

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 6, 2015**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Bob Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: John Coffey, Carol Cushman, Al Posnanski and Gary Wood.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of September 15, 2015. Motion by Bob Reagan and second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Budget v. Actual - No additional changes.

Budget 2016

Samson reviewed the budget and noted that there no changes from the last draft. The insurances and prosecutor and dispatcher contracts were the remaining items. The budget is up about 4% including the gross budgeting items and the tax increase is less than 2%.

Mechanic's Accounts

There no changes proposed.

Review of Codfish, Goose Pond and the Methodist Church

Codfish and Goose Pond are complete and the Chuch will be done around the 15th.

CIP Revision of Bob Scott's Truck

Samson indicated that in discussions with Bob, less was spent this year on the 1 ton truck and plow and we still have the Byrne Foundation grant balance of \$7,000. He felt that we may have as much as \$20,000 available against the \$30,000 cost of the truck in 2016. Samson suggested that we warn the truck for purchase in 2016 rather than 2017 and buy it if we have enough funds in the capital reserve and operating budget. This would speed up the truck acquisition by a year over the next five years. The Board consensus was to change the CIP budget to include the truck in 2016 and accelerate the schedule accordingly.

Additional Well for Water System

Samson indicated that we experienced a lot of sediment in the water this summer that came from the deep well. The explanation is that with lower water tables, the well is sucking water in from greater distances and as a result it includes more mineral fines. While they are not harmful, it changes the appearance of the water. One solution would be to add an additional well. The well could conceivably be added anywhere in the water distribution system. John presented two proposals for a new well prepared by Horizons that had costs between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000. The consensus of the Board was that the proposals were too expensive and not currently justified.

Land Sales

Samson indicated that we would be selling the Lasheway, Parish, Hollenbeck, Henley and Quimby properties over the next 90 days. We will continue to hold the Maville property for a year to allow Danny's mother to sell the property. He has asked John Hennessey to winterize Lasheway, Parish and Maville properties. The consensus of the Board was to approve the five sales and the deferral.

Ware Property

Samson reviewed what the goals were for the Autoware property and discussed what the Town had offered for the property.

Other business

The Board approved licenses for SK Bean's and Craigs Auto.

Bob Reagan moved to approved the proposed schedules for Old Home Days and the two town wide yard sales. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

At 6:47 PM Selectman Borthwick moved to enter executive session. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:48 PM Selectman Borthwick moved to exit executive session to hear Executive Councilor Joe Kenney. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 8:08 PM Selectman Borthwick moved to re-enter executive session. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 8:22 PM Selectman Borthwick moved to exit executive session. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 8:22 Selectman Borthwick moved to seal the minutes. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Motion by McAlister to adjourn at 8:23 PM with second by Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen