

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, June 20, 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 Administrative Assistant Sharon Duffy. Others: Sam Frank, Bob Scott, Ellie Davis.

**Minutes**

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes for 6/6/17 as amended. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

**Budget vs. Actual**

There were no major issues.

**Commendation**

Dave McAlister wished to make a public statement of endorsement for Mike's efforts to attend the grand opening of the Health Center. He is proud of Mike has done, and was glad that Mike was able to participate despite his recent injuries.

**Old Home Days Appropriation**

Dave McAlister moved to approve \$1000. Al Posnanski seconded it. Unanimously approved.

**Cemetery Truck**

The board agreed that Barry Gedis could take the town truck home. They felt this was a good idea since he often works weekends or is on call, and because his home was closer to most of his work than the town garage. The following stipulations were added: Barry needs to keep a log of his driving. No smoking allowed in the truck. No unauthorized personnel allowed in the truck or to be transported in the truck. The old truck (John's) will be kept for errands until it is no longer cost effective to do so. It currently has low trade in value, but still has low mileage and is running well. Samson was directed to prepare a written agreement that the Town and Barry will sign.

**Water-Sewer Rates**

Water-Sewer Rates will be approved at a special BOS meeting on Monday, June 26 at 5:30pm. Ellie Davis asked a hearing was needed. It is not.

**Police Vehicle**

As an aside, Sam Frank let the board know that he had turned in a PO for the newest ballistic vests. The board was interested in what happened to the old vests. The old vests are no longer able to be used and are discarded.

As a result of the outcome of a trial in a drug arrest case, the police are able to take possession of forfeit motor vehicle free and clear. We would not need to pay more than a nominal registration or insurance fee. Bob Scott has checked out the car. It is solid, sound and has very low mileage. At first the board was not in favor of the idea. They were strongly against it. They believe that the general public opinion is that the police department already has enough vehicles, and that they do want to incur any more expenses for vehicles. Sam Frank was strongly in favor of taking the car so that it could be used for surveillance in drug investigation. The selectboard could see the advantage of that, but then felt the car would be compromised. After just a few weeks, they felt as if everyone would know about the unmarked car making it unusable for the purposes stated. In the end, the board agreed to a compromise. The police can accept the car. After 90 days Sam Frank will need to present a report of the benefits the car has provided and review the effectiveness of further use with the selectmen. If there is no further benefit and/or if the public response to more vehicles is negative, the car will need to be sold. Each board member was willing to agree to this and a consensus was made to move ahead and acquire the car.

### **Recreation Meeting**

The recreation committee will be meeting on Wednesday night to adjust field schedules at Elliot and Williams so that repair work can be done at Williams. Dave McAlister will be attending and will speak for the town on any issues that arise.

### **Museum Curator Members**

Al Posnanski motioned, and Dave McAlister seconded the museum curators' recommendation for the following changes in membership. All in favor.

Member to have their terms extended 3 years:

Donna Zani Dunkerton

Reggie Barney

Member to replace Dan Fleetham, Sr:

Susan Nero

### **Cozy Corner Concessions**

The board was in full agreement that the following would apply to anyone wanting to use the Cozy Corner parking lot to sell food concessions. The business should not create undue competition for established local stores. The business cannot use the space when it is reserved for town events or holidays. The town does not need to seek additional licenses for health or other things that would be covered by state law. The town should get waivers of liability and proof of insurance where applicable. Any use of utilities would be so small that it is outweighed by the benefits of more foot traffic in our downtown area. Any further policies would be discussed and created when Dave McAlister reviewed this issue with the Recreation Committee.

### **Highway Dept**

Bob Scott reports all of the reclaiming work is done on Stevens Rd. He is going to windrow West Farms soon to inspect the road base to see what needs to be done for repairs. Despite delays for road grading due to the broken grader and bad weather, there have been several public comments of appreciation for the work getting done and the recent use of sodium chloride.

### **Other Business**

The July and August BOS meetings will be held at the Meeting House. Ellie Davis asked for contact information for the town mechanic so that she could get him budget committee information.

The library has asked again about the locks for the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Mike Samson will call Gate Keeper to get that going.

At 6:30 Dave McAlister motioned to go into non-public session. Al Posnanski seconded. All in favor. Mike Samson then joined the meeting by telephone.

Dave McAlister moved to close the non-public session at 6:40 and seal the minutes. Al Posnanski seconded. All agreed. Non-public session ended at 6:40.

Al Posnanski motioned and Dave McAlister seconded to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned: 6:43

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Scott Borthwick, Chairman

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David McAlister

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Al Posnanski