

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 20, 2016**

Dave McAlister called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen David McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Others: Bob Scott.

Minutes

Al Posnanski moved to approve the minutes of 9/6/16 and 9/13/16. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Proposed Budget and Budget v Actual

Samson reviewed the changes that were made to offset the increase in prosecution and dispatch costs. The remaining significant increases could come from health and property and liability insurance.

Conservation Commission

The Board reviewed the Conservation Commission's effort to seek Audubon International's recognition of preservation land in Canaan. The Board of Selectmen approved it by consensus. The Board asked that the Conservation Commission keep the Board of Selectmen informed in advance of these efforts.

Culvert Replacement Policy

Samson reviewed the short culvert replacement policy that is tied to the culvert replacement form that was previously approved. Dave McAlister moved to approve the policy and post it on the web site. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Speed Bump at Potato Road

The problems of enforcement were discussed. The two axle rule would require on-going monitoring. The speed bump option would reduce speed but do nothing on over weight issues. The decision was made to leave the bridge as is. If an overweight vehicle goes through the bridge, that trucker's liability insurance will have to fund the replacement. Dave McAlister moved to repeal the two axle regulation on the Potato Road Bridge. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Wetland

Samson shared with the Board that there were three enforcement actions that are being planned regarding the wetlands at the end of Switch Road. The State has indicated that Hersey, Lozeau and the Town will be served with deficiency letters indicating that they have filled wetlands. Samson indicated that the State wetlands maps indicate that neither Lozeau nor Hersey appear to have encroached into mapped wetlands. The hydric soils maps indicate that most of the Lozeau and Hersey fill areas are hydric soils. Hydric soils are one criteria that is used to establish wetlands. The other two criteria include hydrology and wetland vegetation. The hydric soils maps indicate that the hydric soils go up the hill into the Zani property where logging has occurred. The Town is alleged to have relocated Switch Road without a wetlands permit. Samson indicated that the road relocation was a State project. There was evidence that the Town originally started a permit application using SEC consultants in 2001. That application looks like it was never completed. The State submitted an application for that area and the S curves construction area and did the whole project at one time. The construction was done by Audley Construction. Samson also

indicated that the State was planning on issuing a Notice of Deficiency on the Elliott Field Ball Field as well. Again, the field and parking lot are not in mapped wetlands and are greater than 100 feet from a mapped wetland as required. The State is arguing that the Town created (in the 1950's) drainage ditch is a perennial stream and that the culvert used to cross the ditch is an impermissible alteration of the "stream". Our reading is that the width and depth of the ditch and the culvert are not in violation. The consensus of the Board was to wait for further communication from the State.

Drought Suggestions

Samson indicated that the Emergency Management team is looking at what educational information we can present to people whose water supplies are running dry. There is also a financial assistance program for people whose water supply runs dry. The consensus was to post the financial assistance links on the web site.

North Lary Road Obstruction

It appears that St. Onge is filling in more of the road. The Board approved asking Buddington for permission to build a turn around in front of St. Onge's house.

Heat Bids

Samson reviewed the bids from Irving, Dead River, Eastern and Simple Energy. The low municipal bid is Irving. Dave McAlister moved to approve the bid from Irving. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Giovanna Lepore Complaint

The board reviewed the complaint of Giovana Lepore and directed Samson to respond that the issue was a police issue and provide a copy of the law regarding disturbing the peace. The Board supported the action of the Police Department.

At 7:03 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:15 PM Selectman Posnanski moved to exit executive session, seconded by McAlister and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:15 Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister 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 was directed to notify the residents of the action and to offer relocation assistance if needed. Motion by Al Posnanski to approve the pay increase for Chuck Conrad retroactively based on his favorable probationary review. Second from Dave McAlister. Unanimous approval. Motion by Posnanski to adjourn at 7:18 PM. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
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