

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, August 7th, 2015**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM at the Town Office Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Robert Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Al Posnanski, John Bergeron, Reggie Barney, Judith Kushner, Gary Wood, Andrew Cushing and Joanna Carr.

Reconsideration of Support for Pre Disaster Planning Grant to Protect Historic Resources.

Scott Borthwick introduced the subject and indicated that there were members of the Board who had asked for reconsideration. Bob Reagan indicated that he thought the historic registry work would discourage economic development by being too restrictive. Judith indicated that the District would come after the registry work and would be a benefit rather than a detriment. She gave Claremont as a good example. Samson indicated that he thought that the support of economic activity was more effective than creating the historic district. He compared Bristol and Enfield where both had made significant improvements in the streets and lighting but where Bristol was showing more vitality because of business development activities that are independent of the historic preservation work. Judith indicated that we need to protect these properties and assure that they will be protected from flooding. She said that we need to take pride in our history. Joanna noted that the buildings need to be at least 50 years old and thought the district was needed. Gary noted how the sidewalks and trees and lighting were important to economic development and was critical of Samson saying it wasn't needed. Samson indicated that we now have trees, sidewalks, and lights, and before we develop more we should develop the commercial activity in the area that has been improved. Samson argued for investors and vision. Gary indicated that good design was critical. Al Posnanski said he wouldn't invest in the Village if it had restrictive regulations. Judith indicated that the registry work would lead to flood mitigation funding. Reagan and Borthwick and Judith discussed the federal 106 review process for federal funding and permits that requires a mediated review of development that could impact historic properties. Judith noted that it can't prevent a project. Samson noted that the facilitated process can result in conditions that effectively prevents a project. Judith noted that this pre-review can speed up a 106 process. McAlister indicated that there was no support for federal involvement in governing use of property.

Motion by Bob Reagan and second by Dave McAlister to withdraw support for the application. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick thanked Gary and Judith and the whole group for their efforts and indicated that the Board does appreciate their work.

Consideration of a NH DOT Agreement to maintain and pay the utility cost on the crossing lights at Mascoma Valley Regional School District.

David noted that Enfield pays a crossing guard at Enfield Elementary School 20 hours a week to direct traffic. Motion by Dave McAlister and second by Bob Reagan to approve the DOT agreement. Unanimous approval.

Consideration of Senior Center CDFA Security Agreement.

Samson indicated that the Board's conditions had been incorporated and approved by CDFA.

Motion by Dave McAlister and second by Bob Reagan to approve the security agreement.
Unanimous approval.

Motion by Bob Reagan to adjourn at 4:59 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously
approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
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