

**-CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, December 7th, 2010**

Selectmen convened at 6:30 PM and was called to order by Chairman Reagan. Others present: Selectman Scott Borthwick, Selectman Marcia Wilson, Yaskara Newcomb and TA Michael Samson. At 6:30 PM Selectmen Borthwick made a motion to enter non-public session to discuss Personnel under 91-A:3 II(c). The motion was seconded by Selectmen Wilson and voted 3-0 by a roll call vote of the Board.

At 6:55 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to come out of non-public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Wilson and voted 3-0 by roll call vote. At 6:56 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to seal the minutes of the non public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Wilson and voted 3-0 by roll call vote.

The public meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Reagan. Others present: Selectman Scott Borthwick, Selectman Marcia Wilson and TA Michael Samson. Members of the public included Al Posnanski, Ellie Davis, Robert Rudder, Arthur Gelsi and Phillip Savail

Chairman Reagan started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Minutes of November 23rd.

Motion by Scott Borthwick, seconded by Marcia Wilson to approve the minutes of November 23rd, 2010. Unanimous approval.

Recreation Commission

Motion by Marcia Wilson, second by Scott Borthwick to appoint Yaskara Newcomb and Tammy Furman to the Canaan Recreation Commission. Unanimously approved.

Friends of the Canaan Street Bath House

Scott Borthwick reported that the Friends had requested that \$500 be included in the recreation budget to cover cleaning costs at the bath house and had also indicated at the Budget Committee that they had raised \$490 in contributions to cover that cost. Scott moved to increase the recreation maintenance and repair line in the budget by \$500 to cover the cleaning cost in light of the contribution of the \$490 by the Friends of the Canaan Street Bath House. Seconded by Marcia. Unanimously approved.

Organization of Committees

Information on organizational structure, officers and directors and members was provided for the Friends of the Canaan Street Bath House and the Meeting House Committee. Samson was directed to write a one page memorandum on the structure and rules of the Meeting House Committee and the Board would appoint five officers of the Committee who will fill the appointments authorized in 1974, with all other interested parties serving as alternatives or non-voting committee members.

Budget Committee Report

Scott Borthwick reported on the activity of the Budget Committee and indicated that there were a few minor differences between the two budgets with \$1 budgeted lines added and increases for Goose Pond of \$200, and \$230 for FICA under data processing, and a move of \$500 in fuel cost from recreation to government buildings. There is also a significant reduction of almost \$18,000 in the cost of liability and property insurance. The significant change was to increase the police chief's salary to \$59,000 for an increase of \$3,643 plus benefits. The argument advanced was that without the increase, the chief would earn less than his subordinates.

Approval of Primex Health and Property and Liability Insurance

Samson noted that in light of the significant reduction in property and liability insurance costs, that the contract be approved for the continued health care coverage and that we indicate a preliminary decision to go with Primex's P&L coverage in the spring. Motion by Borthwick, second by Wilson and unanimously approved.

Supplemental Health Coverage

An issue has arisen where an employee's spouse has reached an age where he/she is eligible for coverage by Medicare rather than the two person policy. If Canaan switches the person to Medicare as the primary coverage and pays for the Primex supplemental health care coverage, it will save the Town about \$3,600 per year. Samson recommended that the board adopt the policy of switching to supplemental coverage. Motion by Scott Borthwick and seconded by Marcia Wilson to adopt that policy. Unanimously approved.

Town Report Printing

Samson indicated that the Town's existing printer was quoting a price roughly the same as last year's price of \$2,360 but that he had received a quote of \$1,693 from Brayshaw for a comparable product and service. Brayshaw of Lebanon prints the reports of many New Hampshire municipalities. Samson was directed to obtain a reference from Poultney Vermont which switched to Brayshaw last year and if it was favorable to take the proposal from Brayshaw. Motion by Borthwick, second by Wilson and unanimously approved.

At 8:04 PM Selectmen Borthwick made a motion to enter non-public session to discuss hiring personnel under 91-A:3 II(b). The motion was seconded by Selectmen Wilson and voted 3-0 by a roll call vote of the Board.

At 8:45 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to come out of non-public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Wilson and voted 3-0 by roll call vote. At 8:47 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to seal the minutes of the non public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Wilson and voted 3-0 by roll call vote.

Other Business

The selectmen discussed the need for road markings on Blackwater and Samson indicated that Bob Scott was going to install delimiters (reflectors) to mark the road.

Samson was directed to install a notice on conference room use and the requirement for permission from the Selectmen's Office for use after January 1st.
Next board meeting is set for December 28th.

At 8:50 PM Selectman Wilson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Selectman Borthwick and voted 3-0 by the Board.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

Marcia Wilson
Canaan Board of Selectmen