

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the Canaan Selectmen's Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister and Al Posnanski and TA Samson. Others: Tom Geser, Andrew French, Bob Scott, and Ellie Davis.

Minutes February 4, 2020

Motion by Al Posnanski and Second by Dave McAlister to approve the minutes of 2/4/20. Unanimous.

Silvio Conti

Andrew French gave a detailed presentation of grant money that was available for the repair of Town roads that are used to access the Silvio Conte conservation area. The grants are for 80% of the cost. Cost may include highway worker force account (Town wages) and Town equipment and materials. There was considerable review of the conditions for the money, the requirement of engineering, when the work needed to be done and the definition of the roads eligible. Three roads were initially identified; Switch Road, River Road and Clark Pond. Ultimately, the focus of roads changed to River Road and Switch Road. There is approximately \$1 million dollars available for this work. Samson will follow up on engineering required, bidding and timing. There was also general discussion about public uses of the land and the advantages of publicizing the open lands and the trails.

Budget v. Actual

There was a general review of the budget during the first two months.

Police Chief Contract

Samson reviewed several minor changes in the proposed contract with Sam Frank to serve as Police Chief. Motion by Al Posnanski and second by Dave McAlister to approve and sign the contract through February 28, 2023. Unanimous.

Samson indicated that he is working on the EDA flood mitigation grant application. He noted that the State has authorized the Flood Mitigation Project and committed \$750,000 towards the required match.

Othe Business

None

At 6:10 PM Selectman McAlister moved to enter non-public session to discuss an employee evaluation. Posnanski seconded and motion passed unanimously.

At 6:25 PM McAlister moved to exit non-public meeting. Seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:25 PM Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Dave McAlister moved to require Anthony to obtain a CDL license by May 15. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

At 6:30 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
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