

TOWN OF CANAAN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 08, 2026 @ 8:30AM

Town Hall

108 Main St., Falls Village, CT 06031

IN PERSON

MEETING MINUTES

- *In attendance:* First Selectman Dave Barger, Selectman Judy Jacobs, Selectman Chris Kinsella and *Public Attendance:* Chea LaMedica

1. Meeting called to order at 8:32AM by First Selectman Dave Barger
2. Review and discussion of plans for the Town of Canaan's *250th USA Celebration*; brief overview given by Selectman Judy Jacobs who is coordinating a number of events with the Historical Society. A more detailed report to be given at the BOS Meeting on January 12, 2026.
3. DPW Manager Tim Downs provided information regarding *Winter Roadway Maintenance* relative to Sand Rd. and all other town roadways. Extra attention has been given to problem areas. Brief discussion on product mixtures for utilization on snowy/icy roadways and the control of speed with respect to the condition of the roadway (*CGS 14-218(a)*). A more detailed report to be given at the BOS Meeting on January 12, 2026.
4. Review and discussion of letter drafted to the Connecticut Secretary of State regarding *Concerns Regarding Early Voting Implementation in the Town of Canaan*. The letter (attached) referenced the *Financial Impact, Participation and Impact on the Registrar of Voters* in Canaan and other small municipalities. After review and discussion, a motion by Selectman Judy Jacobs was made to have the Board of Selectmen sign the letter and send it forward to the Secretary of State; seconded by Selectman Chris Kinsella; Vote Unanimous.
5. At 8:52AM, a motion was made by Selectman Chris Kinsella to move in to *Executive Session* for the purpose of discussing the vacancy at 107 Main St. (formerly Furnace Art Gallery); seconded by Selectman Judy Jacobs; Vote Unanimous. Motion by First Selectman Dave Barger to move out of *Executive Session* at 9:14AM; second by Selectman Chris Kinsella; Vote Unanimous. *No Action Taken in Executive Session.*

- 6.** Selectman Judy Jacobs made a motion to adjourn at 9:23AM; second by Selectman Selectman Chris Kinsella; Vote Unanimous

Minutes respectfully submitted,

David R. Banger