

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 5, 2017**

Scott Borthwick called the Non-Public meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Canaan Library Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Also in attendance was Town Counsel. The meeting recessed at 5:50. Al Posnanski moved to recess and Dave McAlister seconded. All in favor.

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Canaan Library Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Others: Dale Morse, Bob Scott, Dan Quimby, Louis Jacobs, Matt Wilson, Claude Lemoi, Ellie Davis, Carole Cushman, Jason Hurley, Sam Frank and Bill Bellion.

Minutes 8/15/17

Motion by Dave McAlister and second by Al Posnanski to approve the minutes of 8/15/17. Unanimous.

Hearing Bi-Weekly Pay Periods

Samson discussed the plan to go to bi-weekly pay periods to reduce the work load on Gloria by about 4 hours every other week. The employees objected because their personal finances are all planned based on a weekly check rather than a bi-weekly check and they felt it would be too difficult to budget with the change. Sam Frank and Bob Scott objected to estimating for two weeks when Gloria goes on vacation. Sam offered to have Christine trained to provide backup payroll processing. Samson indicated that would probably not work since Sam has been asking for years to increase the dispatch hours to 40 hours. The Board took the testimony under advisement.

Wind Ordinance

Claude indicated that the Sub-Committee was early in the process and wanted feedback from Samson before being discussed for approval. The Board of Selectmen indicated that they had no official opinion although several indicated that the communities can't just say no to everything. The Board stated that they would abide by the wishes of the voters. Claude asked for Samson's comments and Samson indicated he would sit down with Claude and verbally give his suggestions on another day that week.

Hearings on Un-Expected Revenues

\$8,310 Emeline Davis Trust for Well at Wells Cemetery Annex.

Al Posnanski moved to approve acceptance and plan to expend and Dave McAlister seconded. All in favor.

\$8,958.07 Emeline Davis Trust Legal Fees Cy Pres Action.

Al Posnanski moved to approve acceptance and plan to expend and Dave McAlister seconded. All in favor.

\$2,016 Refund on health insurance from Inter Local Trust to General Fund. Al Posnanski moved to approve acceptance and plan to expend and Dave McAlister seconded. All in

favor.

NH DOT Highway Funding – One time \$135,000 block grant – Jones Hill Paving, Prospect Hill culvert and Fuel Depot.

Al Posnanski moved to approve acceptance and plan to expend and Dave McAlister seconded. All in favor.

FEMA funding for storm damage Al Posnanski moved to approve acceptance of all funds for July 1st highway washouts and to expend the funds on repairs with the balance to be used for mitigation planning and work. Dave McAlister seconded. All in favor.

Meeting House Repairs

Samon indicated that the Meeting House repairs were out for bid with a deadline of September 11th. The funding will come from unused capital funding in the general fund budget.

Recreation Playground Equipment Donation

Phyllis Burg donated \$5,000 for a new piece of playground equipment. It will be a bouncing see saw for smaller children. Al Posnanski moved to approve acceptance of the gift and purchase of the see saw and Dave McAlister seconded. All in favor.

Budget vs. Actual & 2017 Budget

Samson reviewed the proposed budget and indicated that we would be increasing the budget about \$115,000, not counting the extra expense from the capital reserve for a new dump truck. That represents about 2.7%. We are still waiting on insurances and some personnel issues to be resolved before finalizing the budget.

Draft CMS Solar Exemption Agreement

Samson reviewed the proposed written agreement between Cardigan Mountain School and AEP and the Town of Canaan on the solar array farm. In essence, the Town would reduce the assessed value proportionate to the usage that is tax exempt. This reduction was requested by AEP and CMS and agreed to in principle by the Board. The Board signed the proposed agreement.

Cell Tower Report

Samson reported that road and conduit are installed and that concrete will come next.

Other

Carole Cushman asked that the Town advertise the informational program; Aging with Dignity.

At 8:20 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to enter non-public meeting to discuss legal issues. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 8:36 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit non-public meeting, seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

At 8:36 Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Al Posnanski moved to keep the pay periods at weekly and Dave McAlister seconded. All in favor.

At 8:37 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen