

TOWN OF CANAAN
BOARD OF FINANCE, REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021 @ 6:30PM

Co-Chair: Dick Heinz, Dave Barger, Steve Dean, Joel Jones. Alternates: Daly Reville, Corinna Fleming, Eric Carlson. Selectmen: Henry Todd, Greg Marlow, Dave Barger. Treasurer: Linda Paviol.

Meeting called to order by co-chair Heinz 6:31pm

MOTION by Jones, seconded by Silverman, to seat Corinna Fleming in place of regular member John Allyn; unanimous.

MOTION by Dean, seconded by Jones to seat Eric Carlson in place of regular member Lou Timolat; unanimous.

No Communications or public comment

Lou Timolat arrives unseating Eric Carlson

Reports

Secretary's Report: **MOTION by Dean, seconded by Jones to accept as presented the Feb 8, 2021 Regular meeting minutes, unanimous. MOTION by Jones, seconded by Timolat, to accept as presented the Feb 23, 2021 BOF special meeting minutes, passed, Silverman abstention.**

Treasurer's Report: **MOTION by Jones, seconded by Silverman; to accept as presented the Treasurers report: unanimous.** To date BOF has appropriated \$13,342 of their 20K from the GF

Tax Collector's Report: **MOTION by Dean, seconded by Silverman to accept as presented the Tax Collectors report; unanimous.**

Board of Education's Report; **MOTION by Timolat, seconded by Dean to accept as presented the BOE report; unanimous.**

Agenda additions:

MOTION By Timolat, seconded by Silverman to add to the agenda under New Business, Lou requests that the BOF write a Letter of appreciation to BOE, Principal & Support staff and Teachers; unanimous.

First Selectman's Report

- a. MIRA fees – fees up to \$102 raise TS fees to \$60/\$30 Seniors
- b. Computer transfer – Not expending approved funds yet
- c. Brewster Holdings - the BOS have recommended to BOF on assessment reduction per economic stimulus.
- d. Gas Station is open
- e. PURA is scheduling the Aquarian sale before FY end.
- f. Alarm system expenditure
- g. Tenant for 107 Main – café that will be open 7 days a week. Starting 10/1/21(Lease will include electric, water, fuel oil, alarm fees)
- h. Afterschool program for 6-8th graders should be able to use 107 Main
- i. Broadband committee to gauge interest in town for increased internet speed
- j. Selling old firetruck for \$15,000 – BOF wants to keep the \$\$ to go toward purchase 2 ½ breathing apparatus.

- k. Lift Zone by Comcast free to town for 107 Main Street-installed in March-both floors-Kellogg school would use for after school program for 6-8 grades
- l. Appointed new animal control officer (Norfolk/N. Canaan); in order to have license, must have CEU's.
- m. First Light – sending letters to customers on river it affects
- n. P&Z – will be looking for change in fees
- o. Budget should have by end of March to BOF
- p. BOS meeting in lu of town meeting. Hoping to hold budget presentation in late April in person (50 persons)
- q. Refinance debt with Salisbury bank to reduce interest
- r. COID bill passed, \$103,900 est to go to Town

Old Business

1. Discuss and act on proposal by Selectmen and Treasurer on how the Board of Finance would like the Town of Canaan to handle recharacterization of amounts and purposes within Departmental sub-lines.

MOTION by Lou, seconded by Corinna to approve as read the attached proposal; MOTION BY Lou, seconded by Dean, to amend sentence: or reconciliation as needed; unanimous.

MOTION by Heinz, seconded by Timolat to table till next meeting; unanimous.

New Business

1. Add further explanation to the resolution in February meeting to clarify the reason and source of funds requested for move to Reserve Funds:

**See attached initial motion.

WHEREAS: The Town of Canaan Department of Public Works (here in DPW) required a new highway truck to replace one retired from service and further, the DPW manager (Tim Downs) having sought and received approval of a \$41,276.73 of a State of Connecticut grant (here in the GRANT) towards the truck purchase

AND WHEREAS: The necessity of the purchase of the highway truck occurred before the receipt of the GRANT funds and further, the truck purchase occurred with the temporary use of funds available in the Treasury of the Town of Canaan to be restored upon receipt of the GRANT funds.....

MOTION by Timolat, seconded by Heinz to approve the above addition; unanimous.

2. Brewster Holdings procedure – Assessment reduction for 3 years.

MOTION by Heinz, seconded by Dean the BOF approved the 50% tax abatement for a period of 3 years to begin on 7/1/2021, expiring on 6/30/2024; unanimous.

3. Act on Board of Selectman recommendation to the BOF an appropriation from the 107-108 reserve account #1702630541 \$5551 for 107 Main Street alarm & lighting replacement. Recommending to town meeting approve the purpose. **MOTION by Timolat, seconded by Jones the BOF approval an appropriation to go to Town Meeting for the purposes 107 Main Street alarm & lighting replacement in the amount of \$5551 from the 107-108 reserve account #1702630541 for approval; unanimous.**

4. Agenda Addition: **MOTIN by Timolat, seconded by Heinz, the request that the BOF write a Letter of appreciation for the work during the pandemic to BOE, Administration & Support staff & Teachers of Lee H. Kellogg; unanimous. Lou, Eric & Joel will compose together.**

MOTION by Fleming, seconded by Jones, meeting adjourns; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by recording secretary, Rebecca Juchert-Derungs