

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 17, 2015**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Bob Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Chuck Conrad, Audrey Tacy, Martha Richards, Phil Sallvail, and Al Posnanski.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 11/3/15. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Budget vs. Actual – 2016 Budget

There are no changes in the budget at this time or expected surplus at this time. He also noted that the school rate increased 13% in Canaan, 12% in Enfield, 28% in Orange and 35% in Grafton. There was a 2% decline in Dorchester.

Clark Hill Road

Chuck Conrad and Audrey Tacy served brownies and discussed the rumor that the Town was planning on shutting down Clark Hill Road between Prospect and the Cemetery. Audrey outlined all of the impacts from such a plan. The Board indicated that there was no plan to shut it down except during the worst part of mud season. They thanked Audrey for the very thorough presentation. Unanimous consent to take no action on closing Clark Hill Road in the winter.

Economic Development Report

Samson reviewed the 2015 annual report for Economic Development. There are 18 activities planned for 2016. They focus on what is ready to go, what is the greatest need, what will generate the best long term impact, what will improve the tax base and what will best leverage other money and resources.

HHW Shipment

Samson reported that there is one Gaylord of paint left to bulk and all of the 2015 household hazardous waste will be ready for shipment.

Transfer Station Recycling Area

Samson handed out pictures of the new recycling ramp area for the tractor trailer transport of recyclables.

Personnel Matters

Samson indicated that there personnel issues at the Highway Department that the board was working on in executive session. He indicated it was being mentioned so that the public would know of potential issues should more public action be required.

Martha Richards

County Commissioner Richards gave a very detailed review of County activity and finances and solicited questions from the Board of Selectmen.

Other Business

None

At 7:55 PM Selectman Borthwick moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 8:45 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

At 8:45 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Motion by Bob Reagan and second Dave McAlister directing Samson to write a letter to Bob Scott regarding recent personnel issues. Unanimous approval.

Motion by Reagan to adjourn at 8:51 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
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