

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 22, 2021

- I. OPEN MEETING – Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. opened the March 22, 2021 Selectboard meeting at 5:58 PM. Those present: Haven Haynes, Jr., Frank Sawicki, Jr., Alfred Buckley, Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault and Essex County Sheriff Trevor Colby.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Frank and seconded by AI to approve the March 8, 2021 Meeting minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried in the affirmative. Motion was made by Frank and seconded by AI to approve the March 19, 2021 Selectboard meeting with AOT. Motion unanimously carried in the affirmative.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – Report on VLCT Zoom mtg., approve Cemetery Deed, Sweeping Bid, approve Fraud Policy.
- IV. REPORT FROM POLICE DEPT
 1. Trevor Colby – Essex County Sheriff – Sheriff Colby began his presentation with the duties of the Department. He presented the board with the Essex County Sheriff's Dept budgets from 2010 and 2012 when he first took over the department and his most recent budget. Also included the breakdown of the County Budget. Contrary to general belief, the County does not fully fund his department. They fund about 25% of the total budget and he has been able to acquire the rest from grants and contracted services. The bulk of salaries is grant funded. He did explain to the board that his contracted services do not include any "call out" services. He has only two full time deputies and the rest are part- time and they are spread thin as is with the area they cover. Sheriff Colby explained that he is not interested in contracting services to Canaan because of the added expenses and lack of manpower. Sheriff Colby and the board discussed the State of Vermont Dispatching services and the future expenses to towns. He recommended that the Selectboard contact the Side Judges at the Essex County Court to see if perhaps these additional expenses could be covered by the County instead of individual towns here in Essex County.
 2. Cruiser is sold – Info only
- V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – no action
- VI. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY -
 1. Sweeping bid from David White - On a motion by Frank and seconded by AI, the \$1500 bid for sweeping the streets was unanimously approved by the Selectboard.

2. Richard reported that as of today, the roads are holding up with mud season upon us. He has posted the roads and Hudson road does have the 'Road Closed' sign up. He will be filling potholes on paved areas as soon as he feels confident the snow season is over since he will need to take the sander out of the truck to get the cold patch needed.
3. Richard purchased a rim and spare tire to have on hand which would fit either truck if needed. He has removed the wing from the grader.

VII. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – no action

VIII. SOLID WASTE

1. Purchase composter – The board approved the purchase of a Jora composter, 12 5-gal buckets and lid, gloves, and bags for the Transfer Station. They will meet with Marc to decide the best location for the composter.

IX. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Cemetery Deed – The Selectboard approved and executed a Cemetery Deed for the South Canaan Cemetery on a motion by Al and seconded by Frank.
2. Fraud Policy – Motion was made by Al and seconded by Frank to approve and execute the Fraud Policy. Motion carried in the affirmative.

X. OLD BUSINESS –

1. APPOINTMENTS – See the list
2. Model Municipal financial policies – board review – Selectboard will decide which policies to implement for the town and discuss at the next meeting

XI. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. The Selectboard discussed the recent webinars they attended.

XII. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT - \$ 62,716.15 -approved and executed.

XIII. ADJOURN MEETING – On a motion by Al, seconded by Frank, Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. adjourned the March 22, 2021 Selectboard meeting at 7:30PM.