

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 18th, 2015**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Meeting House. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Robert Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Al Posnanski, Bob Scott and Phil Salvail.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of August 4, 2015 and August 7, 2015. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved. Corrected copies of July 7th and July 21st were also signed by unanimous consent.

Budget v. Actual - No additional changes.

Police Commendation - Deferred for scheduling reasons

Review of Codfish Hill

There was general discussion of where the project is. Bob indicated that the dirt work and drainage would be complete by the end of August and that the paving would be scheduled by the end of September.

Septage Meters

Samson reviewed the status of the septic meters. They are partially installed but not yet connected to power and not installed on the upper level. Samson described how the meters would work and said he understood that the second pipe would be going to the upper level septic beds. Samson also discussed the request by Gerngross to connect to the Canaan Water and Sewer system. They are looking at plans to run lines under the river and connect north of Kenny Lary's house and on the 118 side of the river.

Chief's Drive Water & Sewer Lines

The Town has received a request to connect Moore's to the water and sewer lines. The water pressure has been low in that area because of the size of the water line and the line size will need to be increased. That will be at our expense. The septic tank is already in place and was installed when the system was built but never connected. That will be at the expense of the owner.

Meeting House Ramp

Samson provided a drawing of a new ramp for the Meeting House. He asked for permission to get bids on the ramp. It will be paid for out of Meeting House funds. The Board agreed by consensus.

Grading Review

Samson showed a slide show of the grading job done on Corno Road and there was general discussion regarding the plugging of water diversions and rock pushed to the sides and windrows left on the edges that would obstruct drainage. Bob indicated that he would speak with the highway crew.

Larry Gaudette

Samson reported on a meeting with Gaudette. He gave photos to Gaudette indicating exactly what needed to be remediated. He also told him that the charges would not be dismissed. The indication was that Larry would plead not guilty and would ask for a trial and if the area was

cleaned up prior to the trial the charges would be dismissed. The Board agreed that the flowers and vegetable bins could stay for now.

Economic Development Review

Samson walked the Board through the last planning exercise that explored how to market the Town to people looking to experience the outdoor resources of the Canaan area. Samson noted that the results of the two hour session were very impressive and will create a road map for this area of development.

Salt Contract

Mike and Bob discussed the salt contracts from Cargill and Morton. It was not clear whether the higher price for Cargill was for salt with additives or straight salt. Bob indicated he would check for the next meeting.

Road Stripper

Bob presented an argument for getting a mechanized road stripper at a cost of about \$15,000. He proposed using the Byrne Foundation money to pay for half of the purchase price. His argument was that the small manual stripper we currently use is too labor intensive to stripe fog lines on the 30 miles of paved road. The consensus of the Board was to not buy a stripper at this time.

Other Business

There was a request to pave the end of the Methodist Church parking lot. The Board indicated that we agreed to pave it one time when we arranged to get the additional parking at the Town Office. Samson was directed to check on the agreement and report back.

Samson asked that the Board sign documents required by the State of NH for the Emergency Operations Center for \$97,355 with a match of equal sum that is met by the construction of the Center. Dave McAlister moved to approve the documents including all obligations contained therein and sign the forms. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved. Forms were signed.

At 7:45 PM Selectman Reagan moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 8:35 PM Dave McAlister moved to come out of Executive Session. Reagan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

At 8:36 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 8:36 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen