

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 7, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the executive session to order at 5:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Bob Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson.

At 5:00 PM Selectman McAlister moved to enter executive session. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. At 5:45 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

At 5:46 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the open 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: Phil Salvail, Al Posnanski, Pete Thurber, Carolyn Freese, Stephen Freese and Travis Moulton

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 5/17/16. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Speed Bumps High Street

Stephen Freese described the traffic on High Street as speeding all of the time. The weekends are the worst. People also run through the stop sign. The residents requested two sets of speed bumps. Both sets would go across the entire width of the road. The first set would be about 30 feet south of Canaan Street about where Moulton's driveway is. The second set would be north of the Y intersection at Reagan Road. The consensus of the Board was to install them but wanted a cost estimate and input from Sam and Bob on the location.

Budget v. Actual

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

Community Market

Samson up-dated the progress on the community market. The best economics would be with a café and 15 to 20 each of farmers and artisans. Samson hopes to wrap up the planning in the next 3 or 4 weeks.

Flood Engineering

Samson indicated that the total cost for the engineering and the orthophotography mapping of the Village area was \$47,500. That would allow \$22,400 for the mapping work and \$25,000 for the engineering work. The consensus was that we needed the work done if we are ever going to fix the issues and we need to fix the issues for economic development in the Village. Dave McAlister moved to approve the budget of \$47,500. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Solar Tax Exemptions

There was a general discussion regarding what if any proposals should be made to the voters regarding changing the solar tax credit/exemption limits in Canaan. It was noted the total exemption is \$50. On the other hand there previously has been no taxable value added for solar arrays on the property. Samson noted that the cost of the units does not reflect the market value of the units. The market value is determined by the savings to the home or land owner on electric bill. A significant part of the construction cost is paid for by tax credits or subsidies from utilities. Taxing the full cost of the arrays would create an annual tax bill greater than the savings. The bill for Cardigan could be as much as \$80,000 a year. Samson indicated that the tax should be on the usefulness or savings on electric bills. He is hoping to propose an elegant formula but doesn't have a solution yet. What ever it is it will need voter approval in March. He indicated that he is sure that people will request an exemption or credit increase so it would be helpful to plan ahead for what will work. The Board asked Samson to check in with Sansoucy to see what it would cost to create a formula that we could use.

Crown Victoria Repairs/Replacement

Samson discussed a proposal from Sam Frank to buy a used SUV from Gateway or Irwins and trade in the old Crown Vic. Samson indicated that we could defer a purchase next year and buy a used cruiser for the SRO at a cost of \$14,000 that could be used for 3 or 4 years at the school. Selectman Reagan moved to approve the purchase of a used 4 wheel drive cruiser for no more than \$9,000 after trade in with half coming from other Police Department accounts and half coming from the private duty account. Also included would be \$5,000 in equipment to be added to the used cruiser in 2017. The cruiser would have as its primary mission the SRO duty. It would have to last 3 or 4 years. It would have to be in acceptable mechanical condition for Bayne. There would be no new cruiser in either 2017 or 2018. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Other Business - None

At 7:10 PM Selectman Reagan moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:38 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:38 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:39 Selectman McAlister moved to offer the temporary part time mowing position to Ben Abaire at the rate of \$10 per hour for 20 to 40 hours a week with a review in 4 weeks. Second by Reagan. Unanimous.

Motion by Reagan to adjourn at 7:40 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
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