

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 5, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Bob Scott, Al Posnanski, Phil Salvail, Carolyn Freese, and Stephen Freese.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 6/21/16. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Wendy Campbell Property Line Pin

Samson described Campbell's problem in that she was told by Scott Sanborn that the northeast property pin in missing after road work was done on her lot where it fronts on Blain Road. Sanborn suggested that the Town might replace it. Samson indicated it would be better if the pins were set at a setoff point off of the Town right of way. Samson also recommended resetting the pin. Dave McAlister moved to hire Saborn to reset the pin. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Competition Complex – Permission for outside alcohol serving area.

Samson indicated that Competition complex wanted to serve alcohol in an outside area that would be secure. He also indicated that neither police nor fire were opposed depending on final plans. Dave McAlister moved to approve the outside service area subject to fire and police approval. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Budget v. Actual

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

Highway Review

General review of work.

Policy on Shorts

Bob Scott indicated that highway workers wanted to wear shorts in the summer. Safety issues were dicussed for brush, sawing, hot temperature activities and other risky work. Bob indicated that he would only allow it if it was safe. There was also discussion that this policy could impact cemeteries, government buildings, transfer station and water and sewer. By Board consensus, it was decided that a Department head could allow the wearing of shorts if a pair of long pants was also available at the garage and if the shorts would be appropriate for the activity. Employees must assume liability for wearing shorts.

HHW Report

Samson gave a brief report on the households that used the service. The usage was till strong although lower in volumn than last year. This lower volumn probably is related to the tapering off of old stockpiles of hazardous waste. Samson also indicated that Enfield would be asking to join us next year.

Solar Exemptions

Samson reported that George Sansoucy is in the process of creating a spreadsheet formula that would allow us to quickly calculate the economic value of wind and solar arrays. The spreadsheet will be ready in August. The cost will be a one time cost of \$2,000 to \$3,000 and could be used every year after. There was some feeling that the value should be the construction cost rather than the economic market value. Samson pointed out that the rest of the utilities base it on the economic value. He noted that the economic value of houses is taxed rather than the construction cost. He also noted that the Sansoucy formula would result in a tax value of about 30% to 40% of the construction cost. Samson was directed to check on wind turbines.

Other Business

John Bergeron asked for appointment of CIP Committee members. Dave McAlister moved to approve the appointments as requested. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Samson discussed problems with the boat ramp and the increasing problem from the large rocks blocking the ramp.

Samson presented a light pole license for Roberts Road. Dave McAlister moved to approve the pole license. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Samson discussed on-going issues with DRA about appraising of current use properties.

At 6:50 PM Selectman McAlister moved to enter executive session. Scott Borthwick seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:20 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Scott Borthwick and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:21 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Scott Borthwick seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:22 Selectman McAlister moved to approve pay increases for Dan Quimby, Chuck Conrad and Justin Hurley to \$18.51 per hour. Second by Borthwick.

Unanimous.

Motion by McAlister to adjourn at 7:29 PM with second by Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
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