

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 21, 2016**

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: Bob Scott, Al Posnanski, Chris Hitt, Samantha Holt, Ellie Davis, Sam Frank, Carolyn Freese, and Stephen Freese.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 6/7/16. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Hitt Culvert on Codfish Hill

There was general discussion of the deep swale on the ditch uphill from the driveway. There was a consensus by the Board and Bob that Bob would fill the uphill swale with crushed stone to allow water to drain down but still allow access.

Speed Bumps High Street

Stephen and Carolyn Freese indicated on an aerial photograph where the speed bump was to go. There was a consensus by the Selectmen and Freese to put in a single speed bump off of the Moulton driveway area. The Town would also paint a stop line at each stop sign to indicate a stop. The cost of the speed bump for a 19 foot bump is \$513.85 and two signs would be \$42.85 each.

Budget v. Actual

There was a review of the expenditures with general discussion but no significant issues. Samson reviewed a request for a new fax machine and stated that the current fax is dead. The estimated cost is about \$2,700. Samson indicated that he would shop for alternatives. The Board asked where the expense would be charged. Samson indicated that he didn't know yet and would find a source of funding. The Board advised him to identify the funding availability and make out a purchase order for the selected machine.

Solar Tax Exemptions

There was a general discussion of several taxing systems for solar arrays. Most were based on utility assessing systems. One of the challenges is trying create a system fair to other tax payers, based on market values and related to economic feasibility to owners. Samson was directed to ask Sansoucy what they would propose and what it would cost.

Tax Exemptions

There was discussion regarding the tax status of the Mascoma Community Health Center. It is exempt from property tax as a 501c3 organization. The Board of Selectmen indicated that they expected a contribution from the Health Center to offset the cost of services from the Town and to assure that the Town doesn't lose any current tax revenue. Samson indicated that he did not want to be a middle man but also indicated that the Board has said that it wants to be a good neighbor and would be willing to make a payment in lieu of taxes. He indicated that Dale Barney as chair of the Board will ask to speak with the Board in the near future. The taxes are currently being paid for 2016. The assessed valuation would change in 2017. The Board indicated that while Samson may not want to be in the middle, he will be held accountable by the Board.

Other Business

Meetings of the Board will be at the Meeting House starting July 5th and during the months of July and August.

At 6:45 PM Selectman Reagan moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:30 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:31 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:32 Selectman McAlister moved to approve a letter of instruction to the Highway Superintendent as recommended by the Town Administrator. Second by Reagan.

Unanimous.

Motion by Reagan to adjourn at 7:34 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen