

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 24, 2017**

Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Canaan Selectmen Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Also in attendance were Bob Scott, Matt Wilson, and Sam Frank.

Budget vs. Actual

Samson reviewed a proposed budget that is different than what has been previously proposed. The new budget drops the part time employee for cemeteries and government buildings and adds a full time employee that is split 50% with the highway department in the winter and 25% in government buildings and 25% in cemeteries in the summer season. This also increases expense for payroll and expense for benefits. Part of the new cost is covered by getting rid of the part time employee. Other offsets include dropping DP equipment by \$1,000, mechanic repairs by \$8,700, mechanic petroleum products by \$5,000, removal of the road reconstruction added \$30,000, and \$1,000 from HHW. Other increases include increasing cleaning to \$26,000 a year and increasing workers compensation to \$43,000 a year. It is anticipated that this budget will cause an increase in the tax rate of between 1% and 2% next year. Selectman McAlister moved to set the Highway Superintendent's salary at a 3% increase subject to review by the Budget Committee and approve the proposed budget as amended. Seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed. Samson was directed to start advertising for a new highway worker for January.

Tax Rate

Samson reviewed the proposed tax rate that was calculated based on school, county and State information as well as expected income. The rate proposed is \$6.82 for Town, \$1.81 for County, \$20.83 for Local School, and \$2.29 for State Education. The total would be \$31.75 per thousand. That is an increase of 1.8% in the Town rate, an increase of .87% in the school rate and an increase of .88% overall. Selectman McAlister moved to approve the rate. Seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

Police Transport

To Non-Public Session

Other Business

Samson asked the Board to approve the proposal of HEB to seek funding for flood mitigation in the Village. The money is coming from the landfill account (previously dedicated to economic development). Selectman McAlister moved to approve the proposal. Seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

Samson reviewed the three proposals for oil and propane. The low bid was Irving at a combined cost of \$21,756. The next lowest was Dead River at \$22,568. The difference is \$812. The Board discussed that they were very unhappy with the service call that happened in the spring when there was no heat in the Town office. After several hours of

work and replacement of parts, the service techs were still unable to get heat working. A local plumber was called and he found that a valve on a heating unit in the lobby was shut off preventing circulation of hot water. The cost of the service call by Irving was a complete waste. Selectman McAlister moved to accept the bid by Dead River in light of the wasted service call even though the cost for the coming year was \$812 higher. Seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:20 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to enter non-public meeting to discuss Police Transport. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:33 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit non-public meeting, seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:33 Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Selectman McAlister moved to approve the use of alternate vehicles for police use provided it was not in uniform at the time and called for a review every 90 days. Seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

Selectman McAlister moved to approve speed signs on Sugar Hill and at Goodwin Road and any other location needed. Seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:45 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
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