

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, June 14th, 2011**

The public meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Reagan. Others present: Selectman Scott Borthwick, Selectman Marcia Wilson and TA Michael Samson. Members of the public included Robert Scott, John Bergeron, Bill VanZandt, Robie Parsons, Rachelle Vanier, Dean Vanier and Ellie Davis

Minutes of May 24, 2011

Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the minutes. Second by Marcia Wilson.
Unanimously approved.

Highway

Roberts Road

Bill VanZandt explained his concerns regarding the relocation of Roberts Road intersection. First he indicated that he had heard three different reasons for the relocation including highway safety at the existing intersection, protection of the meeting house and area around it by moving the intersection and drainage that runs off towards the town beach. Samson indicated that those were the three reasons that had been forwarded for the relocation. Bill indicated that he objected to the lack of advance notice. Samson acknowledged that the town had not been notifying individual landowners about major construction and should do so in the future. Bill also objected to the the belief that the present intersection is unsafe and pointed out that no accidents have been reported at the old intersection. Samson indicated that it was the belief of both the Road Agent and the Police Chief that the old intersection was unsafe and that there had been several near misses. Bob Scott also pointed out that the state highway engineer also concurred. Bill contested the statement that the highway engineer had any opinion sine he knew nothing about the new intersection. Bob Scott disputed this statement. Bob Reagan asked whether the Selectmen should wait until an accident occurs before fixing an area poses a risk. Bilindicated that he believed that the new location will pose a risk to his property. He also indicated that he thought the relocation was a waste of more than \$20,000.

Paving in front of Vanier property

Dean Vanier asked that the Board of Selectmen reimburse him for excavation work undertaken by him that exposed the leaking water line under Route 118 in front of the Police Station. He asked for reimbursement of 3 hours of excavator time, 3 hours of worker time and mobilization charges for the excavator totaling \$630. The Board said that it would take it under advisement. Dean also asked that the Board ask Alan Hill to be a little more open minded about citizen complaints.

Beach Erosion

Robie Parsons was introduced by John Bergeron to explain a program by which a volunteer would design and build a rain garden detention basin by the boat launch area at the town beach. The Selectmen welcomed the assistance and asked her to go forward. Motion to approve the proposal by Scott Borthwick and second by Marcia Wilson.
Unanimously approved.

Water Testing

Jon Bergeron described how budget cuts at the state level had eliminated free testing of water for e-coli and he asked the Board if it would reimburse the testing cost of \$60 in lieu of the lost state assistance. He also indicated that we would be losing the testing for total organic carbon but stated that this testing at this time would not be critical. Scott Borthwick moved to approve the testing cost. Marcia Wilson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Historic District Commission Appointments

John Bergeron review the members whose terms were expiring and asked that they be reappointed. Dan Fleetham and Charles Baldwin were reappointed to new terms in their respective slots. Motion by Scott Borthwick, second by Marcia Wilson and unanimously approved.

Construction Schedule

Samson reviewed the on-going delay in the approval of the plans for the expansion of the wastewater rapid infiltration beds. The drawings are with DES and we are waiting a response. The Board directed that the payments to Wright Pierce be held up until the permit is issued. Motion by Scott Borthwick and second by Marcia Wilson and unanimously approved.

Samson also asked the Board to authorize the transfer of \$8,307.83 from the bridge reserve account to the general fund to cover the balance due the state and paid to the state on the temporary bridge. Scott Borthwick moved approval and Marcia Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Budget vs. Actual

Samson reviewed the actual expenses with the Board and noted that the primary areas where we were overspent or would be overspent were in reappraisal, fuel, and heat. There are minor overages in supplies, street lights, welfare for fuel, insurance and dispatch. There are comparable savings in solid waste, government buildings and police overtime. So far, the contingency surplus would not be used given other line item offsets.

Insurance

Samson asked that the Board approve the membership agreement with Primex and the multi year agreement. There was a general discussion of what the town would do for health coverage next year as Primex discontinues health insurance. The options include contracting with Harvard Pilgrim, returning to LGC or joining the school group plan. Motion to approve the membership agreement by Scott Borthwick, second by Marcia Wilson and unanimously approved. Motion to approve the multi year agreement made by Scott Borthwick and seconded by Marcia Wilson and unanimously approved.

Air Quality Testing

Based on the complaint of an employee, the air quality will be tested in the library to determine if there are any health concerns from the use of the Min-Wax polyurethane finish on the bookcases. Matt Dow will also participate.

Trash Collection

Samson described a proposal by Rudder for the collection of trash from Williams Field, the Common and the Beach twice weekly for the rate of \$175 per month. Motion by Scott Borthwick to approve the proposal with a second by Marcia Wilson. Unanimously approved.

Isolation Computer

Samson reviewed a proposal by Allen Treadwell for the purchase of a computer to provide for secure transfer of files between the town and Interware who processes our tax and registration receipts. Samson also explained the need for new non-interruptible power supplies. Samson indicated that there were funds available in the data processing 330 account. Motion by Marcia Wilson and second by Scott Borthwick to approve the purchase of the isolation computer and power supplies. Unanimously approved.

Wine Tasting

A request to consider allowing farmer's market vineyard vendors to serve small wine samples to customers was considered. Marcia Wilson moved that the town reject the request to waive the ban on alcohol on the common. Second by Scott Borthwick and unanimously approved.

Vandalism at Williams Field

Samson noted that we are replacing hinges on the fence gate at Williams Field and suggested a camera system to monitor and prosecute vandalism at Williams Field. He was directed to look at camera options and their cost.

Other Business

Bob Reagan suggested that the town purchase a 10' step ladder to service the light fixtures in the library. Samson was directed to get quotes on the ladder.

At 9:12 PM Selectmen Borthwick made a motion to enter non-public session to discuss potential litigation under 91-A:3 II(b) (e) &(c). The motion was seconded by Selectmen Wilson and voted 3-0 by a roll call vote of the Board.

At 9:35 PM Selectman Wilson made a motion to come out of non-public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Borthwick and voted 3-0 by roll call vote. At 9:36 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to seal the minutes of the non public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Wilson and voted 3-0 by roll call vote.

Selectman Borthwick moved to reimburse Dean Vanier \$505 for the use of the excavator and men at his property but excluded the mobilization charge. Second by Marcia Wilson and unanimously approved.

Selectman Wilson moved that the Board direct the Tax Collector to defer the deeding of properties as indicated on the attached memo until later in the year. Second by Scott Borthwick and unanimously approved.

At 9:40 PM Selectman Wilson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Selectman Borthwick and voted 3-0 by the Board.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

Marcia Wilson
Canaan Board of Selectmen