

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 7, 2022

- I. OPEN MEETING – The March 7, 2022, was opened by Haven Haynes, Jr. at 5:58 PM. Those present: Haven Haynes, Jr., Mark Bullard, Alfred Buckley, Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault, April Busfield, Jeff Noyes and one member from the public, Daniel Wade.
- II. ELECT AND CHAIRMAN AND CLERK FOR BOARD - Mark Bullard nominated Haven Haynes, Jr. for the Chairman of the board for 2022. Al Buckley seconded the nomination. Haven Haynes, Jr. accepted the nomination. Mark Bullard nominated Al Buckley as Clerk for the Selectboard for 2022. Haven Haynes, Jr. seconded the nominations. Al Buckley accepted the nomination to serve as Clerk of the Selectboard for 2022.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Al and seconded by Mark to approve the February 22, 2022, Selectboard meeting minutes. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

- IV. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – Reminder of Dispatch meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at the Colebrook Town Office.

- V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS –
 1. Dan Wade was in to discuss the present disconnect between the Town and the School. He stated that he is no longer on the school board but would like to discuss the Selectboard’s recommendation that the school hire the plowing of the parking lot. He felt that it would be much cheaper for the taxpayers to have the Town continue plowing the parking lot and as a taxpayer he felt that it doesn’t matter which pot the taxes come out of it’s all one bill. Mark Bullard stated that he took a survey of several school districts and found that none of them had their Town taking care of the plowing of the school parking lots. Unfortunately, since the Road Crew is having to plow the school parking lot that time is not being spent plowing the Town Highways and consequently resulting in overtime hours that could be saved. Al Buckley added that the cost of plowing the school parking lot should show in their budget if not for anything other reason than transparency. He feels the school expenses should remain with the school and the Town expenses with the Town. Dan also asked about the use of the Town equipment for small jobs for the school. The Selectboard stated that the Town had done away with that practice many years ago because of complaints that it was an unfair competition with the local contractors. April Busfield stated that the Sewer and Water Departments in town have contracted out all necessary digging for water and sewer repairs for many years.

VI. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY -

1. VTrans annual meeting with Eric Pope – March 10th at 8:30AM – Haven and AI will meet with Eric Pope.
2. Community Forest culvert on RTE 253 -Richard stated that VTrans has taken care of the frozen culvert.
3. Hudson Road Gate plan – The Selectboard will notify the Landowners of the gate being closed and allow only property owners along Hudson Road to access their property during the Spring Mud season in hopes that it will save the condition of the road. Jeff will install cameras at the gates to record any non-property owner.

VII. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –

1. Repair quote for grit & extra parts – April had the quote from Laramie Water Resources for the repairs on the Grit Screw in the amount of \$9,971.30. The Selectboard had already included this in their 2022 budget, so no action taken. April also had a quote from Tallmage Plumbing for the new Modine Unit Heater for the headworks building in the amount of \$5,098.50. Motion was made by AI and seconded by Mark to approve the purchase and installation of the new heater. Motion carried in the affirmative. April will authorize Tallmage tomorrow
2. April – request – April stated that she has been approached by American Performance Polymers in Colebrook to be present for the start- up and train employees for their new wastewater treatment facility. She was asking for the Board’s support on this opportunity. She stated that she would use her vacation time or take days off if needed to perform the duties for this company and assured the board that it would not interfere with her duties as Canaan’s Wastewater and Water Operator. Board approved April’s request as long as it does not interfere with her job in Canaan.

VIII. POLICE REPORT –

1. Potential threat – Jeff has been made aware of the situation and is keeping an eye on it.
2. Jeff called the company with regards to ordering the new computer for the cruiser.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time a motion was made by AI and seconded by Mark to enter Executive Session. Motion carried. Board entered executive session at 7:03PM to discuss personnel. Motion was made by Mark and seconded by AI to exit executive session. Motion carried. Board exited Executive session at 7:16PM. No decision or action was made.

IX. SOLID WASTE –

1. Waste management survey – grant funds - Noreen will complete the survey tomorrow.
2. Septage policy – April will review and update.

X. NEW BUSINESS –

1. APPOINTMENTS – see the list of appointments – The Selectboard will meet with the Zoning Administrator and potential candidate at their next meeting.

2. Building and infrastructure repairs list – Will discuss next meeting.
3. NEMRC AGREEMENT – July – Dec. – Motion was made by Al and seconded by Mark to approve and execute the agreement. Motion carried in the affirmative.
4. Liquor license for Time Out Tavern – Board approved and executed.

XI. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

XII. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. A letter of resignation was presented to the board by Dennis Johnson for his position as Lister. This resignation will take effect once the new reappraisal has been completed.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – SEE ABOVE

XIV. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT \$ 41,403.08. Approved and executed by entire board.

XV. ADJOURN MEETING – Motion was made by Al to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. adjourned the March 7, 2022, Selectboard meeting at 8:05PM.