

**TOWN OF CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Monday January 11, 2021 @ 7:00 or immediately following BOF  
Via Zoom TOWN HALL, 108 MAIN STREET, FALLS VILLAGE CT 06031

Present: Henry Todd (1<sup>st</sup> Selectman) & Selectmen: Greg Marlowe, Dave Barger and other zoom attendees.

CALL TO ORDER: Regular Meeting called to order by First Selectmen, Henry Todd 7:00 PM

Agenda additions **MOTION by Barger, seconded by Marlowe to add to agenda under New Business, E. recommendation referencing town clerk, also F. Appointing the Republican Justices of the Peace's as there are vacancies on the ballot; unanimous.**

Public Comment (limit two minutes); Colter Rule: see recording link

Reports:

Secretary Report: **MOTION by Barger, seconded by Marlowe; to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of December 29, 2020 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2020; unanimous.**

Treasurer and Tax Collector Reports: **MOTION by Marlowe, seconded by Barger to receive as presented the December Tax collector & the Treasurer report and the Board of education; unanimous.**

Communications

- a. Written
- b. Oral

Reports

- a. Bridge discussion – Greg Marlowe is emailing the committee who is available and can sit in on a proposal from Tim Cermola on cobble Road bridge solutions
- b. Continuing to get in sign-ups for Emergency Management System- Haven't used it yet but does work
- c. Discussion of Town Clerk Assistant and Mary's physical health
- d. Tom Hennick
- e. Gas Station permitting – have paid all the fees for permits etc. to get DEEP approval to open, reached out to Maria Horn for assistance. She will do what she can to assist. All of the DEEP employees are working from home creating some delays. No contamination of the soil, Town can remove soil and take to transfer station to cover bulky waste. Henry will notify inland wetlands.
- f. Lease for 440 sq. ft. at 107 Main and interest in remaining interest by JP Gifford- reply on latter to be in sometime later this month as to interest or lack of same.
- g. Covid Grant from state and TAHD gets 10% of allotment of \$5,727
- h. Recommendation to opt for 3% reduced rate for tax late payments –Will be relaying to BOF
- i. IT Transfer-Recommendation from BOS not done yet but initial cost would be about \$2500. This would cover new firewall protection, monitoring of data flow using AI, and other improvements in to make our systems more robust. Should we budget for next year or request appropriation from BOF? **MOTION by Marlowe, seconded by Barger to add to New Business under item G. IT appropriation from BOF; unanimous.**
- j. Applications for Municipal Housing Study are at Town Hall and are available on the website and can be found under P and Z heading

Agenda item new business G., **MOTION by Marlowe seconded by Barger to strike previous motion of New Business Item G. unanimous.**

Old Business

- a. Bridge discussion between Tim Cermola, Greg Marlowe and myself – covered above in reports

New Business

- a. Tax rebates, if any – none
- b. Discussion of IT needs and recommendations to make to BOF; we have 10 block already with current IT company; **MOTION by Marlowe, seconded by Barger, to request the BOF for approval to move forward with IT Transfer from our current vendor to new IT vendor, Yucatec, for an amount up to 2500; unanimous.**
- c. Approval of Tom Wilson as alternate on Zoning Board of Appeals. **MOTION by Marlowe, seconded by Barger to approve Tom Wilson as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals: unanimous.**
- d. Approval of Invoices for IHZ; **MOTION by Marlowe, seconded by Barger, to approve the following invoices: Architect for the balance of their invoice \$1,050; Civil G; professional services for night meeting of Planning & Zoning in amount of \$2456.46; Allied Engineering, providing an outside opinions for P&Z, \$4450 applicant of the project; \$180 for CT safe drinking water division; total amount of \$10,136.46 to be taken out of their remaining IHZ funds \$20,000; Discussion - as far as Selectmen are aware there are no other outstanding bills; MOTION passed unanimously.**
- e. Town Clerk Recommendation to BOF due to town clerk's illness: Proposed recommendation to BOF; BOS recommend to continue to keep paying Town Clerk Assistant, 18 hours a week in addition to \$300 a month stipend for ½ of her private insurance, to be reviewed on at next board meeting Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> for additional approval;

**MOTION by Barger, seconded by Marlowe, to present to BOF that the BOS recommend to that Arlene Benninger, Assistant Town Clerk continue at that position at 18 hours a week, with 300 of insurance until next BOF meeting; motion failed.**

**MOTION by Barger, seconded by Marlowe that Board of Selectmen make a declaration allowing Henry Todd as 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman to use town funds to continue the payment for the Assistant Town Clerk at 18 hours a week and \$300 stipend per month for ½ of medical insurance; unanimous.**

- f. Appointments of Republican Justices of the Peace's that were not on the Nov. ballot due to Republican Town Committee not getting in their request:  
**MOTION by Marlowe, seconded by Barger, the BOS appoint the following to the Justice of the Peace to fill the vacancies, Hazel McGuire, Lou Timolat, Suzan Kelsey, Kevin Titus, Michael Demazza (if still a resident of Falls Village) to 2025; unanimous.**

Dave Barger, Recognition to Theresa Graney for the great amount of work for distributing clothing and toys to families prior to Christmas, she went to great pains to get all of that done; thank you for doing such a fabulous job during such a tough time.

Henry Todd Recognition to Michele Hansen for all the hard work she does with COVID as EMD

- IX. Adjournment 7:51pm by Henry Todd

Respectfully submitted by Rebecca Juchert-Derungs; recording secretary.