

CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Wednesday, March 26, 2008

The meeting was brought to order at 8:30 AM by Chairman Reagan at the Fire Department. Selectman Borthwick, Selectman Lewis and Town Administrator Michael Capone were also in attendance. Others present: Larry Brabant, Wally Medeiros, David Heath, Amy Thurber, Nelson Therriault, Glenn Carey, Bob Scott, Vicky Mc Alister, Gloria Koch, Chief Bellion, Chief Frank, Cindy Neilly.

Discussion of default budget

Chairman Reagan explained to those in attendance that the purpose of this meeting was to review the revised default budget that had been voted by the Board at the Tuesday, March 25, 2008 meeting. This budget reflected the changes proposed by the departments after the original operating budget had been voted down at Town Meeting. Each department head had been supplied a worksheet that contained their new budget plus a list of actual expenditures to that budget as of the manifest of 3/25/08.

Chairman Reagan went through each department budget and took questions and comments from the department heads with regard to actual and anticipated expenditures. There was also considerable discussion with regard to how to address some of the continuing contractual obligations of the Town.

Other topics discussed included street lighting, fuel and propane costs, payments to area agencies and the amount of prepaid gravel still available to the Town.

Other business

The Board informed the Departments that they were going to need a signed purchase order from the Board for any expenditure over \$500. The departments were concerned that this process may impact them for emergency purchases. The Board said that there would be no delays given the fact that the Board members were in the office every day and would be able to respond quickly to emergency requests.

There was also a discussion of how to defer expenditures for the first half of the year in an effort to lower the amount of Tax Anticipation Notes the Town would need to meet expenses prior to the tax bills going out. Among the suggestions offered were deferring payments to agencies and holding off on the purchase of equipment until June 1, 2008.

Chief Frank brought up the issue of the change to the vacation policy and the possible impact it would have to the Police Department.

Having no other business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Reagan made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Selectman Lewis. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of adjournment at 9:50 AM.

Robert Reagan

Scott Borthwick

Tim Lewis
Canaan Board of Selectmen