

## **SELECTBOARD MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

**May 3, 2021**

- I. OPEN MEETING – The May 3, 2021 Selectboard meeting was opened by Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr at 5:58PM. Those present: Haven Haynes, Jr., Frank Sawicki, Jr., Alfred Buckley, Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault, Jeffery Noyes, Diana Rancourt, Gregory Noyes, and Chris Masson.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Frank and seconded by Alfred to approve the April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Selectboard meeting minutes. Motion carried in the affirmative. Motion was made by Alfred and seconded by Frank to approve the April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Emergency Meeting minutes. Motion carried in the affirmative.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA –  
Additions: Knot weed at the Library, Personnel executive session, On Call Policy, Alpha Elevator Agreement.
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS –
  1. Greg Noyes – The Selectboard presented Gregory with a Gift of Appreciation for his dedicated years of service on the Canaan Selectboard.  
Gregory asked the Selectboard to stop by his house when they are doing their Ride Around to view an erosion problem.
  2. Chris Masson – Comm. Forest – Chris presented the Selectboard with two Memos from the Community Forest Committee. One Memo was to request that the Forest Committee voted to reaffirm its intention to have a Warrant requiring two signatures to be prepared before expenditure of CCF funds of \$25 or more. The signature can be any of the Committee members.  
The second Memo was to inform the Selectboard that since the CCF funded the Road bypassing the Daley property for a sum of \$25,974 the Committee expects that the original agreement for Payment in lieu of Taxes be forfeited for a period of 13 years. In the year 2033 or 2034 the CCF Committee plans to review the status and consider resuming yearly payments again.  
Chris then apologized for the road issue that was created by one of his students.  
Richard recommended that the road repair be done by Laurent Rancourt who has a “pull behind” road rake that would do a much better job than the Town’s front rake. Richard will get a quote from Laurent and let Chris know.  
A discussion on the benefits or lack of that the Town may be experiencing with their contract with OP Solar. Chris has done some research and has found that with the

Community Forest the electric costs seem to have increased after OP Solar came aboard. Frank will study the Town's portion.

Chris had two recommendations for new CCF board members. Gail Fisher to take the place of Morgan Wade who wished to get off the board and Emmett Reid to take the place of Eugene Reid who also wished to get off the board. The Selectboard will appoint these two nominees at their next scheduled meeting.

3. The Selectboard and Chief Jeff Noyes discussed the Hudson Road issue. Jeff stated that the Class 4 Highway Policy the Town has in place gives the Selectboard the right to impose barriers if they wish. The Selectboard will look at purchasing a gate for both ends of Hudson Road since the barriers that are up there are not deterring the traffic during mud season. Jeff stated that he has spoken to two individuals already and will be ticketing them since they have not heeded to his verbal warning. It was also discussed that some of the bad spots are happening because the sun is unable to get to the road to dry it out. The Board will speak to the X-mas tree growers to see if they could cut their tree lines back away from the road to allow for better drainage. The lights on the Cruiser have been installed but need to be replaced as the kit came with both blue and red lights and Vermont only allows blue lights for law enforcement. Jeff informed the board that he will need to replace his mobile lap top next year. This will be a significant purchase, but he believes that the State Contract allows for a 15-20% savings. He will get prices for the Board prior to next year's budget season. Jeff stated that the AT&T cell phone is working great. The telephone number is the same 266-9619.

#### V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY

1. Structure's Grant – Hall Stream Bridge – contact Eric Pope – Richard explained to the board that one of the Selectboard members needs to contact Eric Pope to get this process for Structure's Grant started. Richard met with Eric Pope and Jason Sevigny and they examined the Hall Stream Bridge. They felt that a rehab would be what the bridge would need, but that would have to be determined by a Structural Engineer. Richard was informed that the Structure's Grant is a 90% grant/10% Town funded which is a good deal for the Town. Frank will contact Eric Pope about the Engineering Grant to let him know the Town is interested.
2. Paving bid – Only one bid has been received. The board will decide at their next board meeting in hopes that the other contractor submits a bid.
3. The Selectboard and Richard will meet on May 14, 2021 at 12:00PM to complete their yearly ride around.
4. Richard received word that the new Truck is on its way and hopefully will be in Lancaster by the end of the week. It will then be sent to Fairfield to be outfitted with plow and dump body.
5. The Board reviewed the revised John Deere bill.
6. Richard has done some grading and had 7 loads of gravel delivered.
7. Richard will try to burn the stump dump this week if weather permits.

VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –

1. Septic Hauler Permit – signatures – Motion was made by Frank and seconded by Alfred to execute the 2021 Septic Hauler Permit with Bolen's Septic.

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. Composting bins – Haven inquired about the large green composting bins that are down at the Transfer Station. The board will investigate where they originated.  
The board discussed having pictures displayed and included in the next newsletter of items “not allowed” in the composting bins for the users.  
Frank will ask the Library about the composter the Library lent to the transfer station.
2. Both Haven and Al will be in attendance for the Hazardous Waste Day as well as Brian Bissonnette.
3. Al stated that there are a few leaks on the Transfer Station Building that will need to be repaired before they become bigger problems.
4. Al informed the board that he is willing to help at the Transfer Station as a back-up attendant if needed.
5. Part time transfer station attendant - The board is still looking into a part time (Saturday only) attendant. They will need to examine the budget to see if it is feasible.
6. The board discussed the need for new cameras down at the Transfer Station.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS -

1. ATV policy – new law – The board reviewed and thought the law does not have an impact on the Canaan ATV Policy at this time.

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. The board reviewed the agreement with Alpha Elevator. On a motion by Frank and seconded by Al the board approved and executed the \$300 for 3 years agreement with Alpha Elevator. Motion carried in the affirmative.
2. The board will review the On Call Policy at a meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Motion was made by Al and seconded by Frank to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel. Board entered in executive session at 7:21PM.  
Motion was made by Frank and seconded by Al to exit Executive Session at 7:30 PM. No action taken.

XI. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT - \$45,403.63 – Approved and signed by all board members

XII. ADJOURN MEETING – The Selectboard will resume this meeting on May 14, 2021 at 12:00PM.  
Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. recessed the May 3, 2021 Selectboard meeting at 7:37PM.