

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 10, 2022

- I. OPEN MEETING – The January 10, 2022, Selectboard meeting was opened by Chairman Haven Haynes Jr., at 6:00PM. Those present: Haven Haynes, Jr., Alfred Buckley, Mark Bullard, Noreen Labrecque and Richard Thibeault.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion by Al and seconded by Mark the December 27, 2021, Selectboard meeting minutes were approved.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – Historical Society and Review Budget sheets
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS –
 1. Listers – Dennis Johnson and Diana Rancourt, Canaan Listers, were in to inform the Selectboard of upcoming events. Diana will not be seeking reelection this year and Dennis will be resigning once the new reappraisal has been put in place. Dennis stated there are two candidates so far for the Lister position on the ballot and whichever one does not win can be appointed for the remainder of his term. The Listers have inquired about the cost for assistance from the NEMRC company, which is working on the reappraisal, should the new Listers need help. The cost would be \$95.00 per hour, and they anticipate approximately 50 hours which would add \$5,000 to the Lister budget. With the anticipation of new Listers, the Selectboard will add the \$5,000 to the budget for Education with the new State Program.
 2. Dennis Fuller (Canaan Historical Society) was in to ask the Selectboard if the Town would be the Fiscal Sponsor for the grant funds they have applied for. This grant is a \$4500 grant for a Docent Program for summer employment for High School Students. The plan is to have a student work 2 hrs. a day, Monday – Thursday and possibly Saturday. (See the attached documents). Motion was made by Al and seconded by Mark to approve the Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement for the Historical Society. Motion carried in the affirmative
- V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY
 1. Certificate of Highway Mileage – The Board reviewed the Certificate and since there are no changes to the mileage, they executed the document which will be sent to the State AOT.

At this time the Board entered Executive Session at 6:05PM on a motion by Mark and seconded by Al to discuss a personnel matter.

On a motion by Al and seconded by Mark the board exited Executive Session at 6:12 PM. No decisions were made.

2. Richard informed the Board that they had not included the cost of the Hall Stream Bridge Project in their budget. After reviewing the budget, the board added the additional expense to the budget.

VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –

1. Crane Pump Estimate – Board reviewed and will review with Stewartstown at their joint meeting Jan. 11th.

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. Employee COVID Test - On a motion by Al and seconded by Mark the board approved payment for this test.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Zoning Board appt. – The board received notice that Morgan Wade does not wish to continue the Zoning/Planning Board since her term is up this year.
2. Letter from FD#1 request for ARPA funds – The Selectboard read the request and on a motion by Haven and seconded by Mark approved this request. NOTE: Alfred Buckley recused himself from this vote as he is on the Fire District #1 Prudential Committee.
3. Dispatch Budget – No action
4. NH Dred contact for Tetreault's – Haven will contact the Tetreault's about this.
5. NEU Portal – Haven and Noreen will work on this week.
6. Letter to Canaan School Board – info from Mark – Board reviewed and approved for delivery. Mark spoke to State people about the school's proposal to purchase the building in town and was advised to encourage the school to have all environmental testing done prior to purchase since this site has potential in ground hazardous waste. Also spoke to another State person about Lead Paint removal and was advised that this is not something that school students should be dealing with, and the disposal of all lead-based materials needs to be handled by a professional team and cannot be sent to the Town's HHW events.

IX. OLD BUSINESS – The board reviewed the new Equalization Study from the State of Vermont.

X. OTHER BUSINESS – No action

XI. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT - \$61,041.83 – Selectboard reviewed and executed the warrant.

XII. ADJOURN MEETING – On a motion by Alfred and seconded by Mark, Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. adjourned the January 10, 2022 Selectboard meeting at 7:40PM.