

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

July 15, 2019

- I. OPEN MEETING – The July 15, 2019 Selectboard meeting was opened by Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. at 6:00PM. Those present: Haven Haynes, Jr., Frank Sawicki, Jr., Gregory Noyes, Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault, Suzanne Routhier (NEKCA), Daniel Keenan (Attorney), Norma Gray, Robert Lee, Al Buckley.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Gregory and seconded by Frank to approve the July 1, 2019 Selectboard meeting minutes.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS -
 1. Suzanne Routhier from NEKCA was in to give the Board an update on some of the new plans for services at the Canaan NEKCA office. They are planning to offer cooking classes and have meals with entertainment. She stated that the building will need to be inspected by a Health Officer once they are ready to go with these plans. Other future plans for the second floor of the building include temporary housing for up to 90 days for folks in need.
 2. Dan Keenan – Quit Claim Deed – Dan Keenan presented the board with a Quit Claim Deed for Mitchell and Sylvie Coderre releasing all right of the town to any lease land portion of their property. After reviewing the document and discussing the issue a motion was made by Frank and seconded by Gregory and approved by all to execute the Quit Claim Deed. The board signed the document.
 3. Norma Gray was in to express her concerns about the puddle on School Street that is located in the roadway by her house. She would like the town to install drainage on that street to take care of the puddle. The board will review this issue.
 4. Robert Lee (Zoning Adm.) was in at the request of Gregory to discuss the problem at 72 River Road. Robert explained that there are zoning violations at that residence. Robert stated that he, as zoning administrator can write a letter informing the property owner of the violations. The board also discussed the fact that the property owner was issued a Junk Yard Letter which he has not responded to. They will have the Police Chief issue a Municipal Ticket. Also discussed was the issue at 78 Gale Street.
 5. Al Buckley was in to speak to the Board about their proposed Dangerous Building and Grounds Ordinance. He felt that an ordinance of this magnitude should come before the voters at a Town Meeting. He expressed that the ordinance as written is large undertaking for the Selectboard to take on by themselves.
- V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY –

1. Paving quotes – Richard stated that he received another quote from Central Paving after the last meeting. It was for less money but also less pavement. The board agreed to stay with their original vote to hire Gray’s Paving for the job on Hall Stream. Richard stated that Gray’s will be able to start at the beginning of August.
2. Better Roads Grant rejection letters – Board reviewed....no action taken.
3. Roadside mowing – David White submitted a roadside mowing proposal of \$4,550.00. The board accepted this proposal on a motion by Gregory and seconded by Frank.
4. Richard reported that he and Brian cleaned the Hall Stream Bridge last week.

VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –

1. Monthly Project Report and Reimbursement Request No. 2 – Motion was made by Gregory and seconded by Frank to execute the MBR No. 2. Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. signed the document. After much discussion about the recent report from WWTF Operator April Busfield with regard to the design for the Treatment Facility improvements the board voted to pay the EII portion of this request but hold payment to Tata and Howard until they received satisfactory action from them.
2. Contractor’s Application 1893-02 – Motion was made by Gregory and seconded by Frank to execute the Application 1893-02. Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. signed the document.
3. Project – update – A brief emailed update was received from the Senior Project Manager for Tata and Howard.
4. Manholes on Hall Stream Rd – 4 water tight covers – 8 need risers – April will have prices for these covers and risers at their next meeting.

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. Gregory will contact someone at Stephane Inkel, Inc. to purchase the container for the tires.
2. Gregory and Frank will work on a response letter to DEC Waste Management and Prevention Div. with regards to the Asphalt Shingle and Sheet Rock disposal plan which is due July 17th.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. BCBS Rate increases – Board reviewed. Frank will send an electronic response to the Green Mountain Care board with regards to the proposed 15% increase in rates for 2020.
2. Fire Marshall inspection report – Haven received word from the State Fire Marshall with regards to the 8 properties they visited with him. He stated that there is only one property that the agency is able to act on.
3. Franchise Tax document to sign – Haven Haynes, Jr. executed the document.

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Post Office Box on Canaan Hill – New location – Board has been made aware of the new location. No action taken.
2. Falconer property – See above
3. Cemetery Committee – Motion was made by Gregory and seconded by Frank to appoint Alfred Buckley to the Cemetery Committee.

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Frank stated that Jean Lindor would like to park his food truck in Fletcher Park the weekend of the Softball Tournaments. After discussion the board felt it would be best if Mr. Lindor speak with the Softball League about this.
2. The Selectboard will meet on July 22, 2019 at 5:30PM with regards to Canaan Energy Committee.
3. A check from Orton Foundation in the amount of \$5000 will be deposited with this being the final payment to the consulting firm of Northeast Kingdom Tamarack Inc.

XI. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT - \$48,380.70

XII. ADJOURN MEETING – On a motion by Frank, Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. adjourned the July 15, 2019 Selectboard meeting at 8:45PM.