

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 3, 2017**

Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Canaan Selectmen Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Also in attendace were Bob Scott, Matt Wilson, Joe Frazier and Ellie Davis.

Minutes 9/19/17 and 9/26/17

Motion by Dave McAlister and second by Al Posnanski to approve the minutes of 9/19/17 and 9/26/17. Unanimous.

Budget vs. Actual

No significant changes to either the current expenses or the budget for next year. Samson indicated that all overages in 2017 were balanced against the capital budget items at the end of the operating budget. This reduced the capital budget lines by \$57,934 from the original \$95,000.

Replacement for Cemetery Trustee Vacancy

The Board discussed replacing Phil Carter who had recently passed away as Cemetery Trustee. There was only one applicant for the vacancy and the remaining two Trustees had recommended that the applicant, Ellie Davis, be appointed to fill the vacancy until next March. Al Posnanski felt that the Cemetery season will be closing at the end of October and he indicated that he believed that the position should be left vacant until the next Town Meeting. Dave McAlister agreed and Al moved to have the position remain vacant and let the voters fill it in March. Second by Dave McAlister. Al and Dave voted in favor. Scott Borthwick indicated he was opposed to letting it remain vacant and thought Ellie should be appointed. Motion carried and the position remains open.

Fire Alarm at Meeting House

Joe Frazier indicated that the Preservation Committee wanted to install an alarm system at the Meeting House to notify of smoke, motion or glass breakage. The cost was about \$350 for a cell phone based alarm system and there would be an additional monthly charge of \$14 per month. There was discussion about the pros and cons of cell service versus hard-wired phone service. Joe indicated that he thought the cell service was cheapest and best. Motion by Dave McAlister and second by Al Posnanski to approve the purchase of the proposed system at a cost of \$359.92, the installation and the monthly fee for service. Unanimous.

Highway

Bob discussed the need for an additional highway worker before winter for plowing and asked that Matt Wilson be hired. The Board indicated that the budget was already overspent for 2017 and they would not hire prior to 2018. They indicated that they would re-evaluate at that time.

Bob also asked that the Board review and approve the renewal of the Pub Works software. Al Posnanski moved to pay for the Pub Works software. Dave McAlister seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

At 6:25 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to enter non-public meeting to discuss personnel issues (Police Contract and budget impacts). Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:10 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit non-public meeting, seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:11 Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:11 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
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