

SELECTBOARD MEETING

Minutes

November 15, 2021

- I. OPEN MEETING – The November 15, 2021, Selectboard meeting was opened by Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. at 6:03PM. Those present: Haven Haynes, Jr., Alfred Buckley, Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault, Jeffery Noyes, Listers – Dennis Johnson, Diana Rancourt and Richard Dennis, Ken Stransky (Rural Community Transport) and Morgan Wade (Canaan's Representative on the NEK Broadband Board).
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion by Alfred and seconded by Haven the November 1, 2021, Selectboard meeting minutes were approved as written.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – Addition – Morgan Wade (NEK Broadband).
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS –
 1. Ken Stransky – RCT – Ken Stransky (RCT Board member) was in to inform the Selectboard of the services that RCT provides. RCT will reimburse mileage costs to family members, friends, neighbors, or anyone who transport others to various out of town needs since Canaan is further than the normal route for the RCT vans. He would like to get this information out to the public, so the Selectboard suggested the Canaan Carrier (quarterly newsletter) and the Town's website.
 2. Canaan Lister Board - The Listers presented the Selectboard with an Errors and Omission's form and explained that this error was recently caught by Property Valuation and Review as an oversight on their part. The State supplies the Town Listers with all values from Utility Companies in our Town. This parcel is for NH Electric Coop. The Utility Inventory Form was not sent to the Town of Canaan until recently and therefore was not entered properly in the 2021 Grand List. The Town of Canaan had the value set at \$3,500 when it should have been set at \$35, 900 a difference of \$32,400. Alfred Buckley questioned what exactly this value represents. The Lister's explained it is for the poles and wires that run across the Conn. River from NH through Canaan to the Town of Pittsburg on Hall Stream Rd. On a motion by Alfred and seconded by Haven the Selectboard approved and executed the Errors and Omission for the NH Electric Coop. Dennis Johnson wished to discuss the future of the Lister Board. He explained that Diana's term is up in March, and he has found that the position is more work than he has time for now. The Listers explained that the position has become more and more work with each year. There is a lot of back and forth with the State for reports. The State has developed a new Assessing Program which will be in effect this coming year

which will entail a whole new set of issues. The Listers asked the Selectboard if they would consider hiring out the assessing for the Town of Canaan in the future. This would need to go to a vote of the Town to change from the Elected position to a hired position. The Reappraisal Firm that is conducting the reappraisal for the town now also does hire out for assessing. It was suggested that the Town send out RFPs to other venues as well.

3. Morgan Wade as Canaan's Representative to NEK Broadband. She gave the Selectboard an update of the progress that is being made. NEK Broadband is looking for a spot in town where there is backup power to place a 10'X10' "cabinet" to house the electronics needed for the network in Canaan. They are also looking for an area in town to store construction materials while they are in the area.
4. Jeff Noyes with a report from the Police Dept. He has stopped a few trucks crossing the Hall Stream Bridge to remind them of the load limit. The new cruiser will need winter tires. There was a question about receiving two invoices for the gas credit card for the cruiser. Jeff reported that the company is phasing out the old card and implementing new cards.

V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY

1. Joe Daley – Hudson Road – Joe Daley did not show up. No action taken.

VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – no action

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. Submitting Request for Funds – 5 pages of instructions – Noreen will muddle through the process.
2. The Selectboard reviewed the bill from US Ecology for the HHW items. The bill was twice what it has been in the past, an unexpected expense. It was noted that some of the extra items (chemicals) that were removed by US Ecology that are not considered Household Hazardous Waste were brought in by the Canaan School District. A letter to the School District will be sent out as they should be hiring their own venue for these items.
3. A letter will also be sent to contractors recommending the contractor rent their own dumpster to allow for the other residents in town to dispose of their waste as the dumpster has limited capacity.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Dispatch meeting rescheduled for Nov. 18th in Pittsburg – info only – Al will attend this meeting.

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. New Selectboard member? No action taken

2. Tree removal – Quote from Brad’s Tree Service – On a motion by AI and seconded by Haven the Selectboard approved the removal of the tree, chip the brush, grind the stump, and remove all debris for the quoted price of \$675.00. Motion carried in the affirmative.
 3. Response to VLCT PACIF audit – overdue – AI will work on getting all pictures and responses to VLCT.
- X. OTHER BUSINESS – A short discussion regarding the painting of the Transfer Station building took place. No decision made.
- XI. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT - \$83,326.05 – Selectboard reviewed and executed warrant.
- XII. ADJOURN MEETING – Chairman Haven Hayes, Jr. adjourned the November 15, 2021, Selectboard Meeting at 7:40PM.