

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2008**

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Bob Reagan at the Fire Department. Selectman Scott Borthwick, Selectman Tim Lewis and Town Administrator Michael Capone were also in attendance. Others present: Al Poznanski, Ellie Davis, Shirley Packard, Alex Crate, Matt Wilson, Lola Baldwin, Christine Walker, Kurt Gotthardt and Tim Josephson. Chairman Reagan led those in attendance in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

Acceptance of Minutes of the May 13, 2008 Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes and voted the following: Selectman Borthwick moved, Selectman Lewis seconded and the Board voted 3-0 to accept the Minutes of the meeting of May 13, 2008 as written.

Christine Walker, Director, Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

Christine wanted to come before the Board to introduce herself and explain the role of the Commission and the types of services they could provide to the community. She reviewed an informational packet that had been provided to Board members and took questions from those present with regard to the activities of the Commission.

Kurt Gotthardt, Mascoma Watershed Conservation Council

Kurt made a presentation to the Board with regard to efforts of the Watershed Council to have the Mascoma established as a “designated river”. The effort would require the support of local officials and residents and would recognize the river for its outstanding natural and cultural attributes. Once designated, a management plan would be developed to protect those natural and cultural attributes. Kurt took questions from the Board and those in attendance with regard to the project. Concerns were raised with regard to the increased level of oversight leading to increased restrictions in access to the river.

Budget vs. Actual Review

Michael presented an overall assessment of the operating budget to date. As of the May 20, 2008 manifest, expenditures are at 37%. We are 40% through the calendar year, so overall budget expenditures were in line with the calendar period. Michael expressed some concern with the Gasoline and Diesel expenses which were running at 60% of the budgeted amount for the year. Michael also mentioned that in addition to being posted in the front lobby of the Town office, the report was now on the Town website. It will continue to be updated weekly at both locations. The Board took questions from those present and noted that the budget will be reviewed again at the meeting on June 10, 2008.

Discussion of Meeting Schedule

Michael noted that the Board had mentioned in April that they wanted to revisit the topic of changes to the meeting schedule in May. After a brief discussion, it was decided by the Board that they would change their meeting schedule for the months of June, July and August. The meetings would be scheduled for every other week. Michael will post a meeting schedule on the website calendar, the Town office and the Town Crier outside of the Library.

Other Business

Michael mentioned to the Board that he had been contacted by State Representative Peter Solomon who wanted to inform the Board that he would not be seeking reelection for another term in Concord due to health issues. Members of the Board expressed their regret at hearing the news, their thanks for his years of service to the District and wished Representative Solomon well.

Michael informed the Board that he had been contacted by a resident who was looking for information with regard to selling crafts on the common. Chairman Reagan mentioned that there was a group of residents that had been looking into developing a policy for use of the common in an effort to better coordinate the diverse uses of that area of Town. It was suggested the Michael contact Gary Wood to see what progress had been made to date.

Selectman Lewis asked to continue the discussion with regard to the Board of Selectmen granting the Planning Board the authority to review commercial building applications in an advisory capacity. There was further discussion of the topic and Selectman Lewis made a motion to grant the Planning Board the authority to review commercial building applications in an advisory capacity. The motion was seconded by Chairman Reagan and the Board voted 2-0 in favor of the motion with Selectman Borthwick abstaining.

Non-Public Session (RSA 91 – A.3-c)

With no further business before the Board, at 8:49PM Selectman Lewis moved, Selectman Borthwick seconded and the Board voted 3-0 to go into non public session to discuss personnel matters and advice from legal counsel. At 9:26 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to come out of non-public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lewis and voted 3-0 by the Board. At 9:26 PM, Selectman Borthwick made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lewis and the Board voted 3-0 in favor of the motion. Selectmen Borthwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lewis and the Board voted 3-0 in favor of adjournment at 9:27PM.

Robert Reagan

Scott Borthwick

Tim Lewis
Canaan Board of Selectmen