

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 6, 2017**

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, Gerry Dubcuis (R&D), Josh Kierstead, Chris Kierstead, Jason Rogers, Bob Scott, Ellie Davis, Sean Hill, Lori Bliss Hill, Trinity Hill, and Baylee Hill.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes for 5/16/17. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Paving & Grinding Bids

The Board opened four paving bids from United, Pike, R&D and GMI. A copy of the bid analysis is attached. Initially, the Board determined that Pike had the lowest overall cost. The cost per ton is second lowest but the cost of grinding was significantly lower. Dave McAlister moved to approve the Pike bid. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Trucks & Trailers

Samson presented the three proposed purchases Tom Marlar has recommended the purchase of Bob Scott's truck for use of John Coffey in the water and sewer Department. The truck has been checked by Tom and he believes that it will provide at least 5 years of service. Because John is always on call, he will commute to and from Canaan in the truck. The truck has a hitch but has no plow. Bob does not want plows on either of the light weight trucks. It has a NADA trade in value of \$10,500 and will be purchased for \$9,500. The second truck recommended by Tom is a truck from Peanut's with a price of \$8,500. That truck has lower mileage and should also last 5 years. (Parenthetically, it was also noted that Tom has gotten the mowing tractor working. It was a combination of problems). Dave McAlister moved to approve the purchase of both trucks but noted that the Board had delegated the decision to Tom at the last meeting. Second by Al. Unanimous approval. Samson described three different closed utility trailers that he had looked at for a HHW replacement trailer. There was a used 2015 20' Freedom trailer from Shaker Valley for \$5,695, a new 20' Freedom trailer from City RV and Auto in Newport for \$6,495 and a new 20' Covered Wagon trailer from Barrington for \$6,700. The last trailer the Town had was a Freedom trailer and we were very pleased with it. The feeling was that a new trailer with new brakes and tires was worth the extra \$700. The consensus of the Board was to buy the Freedom Trailer from Newport.

Roberts Road Widening

The Hills attended and thanked the Highway Department for improving the sight lines on a corner of Robert's Road. The Baldwins/Ritchies agreed to brush removal at the corner to improve visibility. The Hill also delivered strawberries and cookies as thanks for the great service.

LCHIP Application Museum Windows

John Bergeron asked the Board to support the LCHIP application for window repair. The consensus of the Board was to support the application provided must not result in any future obligations to the Town during the 5 year stewardship period. Any costs incurred because of the LCHIP agreement must be paid for by the museum curators fundraising. This does not include normal painting and repairs historically provided by the Town government buildings budget. The Board directed Samson to review the final draft to assure it was consistent with Board policy.

Engineering Prospect Hill Culvert

There was general discussion and the consensus of the Board was to go with White Mountain pre-cast for engineering and permitting. Bob was asked get a cost number for the culvert from Michie. There is no money currently available for the culvert and there will also be a shortfall for the Potato Road bridge in 2018-2019 so other funding will be needed.

Utility Assessment Case

Samson indicated that the NH Supreme Court ruled against NH Elec. Coop and for the Towns which will assure that we do not lose the \$65,000 a year we were in jeopardy of losing in property tax revenue.

Proposed Forebearance Agreements

Samson outlined proposed forbearance agreements for Kirstead, Adams and Rogers. All were approved as drafted. Motion by McAlister and second by Posnanski to approve. Unanimous approval.

Diffuse Air Project at Wastewater Lagoons

The proposal to use used diffuse air equipment with a savings of about \$5,000 instead of the Liberty grant program was well received. It was noted that the engineering cost was estimated at \$2,500. The condition is that the engineering cost not exceed \$7,500.

Primex

Samson reviewed the proposed PRIMEX Agreement that would cap increases at no more than 7% annually if we sign up for 3 years. Motion by McAlister with second by Posnanski to authorize Scott Borthwick to sign the cap Agreement.

Other Business

None

At 6:41 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
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