

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

July 16, 2018

- I. **OPEN MEETING** – The July 16, 2018 Selectboard meeting was opened by Chairman Gregory Noyes at 6:00PM. Those present: Gregory Noyes, Frank Sawicki, Jr., Haven Haynes Jr., Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault, E. Torres (US Border Patrol), Katie Sawicki, Olivia Harris and Chief Jeffery Noyes.

- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the July 2, 2018 Selectboard meeting minutes were approved.

- III. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA** – Highway ATV usage RTE 253 – Gregory reported that he was supposed to have an answer about this today but no word yet.
Trees at Louis Masson’s \$400 per Yvan Belleville – On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the Selectboard approved the price of \$400 to remove the trees behind Louis Masson’s residence.
Plaque on Horse Watering Trough needs to be put back on as requested by Sally Masson.
Info only: Pellet MFG company is looking to a new site for their plant.....Gregory is encouraging them to consider the vacant finishing building at Ethan Allen.

- IV. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS** -
 1. Paul Kuhn – E Torres was in from the Canaan Border Station to discuss the possibility of widening the corner of Breault Road and Jackson Lodge Road and also erecting a double arrow sign at that intersection. Richard explained that an extension to the culvert would be needed along with gravel. This work was not planned in the budget for this year so E. Torres stated that Homeland Security would pay for any materials needed. Richard stated that the Town Road Crew could do the work. The double arrow sign will be ordered this week.
 2. Katie Sawicki – Library – Katie was in to inform the Selectboard that the Library Board would like to recommend Shellie Bresnahan as a replacement for Sue Gosselin who has moved out of the area. On a motion by Haven and seconded by Gregory the board approved the appointment of Shellie Bresnahan to serve until the next election in March 2019.
Katie asked if the board had any solutions to the invasive species “knotweed” growing behind the Library. Gregory stated that Essex County Natural Resource Conservation District is working on a solution and they think it may take up to three years to find a way to eliminate it.

3. Olivia Harris was in to request permission to hold a Road Toll for the weekends of the Softball Tournament (August 4th) and the Lob Pitch Tournament(September 1) as they had done last year. Olivia assured the board that there would be adult supervision at all times. On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the Board approved these events. Noreen will check on any documents that may need to be executed for this.

V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY –

1. Canaan Hill widening – Location on the corner by the old Leigh place.....Richard has completed this. He has done ditching on Kemp Hill.
2. Grader repair – Needed a new starter – had to have Southworth Milton come up and change the starter because of its location.
3. Truck repair – International truck needed to have the transmission cooler line replaced. Corrosion due to road salt. May want to look into having this undercoated.
Treatment Plant Road paving – The board reviewed two quotes for this paving. Two quotes were received, one quote from Grays Paving and one from Dorman Paving. The board would like Richard to find out from the contractors what these quotes includes. Richard expressed concern with the paving of this road because he feels there are other roads that need attention before this one.
4. Quote for roadside mowing – David White submitted a quote for roadside mowing. Board reviewed. On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the board approved the \$4,225.00 for roadside mowing to David White.
5. Road inventory with Heather – Old county road – Richard reported that he and Heather have completed all the hills. According to ANR the Old County Road is listed as Class 4 road and it extends all the way across Pollard Hill to Canaan Hill. Richard and the board reviewed the Highway map that the State issues each year which clearly shows that section as trail/impassable. Also the section from Morrill Brook Road to Dubeau Road is labeled impassable as well. The Selectboard has no intention of upgrading these sections of trail.
6. The Board asked Richard to cut back the tree limbs that are hanging into the roadway on Power House Road as well as the small ones on River Road.
7. Richard has contacted contractors for the Breault Road Culvert replacement project. He was informed that the Dorman's Concrete will not be available for another month. Richard will schedule this work accordingly.

VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

1. Sign documents for USDA Loan/Grant – USDA was supposed to send the documents but have not. Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Frank to approve having Chairman Gregory Noyes sign the documents once received.

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. Email to Liz Dickson – food waste – Gregory will send a letter to Liz Dickson explaining that the Town will not be using the Wastewater Treatment Facility to dispose of the Food Waste collected at the Canaan Transfer Station.
2. Need sub for Marc for next Friday – Gregory will take Marc's place at the Transfer Station on Friday, July 20th.

3. Use Community Forest for Compost pile – Gregory has made some inquiries on the feasibility of using the Community Forest for the dumping site for the food waste collected at the Transfer Station. He still needs to check with some agencies about the probable location of this site.
4. The VT ANR has been ordered by the Vermont Legislature to get input on food scrap collection and have sent out a survey to be completed. The Selectboard will complete this survey once they have discussed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Robert Lee (Zoning Administrator) and Morgan Wade (Zoning Board Chairperson) were in to discuss with the Board the Zoning Permit Enforcement issues with the properties located at 22 River Road and 78 Gale Street. Both the Selectboard and the Zoning Board will further explore the options.

IX. OLD BUSINESS – No action

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Report on Dispatch meeting – The next Dispatch meeting will be dedicated to coming up with a new formula for Core Towns.
2. School Tax Rate – preliminary tax rates – The School Tax rates have been set by the State. They are \$1.3662 for Non-Residential (which is decreased from last year’s rate of \$1.3917) and \$1.4555 (which is increased from last year’s rate of \$1.4047). The Homestead Education Tax Rate is based in part on the education spending per equalized pupil of all the pupils residing in our town. Noreen explained to the board that she was not able to calculate the town’s portion of the tax rate because of pending Current Use issues with the State of Vermont. Hopefully those issues will be resolved before the next Selectboard meeting.
3. Set time for BCA Elections meeting – The BCA will meet on July 30th at 5:30PM to conduct election business for the upcoming Primary Election on August 14th 2018.
4. On a motion by Haven and seconded by Frank the Selectboard adopted the Amended Town of Canaan Traffic Ordinance.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – no action

In: Motion:	Second:	Action:	Time:
Out: Motion:	Second:	Action:	Time:

XII. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT – \$36,657.41

XIII.ADJOURN MEETING – On a motion by Haven, Chairman Gregory Noyes adjourned the July 16, 2018 Selectboard meeting at 8:14PM.