

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, August 21, 2018**

Scott Borthwick called the non-public meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Canaan Selectmen Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister and Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Others: Chief Sam Frank

At 5:30 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to enter non-public meeting to discuss personnel disciplinary and performance issues. Chief Frank was invited in. Meeting also discussed a property tax exemption issue. McAlister seconded and motion passed unanimously.

At 6:33 McAlister moved to recess the non-public meeting, seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:40 Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:33 PM at the Canaan Selectmen Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister and Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Others: Andy Van Abs, and Denis Salvail.

#### Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 8/7/18. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimous approval.

#### Budget v. Actual

Samson reviewed the budget and indicated that the \$125,000 proposed for the FAST Squad would result in a 1% to 3% increase in taxes depending on revenues. He also reviewed revenues and noted that they were strong and should hold the 2019 increase down to 2% or less.

#### FAST Squad Meeting

Samson reviewed the powerpoint that he was going to present on Wednesday to the officers, board and members of the FAST Squad. The proposal is based on a contribution of \$125,000 from the Town of Canaan and would be presented as a payment that is part of a sustainable budget acceptable to the members or as part of a proposal to include the FAST Squad formally in Town government. The support of the members is critical to success. The proposal includes a wage increase for the on-call hours, funding two full time people, and a capital reserve account.

#### Culvert Removal

The Board voted to remove the culvert of Todd Laquerre on Jones Hill Road if he fails to pay for the replacement pipe. Dave McAlister moved to approve removing the culvert in the event of non-payment. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimous approval.

#### Bulky Waste Collection Day

Samson indicated that the Town had agreed to host a bulky waste collection day (paid by users). This is for oversize furniture, rugs and construction waste and will be on a per yard

basis. He indicated that we would try to schedule it by late October. Consensus of the Board is to go forward.

#### School Sidewalk Agreement

Samson asked the Board to sign another series of originals of the School-Town-State sidewalk agreement at the High School. The agreement is funneled through the Town to satisfy the State but all of the costs are borne by the School. The Board executed three originals.

#### Other

Moved to appoint Richard Fox to the Historic District Commission as an alternate with a term to expire 2011 made by David McAlister and second by Al Posnanski. Unanimous approval.

At 7:15 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to re-enter non-public meeting to discuss employee evaluation and tax exemption issues.

At 7:30 McAlister moved to exit non-public meeting, seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:30 Selectman P o s n a n s k i moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Dave McAlister moved to approve the tax exemption for Wallace and Lecuyer for 2017 and 2018 which would treat them as if they owned the property during the period that they were re-purchasing the property for the purpose of calculating taxes on the property for 2017 and 2018 which are to be paid under the re-purchase agreement. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimous approval.

Dave McAlister moved to approve the compensation for Sherrill Zani, Assessing Clerk, at \$47,000 with another adjustment to be made upon taking over the Building Inspector's responsibilities. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimous approval.

At 7:32 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

---

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

---

David McAlister

---

Al Posnanski  
Canaan Board of Selectmen