

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 1, 2016**

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, David McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Others: Phil Salvail, Bob Scott, Sam Frank, Audrey Conrad, Chuck Conrad and Carole Cushman.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 10/18/16. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Sam Frank Recognition

Dave McAlister moved to recognize Sam Frank for saving thousands of dollars by trading in the old assault style rifles for new rifles. Al Posnanski joined in recognizing his effort and also requested that the replacement of the assault rifles scheduled in the 2020 CIP cycle be deferred until at least 2026.

Proposed Budget and Budget v Actual

No action.

Cell Tower

Samson informed the Board that there is opposition to the Fernwood Farms Road location for the Verizon tower. It is based on impacts to the Historic District. He indicated that it appears that the Grist Mill Hill site is still being strongly considered. The Board directed by unanimous consent that in the event that the Fernwood Farm site is the only site, the Town should go in and strongly favor the site in spite of the visibility from the Historic District based on the fact that the actionable distance for opposition (a half mile) is much less than the actual distance from the tower location to the historic district and based on the need for cell service for the Town of Canaan generally.

Old Back Hoe

Bob Scott indicated that there was a buyer for the old back hoe with the blown transmission that hasn't been used in ten years. The Town has been offered \$500 to sell the backhoe and transport it to Grist Mill Hill. The consensus of the Board was to sell the backhoe for \$500 but that the transport and loading of the back hoe should be the responsibility of the buyer. There was also discussion about selling an old snow blower and sander. The Board directed to get the used items out so that the Board could look at them prior to selling them.

School Board Roundtable

The School Board has invited the Canaan Board of Selectmen to attend a round table meeting at the new school at 6 PM. The Board wanted to know where the meeting was being held. Samson indicated he would check.

Hearing on Grants

Samson reported that we will advertise a hearing to accept and spend grant funds for the Town at the November 15 meeting.

Michelle Lewis Enforcement

Samson reported that citations are starting against Michelle. It is anticipated that the citations will be served every week.

North Lary Road

Samson reviewed a proposal to locate a road turn around in front of St. Onge’s house. The edge of the turn around would reach into St. Onge’s lawn about 6 feet to a steel pipe that St. Onge agreed used to be the edge of the road. The other edge would extend 24 feet into the lands of Buddington. The turn around would be an oval with a width of 50 feet and a length of 75 feet. The consensus of the Board was to send a proposed agreement to Buddington for signature.

Don Degrasse

Samson reviewed the total costs for DeGrasse. By the time the project is complete in the next week, we will have provided \$12,000 including rent and relocation costs. The repair and replacement costs for the trailer will be less than \$8,000. The payback is about 12 months for the home cost and 18 months for the rent and home based on avoided rent. Samson has told Degrasse that once the house is done, he should have sufficient retirement income to stay there indefinitely without assistance. Based on the investment in the home, no further assistance will be forthcoming from the Town. Samson was directed to prepare a mortgage on the property to cover all of the expenses including back taxes so that the Town is protected if the property was ever sold. The latest costs of \$2,915 were approved representing the anticipated final costs. Consensus of the Board for the expense and execution of the mortgage.

Other Business

Samson presented the applications from the Fish and Game Club and Old Home Days Committee for use of the Town properties next year for Old Home Days and two Town wide yard sales as well as waiver of the open container law for Old Home Days. Motion by Al Posnanski to approve. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimous approval.

At 7:12 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:28 PM Selectman Posnanski moved to exit executive session, seconded by McAlister and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:29 Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:29 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen