

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 2, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Meeting House. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Bob Scott.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 7/5/16 as amended. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Budget v. Actual

There was a review of the expenditures with general discussion but no significant issues.

CIP Budget

Samson handed out the first draft of the CIP budget that was the result of the Department up-dates. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

Insurance Claim

Samson indicated that there would be at least \$15,000 to \$20,000 in damages from the electrical storm including the police radio, the telephone system, several routers and switchers, 5 computers, and the cell phone extender. The deductible is \$1,000.

Cemetery Report

Samson indicated that Barry and Ben were working out well. The issue had come up about paying Barry on the weekends for funerals. The payments are going to the Town now at the rate of \$500 for a full weekday burial, \$600 for full weekend burial and \$100 for cremation anytime. Samson recommended that if Barry had to work overtime on the weekend as a result of the burial, he would be paid double time which is much less than the burial charge and grave opening. The Board approved by consensus. The Board also asked that grave opening be put out to bid.

Highway Review

General review of work.

Samson was directed to advertise for a full time seasonal highway worker for the winter season. The position would start in November.

Community Market Report

Samson indicated the Market would only work if there was a minimum of 30 farm and craft vendors and a café tied to the market to provide cashier services. There are currently 26 vendors. He indicated he is trying to wrap the process up by the end of the month.

Scrap Metal Sales

Samson asked the Board if they wanted to compare Hammond's prices with NRRA. The Board asked who handles the rest of our materials and Samson indicated that NRRA did. He was also asked what the dollar value might be. He indicated that we do about 100 tons of scrap metal a year and the price differential might be \$5 to \$10 a ton so the potential lost revenue might be \$500 to \$1,000 a year but that the prices are very flexible and very low. The Board indicated that we would have to do a full bid process with 5 to 10 vendors and questioned whether it was worth it. The consensus was to leave it with NRRA.

Long Underwear

Samson asked if the Board wanted to reimburse transfer station employees for long underwear purchases. The consensus was that this was a personal purchase and we did enough to buy insulated coverall suits. It was noted that we needed to replace outer winter wear and rain gear.

Other:

Bob Scott indicated that Talbert Hill Road would be closed Monday through Thursday from 8 to 3 on the weeks of August 8 and 15. He indicated he would notify all people to the north by reverse 911. Samson indicated he would send out a flash email. The work is needed to complete the ditching and sloping of Talbert Hill.

Maville Tax Sale

Dave McAlister asked if the Maville property is listed yet. Samson indicated it is not listed and only has 5 months to go.

At 7:10 PM Selectman McAlister moved to enter executive session. Scott Borthwick seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:40 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Scott Borthwick and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:41 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Scott Borthwick seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Motion by McAlister to adjourn at 7:29 PM with second by Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen