

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, August 27, 2019**

Dave McAlister called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Canaan Meeting House. In attendance were Selectmen Dave McAlister and Al Posnanski and TA Samson. Others: Ellie Davis, Patricia Stevens, Bruce Stevens, Sadie Wells, Sherri Withington, Brett Withington and Joe Frazier

Minutes: 8/6/19

Motion by Posnanski and second by McAlister to approve the minutes of 8/6 as amended. Unanimous.

#### Hutchinson Drainage

Samson described a proposal to put an underground pipe along Hutchinson's East sidewalk to drain the sump pump water into the storm drain on Route 118. It would be connected to the drain pipe emptying from the building to grass next to the sidewalk. Samson indicated that if the State objects, we will recommend that they connect their storm drain to someone else's drainage system and not ours. Motion by Posnanski and second by McAlister to approve the drainage proposal. Unanimous.

#### Sweep Account

Samson and Joe Frazier described two competing proposals for a sweep account that will increase interest earnings for the Town. While the Mascoma proposal makes less than the NHPDIP proposal, the Mascoma proposal is FDIC insured, is automated and will still increase revenue by about \$30,000 a year over the current earnings. The NHPDIP proposal would make about \$20,000 more but would not be insured and would require manual ACH transactions. Motion by McAlister and second by Posnanski to recommend to Joe Frazier to go with the Mascoma Bank proposal. Unanimous.

#### Mascoma Tax Anticipation Notes

In order to finance the payment of the Fairpoint Settlement and finance the extra cost of road repairs due to the July 11<sup>th</sup> flood, Mascoma has offered to loan the Town money through tax anticipation notes. One would be for \$334,000 at 3.25% and one would be for \$250,000 at 2%. Both would require repayment within 1 year and the Fairpoint loan would be funded by subsequent annual tax anticipation notes at a lower principal amount each year (a minimum of \$66,000 less each year) until fully paid. Samson also reviewed the terms of the Fairpoint Settlement Agreement and the reasons for the agreement. Motion by Posnanski and second by McAlister to approve the \$250,000 tax note. Unanimous. Motion by Posnanski and second by McAlister to approve the \$334,000 tax note. Unanimous. Motion by Posnanski and second by McAlister to approve the Fairpoint Settlement Agreement pursuant to which the Town of Canaan will pay Fairpoint \$334,000. Unanimous.

#### CEMS Insurance Proceeds and Mailing

Samson indicated that after a few calls with Certified Ambulance Group, the revenue from insurance bills is starting to flow. The Canaan subscription mailing has gone out and the Grafton mailing will go out on Friday.

#### Red Wagon Liquor License

Samson reviewed the Red Wagon beer and wine license application that also included entertainment. Motion by Posnanski and second by McAlister to approve the license. Unanimous.

#### Dog Ordinance

Samson handed out a simple proposed ordinance that would make it illegal to encourage, keep or bring a dog onto the Town Beach property. The ordinance would make it a violation with three levels of fines. Motion by McAlister and second by Posnanski to approve the proposed ordinance. Unanimous.

#### Eggleston Junk Yard Violation

Samson presented photos of the extent of junk on the Eggleston property at the corner of South Road and Route 4. Previously, it had not been issued a violation notice believing that it didn't meet the square footage requirement. The square footage of junk is greater than 5,000 square feet and the minimum square footage needed under our junk yard protocol is 500 square feet. Samson asked for approval to start an enforcement action. Motion by McAlister and second by Posnanski to approve the enforcement action. Unanimous.

#### Rudder Illegal Burning

Samson indicated that the Fire Chief had received a complaint that Rudder was illegally burning trash on his property on Route 118. Samson and Bellion inspected the property on August 16 and saw evidence that cardboard and wood pallets had been burned as part of Rudder's unpackaging surplus food to be fed to livestock. Samson indicated that he and Bellion will be looking at the property again in the near future and if there is evidence of burning, he would like to start an enforcement action. Motion by McAlister and second by Posnanski to approve the enforcement action. Unanimous.

#### Budget vs. Actual

No significant changes.

#### Other Business

Samson reviewed his discussions with Horizons Engineering on the Rt. 118 gravel pit. Tyler of Horizons advised that we should start the permitting process with a 10 or 15 acre parcel closest to Route 118. Samson noted that the entire area excavated at the Transfer Station was about 29 acres over the past fifty years. Limiting the area to an initial 10 acres would make permitting easier and still give a good cross section of materials to be removed. Samson asked for approval to develop an initial 10 acre cell and seek an Alteration of Terrain Permit, an Excavation Permit and a Wetlands Permit and secure wetlands mapping for the permits. The cost will increase to about \$25,000 to \$30,000 and the process should be complete by spring. Motion by McAlister and second by Posnanski to approve the increase in engineering,

apply for the three permits, seek wetlands mapping and limit the first excavation to 10 acres. Unanimous.

At 7:38 PM Selectman McAlister moved to enter non-public session to discuss a welfare case. Posnanski seconded and motion passed unanimously.

At 7:49 PM McAlister moved to exit non-public meeting. Seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:49 PM Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:50 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to approve a rain wear policy that would allow the Highway Crew to purchase rain wear costing no more that \$300 over a 5 year period, similar to the winter wear policy, and directed Samson to draft it. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

At 7:51 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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