

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 10, 2016**

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: None

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 4/19/16. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Budget v. Actual

There was a review of the expenditures with general discussion but no significant issues.

Codfish Hill

The question was how much more needed to be expended on Codfish Hill. The materials except for hot patch asphalt have been ordered. We have permission from Steve King to drop water on the downslope side of Hemlock. We need to get permission from Furmans for a drainage pipe to the downhill side of their driveway.

Silvio Conte

There was general discussion that the facts indicate that there will be no timber harvest since there was less timber harvested over the last 20 years on the Conte lands than had been harvested on John Dow's house lot last year. It was also clear that the PILOT payments for taxes were likely to be less than a quarter of the current use taxes now paid by Roby. The current manager of the Silvio Conte lands also stated that the lands still belong to Roby and that he would still be paying based on current use.

McKee Property

There was general discussion of the plans by Mascoma Watershed Conservation Council to buy the McKee property. There was concern that the land stay open to public access and that the public access be managed locally and not by a national organization. On a related topic, there was an effort Monday night to asked MWCC to further open access to the MWCC lands that abut the Mascoma State Forest. Initially, it appeared that there was interest although there seems to be renewed recalcitrance.

Water & Lead Policy

The presence of some lead pipe entrances to homes (lead piping from the water main to the home) has been discovered. As a result, a new policy has been approved.
Every home will be checked over the next year to verify that there is no lead pipe service. In the event that a lead pipe service is detected, it will be changed over to a non-lead feed. We will test at least 4 homes a week for the presence of lead in the water. Any home that has a lead spike will receive instructions on how to manage the use of the water until the issue is resolved. In the event that the home does not have a lead service connection, the home will receive recommendations for use and a recommendation to replace lead plumbing in the house.

Canaan Hall

Samson reviewed a request by Gerngross for a contribution for the replacement of the garage door at Canaan Hall. Samson indicated that he would like the lighting improved in the Hall as well and indicated that the Town gets usage out the Hall. The contract calls for a

payment of about \$3,600 a year from a percentage of the rentals and we state that we will use our best efforts to make the payment. The rents do not cover the cost of heat, lights and cleaning currently. It is anticipated that there will be a shortfall of about \$1,000 this year that will need to be covered by contributions. The Board questioned putting money into the building if it was going to be torn down in a year or so. They also noted that we abate about \$4,000 a year in property taxes on the building and land. Samson indicated that he would take the repairs out of government buildings and went through the list of work that needed to be done this summer. The Board agreed to the expense this year if there was an agreement to let us use it for 5 years and it covered its own operational expense.

Other Business

Phyllis Innes has filed additional complaints about Jeff Majewski backing up water on her property again. Samson was directed to report the on-going problem to DES.

At 6:25 PM Selectman Reagan moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:40 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:41 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Motion by Dave McAlister with Second by Bob Reagan to approve forbearance agreements with Dunkerton, McKinstry, and Jackson (Convex). Unanimously approved.

Motion by Reagan to adjourn at 6:44 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen