

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, August 6, 2019**

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Canaan Meeting House. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister and Al Posnanski and TA Samson. Others: Tom Milligan, Elwin Neily, and John Bergeron.

Minutes: 7/23/19

Motion by McAlister and second by Posnanski to approve the minutes of 7/23 as amended. Unanimous.

**Sale of Old Gravel Pit**

Dean Vanier had been invited to come in and ask questions regarding decision to retain property. Dean was not in attendance.

**Historic District Appointment**

John Bergeron asked that Mary Noordsy be appointed to fill the vacancy of Tina Lemoi whose term expires in 2020 and that Tom Milligan be appointed to fill the vacancy of Mary Noordsy who was serving as an alternate and whose term expires in 2022. Motion by McAlister and second by Posnanski to approve the appointment of Noordsy and Milligan as recommended. Unanimous.

**Intent to Cut**

Samson presented an Intent to Cut executed by the Town and asked that it be amended as requested by Rick Evans to indicate that Ben White is selling the timber rather than the Town. Motion by Posnanski and second by McAlister to amend the NOITC as recommended. Unanimous.

**Proposed Budget**

Samson indicated that the budget process started today and the draft budget would be ready by September 1.

**Flooding**

Samson presented a general review of several flood related items. The Town has received the Osgood and Hammond bills and both came in under budget. DES has reviewed our activity in Area E (last 1,000 feet of river up-stream) and generally were ok with removal activity. There were 1 or 2 areas where the cobble was piled slightly higher than the bank but they did not know if it will be an issue. Those areas are a minor part of the work. Corps of Engineers acknowledges that the work is done but they are still asking us to apply for a permit. HEB is doing the permit. It appears that the Corps' issue is having any cobble piled against the bank although they would allow us to remove it. DES is still indicating that their emergency authorization supercedes Corps of Engineers. Elwin Neily wanted to reinforce his desire to make sure the water that passes over the bank by the transfer station bridge goes quickly back into the river and that flood debris not end up in his field. He has asked for and we have agreed to install swales that quickly divert water (and just the water) back into Orange Book leaving the debris in our fields only.

At 7:20 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by Dave McAlister.  
Unanimously approved.

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Scott Borthwick, Chairman

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David McAlister

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Al Posnanski  
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