

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, May 5, 2020**

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the Canaan Administrator's Office. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister and Al Posnanski, TA Samson and Bob Scott. Others: Claude Lemoi, Ellie Davis and Judith Kushner.

Minutes April 21, 2020

Motion by Dave McAlister and Second by Al Posnanski to approve the minutes of 4/21/20. Unanimous.

Amend Minutes of 3-3-20. Motion by Dave McAlister and Second by Al Posnanski to approve the minutes of 4/21/20. Ellie Davis was added as a speaker and the subject matter was a request by her for No Parking signs on the road in front of her house. Unanimous.

Budget v. Actual

Samson reviewed the current status of the budget. Claude asked what the impact will be on the Capital Reserves. Samson noted that there would be no impact this year due to lost revenues. He noted that there was a reduction in the Highway Capital Reserve because no funds had been transferred from the Highway Capital Reserve in 2017. As a result, there is virtually no money left in the account and an approved Truck purchase will not be made this year. Samson also described the potential loss of Motor Vehicle money, Meals and Rooms money and reduced taxes that could total almost \$1 million dollars. He described potential savings in the budget that might cover about \$250,000 of this amount but would defer most repair money for roads and buildings.

Freight House

Judith Kushner described a proposal by Mascoma Valley Preservation to seek a Moose Plate grant of \$10,000 to repair the Freight House roof. The building would continue to be owned by the Town and the preservation group would not obtain an ownership interest in the building. There would be no strings attached to the grant that would require future maintenance nor any strings that would prevent the sale of the property. The grant would be used to stabilize the building's roof. There would be no Town funding requested from the Town. Motion by Dave McAlister and Second by Al Posnanski to approve the application subject to the representations made. Unanimous.

Parking on Graceville Road

Ellie stated that she does not want people parking on the intersection of Graceville Road and US Route 4 in front of her house. Parents drive from the end of Graceville Road and park at the intersection to meet the school bus. Samson indicated that after

reviewing the situation with Sam Frank, it was agreed to propose that cars be allowed to park on the north side of Graceville Road long enough to meet the bus. Ellie indicated that she feared her son would run into the cars when he left their driveway. There was a consensus of the Board that the north side parking be allowed and a No Parking sign will be placed on the Roadside in front of Ellie's house.

#### Webster Culvert

There was a review of the history of a culvert on the East side of Potato Road that entered a wood lot on the East side of Potato Road. The culvert was just South of the bridge. The culvert had been installed and removed several times by the Town. Dave Webster asked that it be replaced as part of the bridge project. The cost of the culvert will be \$546.40. After discussion between Dave and Bob Scott, it was proposed that Dave pay half of the cost of the culvert and the Town would pay the other half. The Town would install it. The culvert will be 40 feet long and have a diameter of 24 inches. Motion by Dave McAlister and Second by Al Posnanski to accept the proposal for the culvert. Unanimous.

#### Hammer Purchase

Bob Scott requested that the Board approve the purchase of a hammer for the excavator. There was general discussion about why this hammer would last longer than the last hammer and why the hammer was needed at all. Bob indicated that the hammer payment will come from the Highway Block Grant Road Construction line. Motion by Dave McAlister and Second by Al Posnanski to approve purchase of the hammer. Unanimous. A purchase order was signed.

#### Trailer

Sale of used trailer with no heating or plumbing was discussed. The Town owns an abandoned trailer in Country Village. There is a couple who would like to take ownership of the trailer and restore it and live in Country Village. The Park has already agreed to rent to them. Motion by Dave McAlister and Second by Al Posnanski to approve the sale of the trailer for \$25 to Sam LeBlanc and Melissa Stewart. Unanimous.

#### HHW

Next collection will be on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### Forebearance

Motion by Dave McAlister and Second by Al Posnanski to approve the Forebearance Agreement for Joseph Olisky. Unanimous.

#### Other Business

None

At 6:04 PM Selectman McAlister moved to enter non-public session to discuss legal matters. Posnanski seconded and motion passed unanimously.

At 6:20 PM McAlister moved to exit non-public meeting. Seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:21 PM Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:22 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

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Scott Borthwick, Chairman

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David McAlister

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Al Posnanski  
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