

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

Prior to the opening of the regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting the Selectboard had an emergency Executive Session at 5:30PM to discuss a personnel issue. Frank Sawicki, Jr. opened the meeting at 5:30 PM. Those present: Frank Sawicki, Jr., Gregory Noyes, Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault and April Busfield. Motion was made by Gregory and seconded by Frank to enter Executive Session at 5:32PM to discuss a personnel issue. Motion was made by Gregory and seconded by Frank to exit Executive at 5:45PM. Action Taken: Selectboard will meet with all parties concerned to devise a plan to suit all.

- I. OPEN MEETING – The September 21, 2020 Selectboard meeting was opened by Chairman Frank Sawicki, Jr. at 5:56PM. Those present: Frank Sawicki, Jr., Gregory D. Noyes, Haven Haynes, Jr., Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault, Jeff Noyes, Chris Masson, Dan Wade, Al Buckley and via Zoom Jeff Richards.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Haven and seconded by Gregory to approve the September 7, 2020 Selectboard meeting minutes.
- III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – Letter to Select., Ice Rink, property pins
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS –
 1. Dan Wade, School Board Chair., was in at the request of the Selectboard to give the board an update on school activities and how they are coping with the new Covid regulations. Dan stated that one of the challenges throughout the State is the Sports Programs. He added that the students are doing quite well with the regulations so far. The HVAC system in both school buildings are going to need some work. They have applied for a grant for that. Concerning the \$1million bond funds, to date, the Art room has been moved upstairs, new doors have been installed and hardware for ADA Compliance has been installed. New tiles to replace the old asbestos tiles in the Elementary building have been installed due to a flood caused by a plastic fitting on a toilet. They were able to secure insurance funds for this repair. The Selectboard discussed the Town's pending Food Scrap program with Dan Wade and Chris Masson.
 2. Jeff Richards was present via zoom to discuss the apparent missing property line pins. Jeff explained to the board the Engineering firm has been contacted with regards to this and they found no evidence that there were any property pins at the subject property when they replaced the water main. Prior to the water line project the operator and a

Selectboard member tried to locate the shut off valve due to a problem inside the building and searched the entire front of the property with a metal detector and they never encountered any property pins at that time as well.

3. Community Forest Committee – Chris Masson, Chair for Community Forest Committee was in to discuss the extra costs for the new access road. Both parties came to a mutual agreement.
4. Chairman Frank Sawicki, Jr. asked Jeff Noyes to be available on October 3, 2020 at the Beecher Falls/Stewartstown Bridge for traffic control for the dedication ceremony. Jeff stated that the new cruiser is in production now. There is no further word on dispatch in Vermont. Jeff will be checking into replacing his cell phone as he has not been receiving messages. He informed the board that he will need to purchase winter tires this year.

V. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY

1. Grant Agreement – Better Back Roads – Todd Hill project. Needs signature – Chairman Frank Sawicki, Jr. executed the document. Richard reported that the project has been completed and they were able to do twice as much ditching with the projected funds then was originally planned. Richard had 8 loads of gravel delivered to Fund road last week.
2. Culvert Grant funds received - \$16,955.39 – Info only
3. Fund Road – Bank collapse – Richard explained the area that is affected. It will need stone for bank stabilization, and he will be contacting Cunningham's to do the work as our town backhoe is unable to reach the area involved.
4. The Ford truck will be taken to North Country Ford for a recall. Richard was informed that the new truck has been built and slated for delivery to North Country Ford.

VI. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –

1. Work restrictions – discussed in executive session above.

VII. SOLID WASTE –

1. School buckets – ANR – Food scraps – see above
2. Article in Caledonian Road – Board reviewed and agreed that Canaan has seen an increase in C&D trash during the COVID.
3. Gregory reported that the HHW event on September 11th & 12th had the highest volume collected than he has seen since starting the events.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Frank relayed to the board that the CNC would like the Ice Rink installed this year for their Winter Carnival.

2. Halloween Trick or Treating will be held from 4:00PM – 6:00PM on October 31, 2020. At the same time CNC will be holding and Trunk or Treat event in Fletcher Park. The Selectboard approved the use of Fletcher Park for this event.
3. Les Klinefelter sent a letter to the Selectboard requesting the old “Welcome to Canaan” sign that will be taken down once the new ones are installed. Motion was made by Gregory and seconded by Haven to approve the request. Board approved unanimously.

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Report on Ride around – Frank will email to all board members.
2. Trip to Montpelier – telephone service problems – Haven and Frank will set a date.
3. The board discussed the Redemption Center in Beecher Falls.

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Personnel Policy – Executive Session – No Executive Session needed. Board will add a section in Policy to address Personnel retirement and separation.
2. Use of facilities for Fletcher Park- CNC – See above.

XI. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT

1. Sign regular warrant - \$63,542.62 and USDA funds warrant - \$55,835.85.

XII. ADJOURN MEETING – Motion was made by Gregory and seconded by Haven to adjourn the September 21, 2020 Selectboard meeting. Chairman Frank Sawicki, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 7:44PM.