

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 17, 2017**

Scott Borthwick called the Executive Session to order at 5:30 PM at the Conference Room.

At 5:25 PM Selectman Dave McAlister moved to enter executive session. Al Posnanski seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 5:45 PM Selectman Posnanski moved to exit executive session, seconded by McAlister and it was unanimously passed.

At 5:46 Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Others: John Bergeron, Ellie Davis, Denis Salvail, Kevin McCullough, Bill Bellion, Phil Neily, Sam Frank and John Coffey.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes for 1/10/17. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Police Grant

Sam explained the proposed grant for electronic ticket writing equipment. He noted that the State was providing it for free in exchange for road patrols and without the grant we will eventually be required to buy the unit at our expense. It is transferable from vehicle to vehicle. The Board of Selectmen approved the grant application by consensus.

Sewer Department Grant

John Coffee indicated that the Town needs to apply for the energy conservation funds in order to see what the terms will be. The changes to the aerators and to variable drive pump motors would result in significant savings and a 3 year payback. With the grant, it most likely would be a year. We won't know what the return payment to Liberty will be until we apply. The consensus of the Board was to authorize the application for the funding and reserve the right to reject the grant after learning what the repayment terms will be.

Building & Life Safety

Samson distributed drafts of the proposed revised building permit form and new language that will allow the Town to issue building permits by notification of a licensed technician that the work had been done to code or by the homeowner in the event that the work was legally done by the homeowner. Bill Bellion gave a summary of four illegal installations within the last two months that included at least one event that could have been life threatening. Samson walked through all of the proposed rules and instructions. Kevin McCullough suggested the addition of a couple of additional provisions that would require general contractor sign-offs for structural issues. Samson proposed that the public be notified and that a hearing be scheduled on February 21st at 6 PM for questions and answers and comments. The Board consensus was to schedule the hearing and solicit comments and proposed changes prior to February 21st.

Lewis Sub-Division Up-Date

Samson indicated that the Town had retained the services of Gabriel Nizetic of Plymouth to conduct the prosecution of Michelle Lewis. Samson indicated that the law had changed as of the first of the year and now allows the Town to give a 20 day notice of failure to remediate followed by remediation by the Town at the expense of the landowner with the charges becoming a lien on the property that would be subject to deeding just like delinquent taxes. Samson indicated that if it came to that, the removal of the trailers would be about equal to the value of the land, house and garage. The property would then be sold to recoup the money expended. The Town will reserve the right to prosecute the criminal charges.

Capital Reserve Legislation

Samson updated the Board on the hearing at the Legislature today on changing the capital reserve law. He indicated that Steve Hamilton was prepared to give additional clarification that would make the DRA proposed bill workable for Canaan. The Town of Hudson was looking for additional changes.

School Tax Discussion

There was substantial discussion about the up-coming deliberative session, a meeting scheduled in Enfield for January 30th and the flack about negotiations in Dorchester being the equivalent of bribery. The Board reviewed the Dorchester proposal and it was noted that we were trying to make the 80%-20% proposal more palatable to the Town of Dorchester.

Other Business

The Board considered the requests for appointments to the Historic District Kristina Burnett for an additional three year term to the Historic District ending in 2019 and Tina Lemoi as a Historic District Commission member to a three year term expiring in 2020. The Board also considered appointment of Jan Forbush and Scott Berry for another three year term on the Board of Adjustment with terms expiring in 2020. As required by the watershed protection ordinance, the planning board recommends these appointments. Motion by McAlister with second by Posnanski to appoint as requested. Unanimous approval.

At 7:45 PM Selectman Dave McAlister moved to enter executive session. Al Posnanski seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:55 PM Selectman Posnanski moved to exit executive session, seconded by McAlister and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:56 Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:56 Selectman Posnanski moved to direct Bob Scott (2) to write up personnel violation notices and Mike Samson to issue a verbal notice. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Samson indicated that the Board had forgotten to get approval of the proposal in Dorchester earlier in the meeting. He pointed out that while the Board had individually signed the offer of assistance to Dorchester, they had not acted on it as a group.

Selectman Posnanski moved to approve the proposal drafted by Samson on

January 6th and previously signed by the Board individually on the sixth and seventh. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 8:02 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen