

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 21st, 2015**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Canaan Meeting House. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Robert Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Al Posnanski, Phil Smith, Phil Salvail, John Bergeron, Kim Tracy, Judith Kushner and Gary Wood.

Minutes 7/7/15

Motion by Dave McAlister and second by Bob Reagan to adopt the draft minutes for 7/7/15. Unanimous approval.

Personnel Policy

Samson reviewed the language that was contrary to state statute RSA 98-E, in the personnel policy. Specifically, he recommended deleting the third sentence of V. 6., the wording “or political messages” in the first bullet on page 28 of the Personnel Policy and the sentence that starts with “Never jokingly imply” in paragraph 8 of the Transfer Station Operations Manual. Motion by Dave McAlister and second by Bob Reagan to delete the language recommended by Samson. Unanimous approval.

Village Common Trees

Samson indicated that Helen Skiest had asked that the trees be left alone. There was a recommendation to only trim the trees and a comment that trimming would look terrible. There was also a suggestion to look at the Master Plan.

Paving Bids

Samson reviewed the results of the bids submitted for paving. He noted that there were big differences in United’s bid based on tonnage assumed for Goose Pond and a difference for R&D’s assumption of yards for swale work on Codfish Hill. Samson was directed to contact both bidders for clarification and to award to R&D if they were still the lowest bid. Motion by Dave McAlister and second by Bob Reagan to direct Samson to clarify and award as appropriate. Unanimous approval.

Budget vs. Actual

Samson noted that the tightness of the budget remains. Revenues are coming in strong.

Fire Department Air Packs / Cruiser / Mower

Samson indicated that the Fire Department was still hoping that they would receive a grant to cover the cost of the air packs. If that were the case, Samson indicated that they freed up funds could be used to replace a mower and the cruiser which was losing excessive oil. In such case, the decision would be made at the end of the year to allow for sufficient reserves.

Dyer Retail Dealer License

Motion by Dave McAlister and second by Bob Reagan to authorize Scott Borthwick to sign the application as approved. Unanimous approval.

Economic Development

Samson reported on the latest meeting of the Economic Development Meeting and reiterated that a cell tower was imminent and that flood proofing the Village would be a

priority over the next 18 months. Progress is being made on many fronts with 4 new bed & breakfast operations and the opening of the laundramat.

Historic Resources Funding

Judith Kushner presented a proposal for funding from the NH Division of Historical Resources for a historical survey of the Village and planning for mitigation of potential natural disasters. She specifically sought support and cash flow from the Town. Samson expressed concern about having two flood studies going at the same time and argued that the study undertaken by the Town should be engineer driven. He also noted that in another Town that he had managed, there was a study that put 80 buildings in a Village on the federal Historic Registry. He indicated that there was a problem with landowners being able to change the buildings after being placed on the Registry. Judith indicated that there would be no obligations like that and noted that a federal representative would be available at a meeting at the Library steps at 9 AM on Thursday who would reassure everyone about that issue. The Board indicated that they would look at what was developed as a grant application and then make a decision about support.

Maville Water & Sewer

Samson indicated that the Town prevailed on the landlord tenant issue for Maville and the water would be going off again. There have been discussions with Dan Maville's mother about taking the property back but all discussions have been relying on Dan Maville leaving the house. The consensus of the Board was to work with the mother who was attempting to recapture the money she had lent Dan.

Other Business

John Bergeron asked that the Board look at creating a continuous line of Bouys across the lake where the reservoir starts.

Hammond's proposal for demolition of the Quimby house was reviewed and the consensus of the Board was to award the contract to FC Hammond.

At 7:25 PM Selectman Reagan moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:45 PM Dave McAlister moved to come out of Executive Session. Reagan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

At 7:46 PM Dave McAlister moved to seal the minutes of the executive session and Selectman Reagan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Bob Reagan to adjourn at 7:46 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
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