

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 6, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Meeting House. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, David McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Others: Bill Wanner, Denis Salvail, Phil Smith, Kimberly Depelteau Tracy, and Bob Scott.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 8/16/16. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Dodge Road

Request by Roby to place gates and bars on Dodge Road. Dodge Road is a Class VI road that is used by ATVs and snow mobiles. The proposal is to place gates near the Dodge Road Cemetery on the north end of Dodge Road and another just above the Marvel Chase Inc., property that borders the first 500 feet more or less on the Dodge Road at the south end where it connects to the Lary Pond Road, Fernwood Farm Road and Stevens Road. Dave McAlister moved to approve the plan for gates and bars as proposed. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

ATVs on River Road

Lepore indicated that she would be unable to attend this evening.

Potato Road Overweight and Speed

The Board reviewed the complaints of overweight trucks on Potato Road that exceed the 15,000 pound limit and the additional complaint that they are speeding down the hill. The trucks are dump trucks with gravel and chip trucks. Samson suggested a regulation that would require any commercial vehicle with more than 2 axels to get a permit to use the bridge. In the event that a truck was not permitted, it would be fined. In the event that a truck was permitted but was overweight, it would loose the permit. The consensus of the Board was to draft an ordinance.

North Lary Road obstruction at the end of Class V

Bob was directed to check with the owner to determine if we could put a turn around at the end of the Class V section on the Buddington property opposite St. Onge.

Tree on Black Water Road corner

The consensus of the Board was that there was no problem with the tree on the corner of Black Water Road at 169 Black Water.

Foliage View

Samson relayed a request from the landowners association on Foliage View that the Town consider taking over Foliage View as a Town Road which would increase the ability of the landowners to compel all interested lot owners to contribute to the road cost. The consensus of the Board was that the road is not currently a Town Road and would require a petitioned warrant article approved by the voters. The Board was not in favor of adding additional town road.

Culvert Policy

Putting in new culverts is up to the applicant for a driveway. Currently, if a replacement is needed (as determined by the Highway Superintendent), the landowner must pay for the culvert and we put it in. The most recent culvert that was requested had been purchased by the owner as a 24" culvert. Bob was directed to swap the 24" for a 15" and put it in. After discussion, there was a consensus that the replacement policy should be as follows:

In the event that the Highway Superintendent decides that a driveway culvert has failed, the Town will install a replacement within 12 months provided that the owner pays for the replacement culvert unit. The owner must sign an agreement that the owner will pay for the culvert before ordering the culvert. If the owner chooses not to pay, the Town may remove the failed culvert and ditch along the side of the road if necessary. The owner may appeal to the Board of Selectmen based on need.

There was discussion regarding the culvert at Kimberly Depelteau Tracy's house. Kimberly alleged that there was no culvert there prior to the new installation. She alleged that the culvert tips the wrong way and the ditch has caused the road to erode and that there was no drainage into the culvert. Bob Scott indicated that she did agree to pay for the culvert. The Board indicated that they would wait until they receive a signed request by Kimberly to take the culvert out prior to doing anything further. The consensus of the Board was to meet with Bob and Dale Morse on Monday at 8 AM to confirm that Kimberly agreed to the installation after being told that the culvert would be charged to her as well as verifying that there was in fact a culvert there that needed replacement.

Paving Bids

Samson reviewed the paving bids received and indicated that the low bid was from GMI. Bob indicated that they have their own asphalt plant now. Motion by Al Posnanski to award the bid to GMI with second from Dave McAlister. Unanimous approval.

Heat Bids

Samson indicated that the heat bids would be coming in next week.

Proposed Budget and Budget v Actual

Samson went through the proposed budget and income and actual expense. He was chastised for ordering the plaque for Bob Reagan without Board approval. The consensus of the Board was to give preliminary approval for the submission of the budget to the Budget Committee. Final approval would occur after all of the insurance costs are known in November.

Other Business

Samson reviewed the bid for salt from Morton Salt and recommended the acceptance of the bid based on Bob's recommendation. Motion by Al Posnanski to award the bid to Morton for up to 600 tons of salt at \$88.08 a ton with second from Dave McAlister. Unanimous approval.

Samson asked the Board to approve grant applications by Chief Frank. The Board noted that there were potential waivers required and stipulated that Chief Frank would be required to seek waivers if necessary. Consensus of the Board to approve the grant applications and directing Scott Borthwick to sign the applications.

At 8:07 PM Selectman McAlister moved to enter executive session. Al Posnanski seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 8:53 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Al Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

At 8:53 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Al Posnanski seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Lewis Notice of Violation for failure to have a sub-division permit for 14 residential units on the property at 242 Fernwood Farms Road. Samson asked for approval of the Notice of Violation to be followed by criminal citations. Motion by Al Posnanski to send out the Notice of Violation with second from Dave McAlister. Unanimous approval.

Motion by McAlister to adjourn at 9:04 PM with second by Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen