

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 21, 2017**

Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Canaan Emergency Operations Center. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Also in attendance were Elwin Neily, and Ellie Davis.

Minutes Nov. 7

Selectman McAlister moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

Budget vs. Actual

Samson reported that he anticipated that the overall budget would go down slightly from what is currently proposed. He will have a final by December 5.

Storm Damage

Samson asked for approval to hire contractors to clean out debris dams on Orange Book. He indicated that we will be liable for 20% of the cost but this should be offset by excess FEMA reimbursements to the Town on other damage. Samson had already applied for emergency permits for the work. HEB had done the work and was used because they are doing other flood related work for us. The recommendation reflected the low bids from two contractors. Osgood was low on Orange Brook upstream from the Transfer Station Road and Hammond was low bid downstream of the bridge. After noting that the actions had previously been individually approved verbally by Selectmen, Selectman Posnanski moved to approve hiring HEB, Osgood and Hammond. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Other Business

Orange use of Transfer Station. Samson reported that Orange had decided to contract with Canaan for the use of the Canaan Transfer Station. The deal would allocate the costs based on households annually and would be a three year contract that would track with approved annual budgets. A statement of all relevant business issues was distributed and reviewed. It was noted we would change operating hours on Wednesday and Friday to 7 AM to 11 AM and we would add two bulky waste days. Selectman McAlister moved to approve the proposal. Seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

School Recycling. Samson asked if the schools could drop off recyclables at the transfer station to save money. The board asked if it cost us money to recycle and Samson indicated that it did but it was less than trash. The Board indicated that the School should pay any costs. There was no decision to allow but the Board indicated that the School could meet to discuss it with the Town.

At 6:25 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to enter non-public meeting to discuss Personel issues. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:35 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit non-public meeting, seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:35 Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:35 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
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