

TOWN OF CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY February 8, 2020 @ 7:00 or immediately following BOF
Via Zoom TOWN HALL, 108 MAIN STREET, FALLS VILLAGE CT 06031

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

I. CALL TO ORDER: Regular Meeting called to order by First Selectmen, Henry Todd

II. No public comment

III. Secretary Reports: Regular meeting Jan. 11th and Jan 21st special meeting minutes; **MOTION by Dave, seconded by Greg, to accept as corrected the minutes of Jan 11th and the January 21st special meeting minutes; unanimous.**

IV. Tax/Treasurer Reports: **MOTION by Marlowe, seconded by Barger to accept as presented the January Treasurer & Tax Collector reports; unanimous.**

Communications - none

New Business Additions by consensus

E. New business: discussion of the Pallet charge from the Transfer station

F. Lease at 107 Main St.

G. Code of conduct for procedures of meetings (last looked at 2003)

h. setting up budget meetings

V. Selectman's Report

- a. Greg Marlowe – Bridge met with Cardinal Engineering with committee, proposal for a pre engineering scope of services, Cobble road has flooding. Talking about working on culvert end first. This is covered by FEMA and this repairs should be cheaper than bridge replacement. Study covers the basis for both structures. Raise the road to alleviate most of the flooding. Only allowed to disturb 500sqft. Preliminary engineering study will cost approx. up to \$27,000. Which will give us the best solutions with pros and cons to each project. (Survey & base mapping). What Is the ultimate estimate range for completion projects – 350,000 on just the culvert, but with road elevation will could be 750,000. Bridget will be much more.
- b. Town Clerk-Still no Resolution-May have report by meeting – will need an additional 8,000 to get through June 30th. No issues with BOF have special meeting
- c. Brewster Holdings procedure – Assessment reduction for 3 years.
- d. Gas Station permitting - all done – they hope to open end of week 2/12/21
- e. Lease for Furnace signed for 107 Main Street – JP Gifford may have some interest.
- f. Grant proposal – prelim to see if someone will write a grant for the town.
- g. Required replacement of alarm at 107 and Emergency exit signs-Take from reserve 1702630541 107/108 Main Street Property Reserve. Total is \$5251.46 (alarm 3793.34 and lights 1458.12)
- h. IT transfer done probably in March
- i. Committee on Affordable Housing Steering Committee has been formed
- j. New Committee on Fiber Optic formed-any other citizens invited to join
- k. Goals for 2021 – complete Aquarian sale & 107 main street rentals
- l. Town Meeting to accept town report, okay audit and procedures for BOS to do(through April 21).
- j. Starting budget meetings

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

- a. Tax rebates, if any - none
- b. Correction of appointments for JP's – Denny Jacobs, Mike Demazza no longer lives in Canaan/Falls Village
- c. Recommendation of spending in #5.g above to BOF – replacement & alarm – before tenants move in. **MOTION by Greg, seconded Barger, to table Item section 5 item G, table till after lease decision; unanimous.**
- d. Brewster Holdings recommendation to BOF **MOTION Greg/Dave by to recommend to the board of Finance for the reduction of Brewster Holdings, proving that they met the criteria in accordance with the ordinance; unanimous.**
- e. Tracy Wilson – Transfer Station – Proposing that people that drop off pallets pay a \$5-dollar charge, as this is what it costs the town. Review of quarterly report – hired person on Saturday as Tracy is not always available to be there.
Lease at 107 Main St – Lease is the same as the prior lessee \$550 with 1/6th of oil bill, \$600 2nd year, 5% yearly rental increase thereafter. **MOTION by Barger, seconded by Marlowe, to approve the 440sqft lease and 1/6 of the oil bill; that the BOS accept those terms and the first selectman will be able to review and authorize and exaction such lease agreement; unanimous. MOTION by Marlowe seconded by Barger, that the BOS recommend to the BOF an appropriation from the 170 reserve account \$5551 for 107 Main Street alarm & lighting replacement; unanimous.**
- f. Code of conduct for procedures of meetings (last looked at 2003) from book of ordinances. Get on agenda for March meeting.
- g. Budget meetings, should meet in the next week or so; reserve account transfers will need to be added back in; February 16th at 8:00 am at person at town hall with social distancing; Schedule town meeting sometime in March -

Bridge work on cobble road, with regards to budget season and how we are going to fund these projects; Should the town consider a refinance package with old outstanding loans with new projects due to the low interest rates. Have about 2 million of outstanding debt at approx. 5%

Adjournment

Motion BY ADJUSTROU BY GREG/BARGER 8: 15PM