

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 8, 2021

- I. OPEN MEETING – The March 8, 2021 Selectboard meeting was opened by Frank Sawicki, Jr at 5:55PM. Those present: Frank Sawicki, Jr., Haven Haynes, Jr., Alfred Buckley, Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault and Jeff Noyes. No public attending via Zoom.
- II. ELECT A CHAIRMAN AND CLERK FOR SELECTBOARD – On a motion by Frank and seconded by Al the board elected Haven Haynes, Jr. to the position of Selectboard Chairman. On a motion by Haven and seconded by Al the board elected Frank to the position of Clerk of the Selectboard.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion by Haven and seconded by Al the meeting minutes for February 26th and the minutes to the March 1st Informational Meeting were approved unanimously.
- IV. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – no action
- V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – no action
- VI. POLICE DEPT
 1. Discussion cruiser – Sale of old cruiser to Essex County Sheriff Dept. – Jeff reported to the Selectboard that the Essex County Sheriff's Dept. would be interested in purchasing the 2013 Interceptor cruiser from the Town. A short discussion took place after which motion was made by Haven and seconded by Al to accept the offer of \$1,000 for the purchase of the 2013 Ford Cruiser by the Essex County Sheriff's Dept. Motion was carried in the affirmative unanimously.
 2. Town meeting discussion – Frank had Jeff clarify the question raised about the use of the cruiser at Town Informational Meeting. Jeff will keep a log of when the cruiser is being taken out of town and for what reasons and present to the board on a regular basis. The other recommendation at the informational meeting was to use the Sheriff's Dept instead of our own Police Department. Jeff stated the Sheriff's Dept will not do any call outs for Canaan and since they have a limited number of officers the coverage would be limited. Frank will follow up with Sheriff Colby.
 3. Vermont State Police Dispatch – article in the paper – Jeff said that he and Sheriff Colby will be advocating for both departments against these potential charges since they hardly use the Vermont State Police Dispatch and Jeff stated that he does most of his own reporting so has minimal "incidents" with the Dispatch which is what these fees are based on. The Selectboard have concerns about the potential added charges since the Town already pays into the Northern Borders Dispatch. Jeff did state that the Northern Borders Dispatch only covers Emergency calls and not Police calls for Canaan.

4. Jeff informed the board that he has had both shots for the COVID 19.
5. Frank has spoken to the property owner at 166 Gale Street about the refrigerator that is on the sidewalk and was told that would be taken care of this week. Also discussed was the parking of the tenants at 26 Christian Hill. A letter will be sent to the owner of that property with regards to illegal parking.

VII. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY -

1. Posting roads – Richard will be posting roads this week as mud season is fast approaching.
2. Paving grants with State of Vermont – Eric Pope called to inquire about Canaan’s need for paving in the next two years. The Selectboard has not planned any for this season but they will add for it in their budget for next year. Noreen will let Eric Pope know this and he will put us on the State’s schedule.
3. Set up time to meet (virtually) with AOT – Eric/Jason – The board agreed to either March 18th or March 19th to meet with VT AOT. (Note: The date has been set for March 19th at 1:00PM)
4. Richard reported that he is pushing back snowbanks this week with the grader. He and Brian have been keeping the sidewalks clear.
5. Richard has received word from North Country Ford of a “build date” for the new truck of April 12th, 2021.

VIII. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –

1. April gave the board members the description of the plant for the revised agreement with Stewartstown. The board will review and present at the April 6, 2021 Canaan/Stewartstown Joint Commissioner Meeting

IX. SOLID WASTE

1. Set up monthly or quarterly meetings with Marc and board members – The board will meet at the Transfer Station on April 21st at 1:00PM with Marc to begin quarterly meetings.

X. NEW BUSINESS –

1. APPOINTMENTS – See the list of Appointments attached.
2. DISCUSS TOWN MEETING – See above
3. FRAUD POLICY – Review – The board will review and act on this at their next meeting
4. MOWING BID – The board reviewed the bid and found no change in price from the previous year. On a motion by Haven and seconded by Al the board unanimously approved the Bid.
5. LIQUOR LICENSE – R KIMBALL – Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Al to approve the Liquor License for Wayne’s Lanes and Jo’s Grill.
6. ESSEX COUNTY TAX – Board reviewed.
7. New toilets installed – The basement toilets have been replaced with new ones since the older models were not working properly anymore.

8. Check from CNC for Park Electric – The Canaan Naturally Connected reimbursed the Town for the Fletcher Park Electric since the additional Christmas lighting increased the bill and the board had not accounted for that increase in their budget.

XI. OLD BUSINESS – No action

XII. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Frank Sawicki, Jr asked to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Motion was made by Haven and seconded by AI to enter Executive Session at 7:20PM. Motion was made by Haven and seconded by All to exit Executive Session at 7:33PM. No action was taken.

XIII. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT - \$52,619.91 – Reviewed and executed.

XIV. ADJOURN MEETING – The March 8, 2021 Selectboard meeting was adjourned by newly elected Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr at 7:36PM.