

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

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson.

Executive Session

At 5:30 PM Selectman Dave McAlister moved to enter executive session. Al Posnanski seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 5:55 PM Selectman Posnanski moved to exit executive session, seconded by McAlister and it was unanimously passed.

At 5:56 Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:00 PM the open session with members of the public commenced. Others: Kevin McCullough, Denis Salvail, Phil Salvail and Ellie Davis.

Minutes

Al Posnanski moved to approve the minutes of 11/15/16. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved. Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 12/6/16. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Proposed Regulations for Furnaces

Kevin McCullough wanted to discuss proposed regulations for furnaces. Samson indicated that the proposals were not yet in a form to be discussed. Chief Bellion and Phil Neily were working on an assessment of what the Town is obligated by state law to do. The plan is to have it available in January. The Board indicated that the issue would be discussed on January 17, 2017. Kevin repeated several times that the license holder should sign the permit and Samson repeated several time that this is what is being discussed. McCullough also indicated that homeowners would not get permits and Samson indicated that was a real possibility but that they would do so at their own risk.

Proposed Budget and Budget v Actual

No action.

Funding Options for School Taxes – Canaan Hall 12/27/16

Samson reviewed the impact of the various funding formulas. He showed that the decrease for Canaan would go from \$1.2 million reduction at 50%-50% to \$728,000 reduction at 70%-30%. There was general discussion of holding a meeting on Tuesday, December 27 to follow up on the December 6th meeting. There was an agreement of the three Selectmen that the goal would be to get action on having the tax load of the school appropriated based on 70% ADM and 30% relative equalized property valuation. The lesser reduction would blunt the impact on Enfield by about a third and make the increase for Dorchester more affordable. The meeting would look to create a consensus of at least the four smaller towns.

Warrant Articles

Samson reviewed the proposed special warrant articles so far. They include 4 special articles to take money from the general fund for deposit in the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve (\$30,000), Government Buildings Capital Reserve (\$20,000), Revaluation Capital Reserve (\$10,000) and Bridges Capital Reserve (\$35,000). Samson indicated that he hoped

that DRA would approve the compromise posting the permission warrant articles to put the money in and including the money in the general operating budget. Samson also indicated that he was asking to take out \$120,000 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve for a new 6 wheel dump truck, take out \$25,000 from the recycling account for a used live floor trailer, and put in \$120,000 from unassigned fund balance into the Highway Equipment account and \$50,000 from the unassigned fund balance into the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Account. These would be in addition to the four authorizations for buildings, revaluation, police cruisers and bridges. Samson also indicated that there would only be one housekeeping item from last year's Warrant and that would be to use Article 11 to create a Library Renovation Capital Reserve Account to replace last year's article where we attempted to close one account and rename it as another account for the same purpose.

Encumbered Purchase Orders

Samson indicated that the Board would review outstanding purchase orders at the December 27th meeting to carry over unused purchase order amounts as an encumbrance.

At 6:50 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.

At 7:16 PM Al Posnanski moved to approve a voucher for rent support provided that the Landlord intended to allow the tenant to continue living in the apartment after the payment was made. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved. Samson was directed to check with the Landlord.

At 7:16 PM Dave McAlister moved to approve the default budget at \$3,463,197. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

At 7:16 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
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