spend money on legal fees.

Compactor for Recycling

Samson discussed a proposal to buy a compactor from Massachusetts for the recyclables. The cost of a rigger and the compactor should be no more than \$4,000. Samson was authorized to spend \$2,500 for the compactor but to wait until after Town Meeting for approval on the second live floor. Motion to direct that action by Dave McAlister and second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Water Safety Plan

Samson reviewed the up-dated water safety plan. Motion by Scott Borthwick and second by Dave McAlister to approved the up-dated safety plan. Unanimously approved.

Other Business

Samson reviewed a request for new hard drives in the Town office and for renewal of Allan Treadwell's contract. Motion authorizing by Dave McAlister and second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Samson reviewed a request by New Hope Baptist Church for a highway directional sign at the north end of Roberts Road. The Board agreed by consensus to allow the sign if designed to similar directional sign standards and at the expense of New Hope Church.

Samson reviewed a request by John Coffey to consider posting Reagan Road at the Rt. 118 end to prohibit through trucks. Motion by Scott Borthwick and second by Dave McAlister to post the road. Borthwick and McAlister in favor and Reagan against.

At 7:32 PM Selectman McAlister moved to enter executive session. Scott Borthwick seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 8:20 PM Selectman Borthwick moved to come out of Executive Session. McAlister seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

At 8:20 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 8:21 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

David McAlister
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