

TOWN OF CANAAN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN, REGULAR MEETING
May 8th, 2023 – 7:00PM or
immediately following the Board of Finance Meeting
108 MAIN STREET, FALLS VILLAGE, CT
AND VIA ZOOM

Attendees: In Person: Greg Marlowe, Henry Todd and David Barger. Several members of the public.

Meeting was called to order @ 7:21PM by Henry Todd

Public Comment: Several citizens made public comment. David Jacobs' comment was presented in writing and is attached to the minutes.

Agenda: By consensus the Selectmen agreed to add Appointment of a Veteran's Affairs Officer to the agenda under New Business, #9.

Secretary's Report: **Greg Marlowe made a motion to approve the minutes for 4/25/2023 and 4/10/2023 as presented. Seconded by David Barger; unanimous.**

Treasurer's and Tax Collectors Report: **Greg Marlowe made a motion to receive the Treasurer's and the Tax Collector's Reports. Seconded by David Barger; unanimous.** (these reports are attached to the Board of Finance minutes for 5.8.23)

Communications: Henry Todd received a note of gratitude and thanks from Fishes and Loaves.

First Selectman's Report:

David Barger and Greg Marlowe were present for the Board of Finance meeting held just prior to this meeting, while the First Selectman's report was presented. Therefore, it was not repeated at this meeting. The below verbiage is a cut and paste from the Board of Finance minutes.

- 1) The Car Show will be scheduled for July 9th, 2023
- 2) Henry has signed an agreement to participate in a health insurance plan for the Town.
- 3) Transfer Station – Henry stated the idea for next year was to eliminate the charge for stickers and allow the use of the transfer station to be free for all residents. The lost revenue, per Henry, is about \$20,000 per year. Henry explained the hope is this will encourage citizens to recycle more and reduce the cost to ship the garbage out of State. Henry is working with Tracey Wilson to coordinate training and education for all citizens. The food scrap/compost program is now up to 868 pounds of waste for the month of April. If removing the fee for the transfer station is unsuccessful Henry felt the Town would have to look at a pay by the bag situation.

- 4) Neighborhood Assistance Act. Henry is reviewing the Act. Amy Wynn stated she is very familiar with the Act but didn't think Falls Village qualified to participate. Henry will work with Amy.
- 5) The Litchfield Bike Tour approval was signed and sent.
- 6) Website Access – funneling through Town Clerk – not discussed.
- 7) Marleen Van Gulick as an alternate to the Inlands Wetlands Committee.
- 8) Veterans Affairs Representative for Falls Village. Retired Army Major, Eric Carlson, has been nominated.
- 9) Thank you to Lindsay Burr for her assistance in the cat hoarding situation.
- 10) The Solar Program is in limbo but Henry is still pursuing the possibility.
- 11) The culvert repair on Cobble Road was not approved by the State but they are still looking into funding.
- 12) The Selectmen will approve the Tax Collector's Suspense list.
- 13) The Selectmen will work toward establishing a Historic Commission.

New Business:

- 1) Tax Rebates: None presented.
Suspense List: **David Barger made a motion to approve the 2/22/2023 Tax Collector Suspense list. Seconded by Henry Todd; unanimous.**
- 2) Car Show: **Greg Marlowe made a motion to approve July 9th, 2023 for the Annual Car Show. Seconded by David Barger; unanimous.**
- 3) Transfer Station Ordinance: This was outlined at the Board of Finance meeting. More information to follow at upcoming meetings.
- 4) Marleen Van Gulick approval as an Alternate to Inlands Wetlands Commission. Greg Marlowe made note there is not an available spot at this time. When one opens up, which is expected in June, they will reconsider appointing Ms. Van Gulick. **Greg Marlowe made a motion to table this appointment. Seconded by David Barger; unanimous.**
- 5) Neighborhood Assistance Program. Henry will speak with Amy Wynn regarding this program.
- 6) Historic Commission. Greg Marlowe noted there were several steps which needed to take place prior to establishing the commission. David Barger made note of the draft resolution passed on April 22, 2022. The approval of a Historic Commission requires an ordinance passed at a Town Meeting. This discussion will continue when further details and recommendations can be obtained.
- 7) Website Change Discussion. Not discussed.

- 8) 35 Railroad Street Parking. **Greg Marlowe made a motion to request the Town Crew install No Parking signs in the parking lot at 35 Railroad Street. David Barger seconded the motion; unanimous.**
- 9) Veterans Affairs Officer. **David Barger made a motion to appoint retired Army Major Eric Carlson as the Veterans Affairs Officer for the Town of Canaan. Greg Marlowe seconded the motion; unanimous.**

Other Business:

Greg Marlowe stated that while working with the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Plan of Conservation and Development, he has suggested looking further into creating more parking over by the Caboose and the Town property in the grassy area by the Town Hall. Greg also mentioned the possibility of moving the Town Garage over to the Transfer Station. Both ideas are a work in process.

Adjournment: **Motion was made by Greg Marlowe @ 8:12PM to adjourn the meeting, seconded by David Barger; unanimous.** Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Denise M Cohn

Attachments:

Fishes and Loaves letter (see Henry Todd)
David Jacobs Public Comment



David Jacobs <djacobs340@gmail.com>

35 Railroad St Parking

1 message

David Jacobs <djacobs340@gmail.com>

Mon, May 8, 2023 at 4:37 PM

To: "dredge670@gmail.com" <dredge670@gmail.com>

Good afternoon Greg,

I was just touching base with you before the selectmen's meeting about a follow up to the discussion we had at the Planning and Zoning meeting. As we talked about, we at Jacobs Garage have removed all vehicles from the town owned parking lot at the FireHouse property, as requested by the letter we received last month. We have used the town garage for short term parking, but are mostly keeping it in tight quarters around our property. As we discussed at P&Z, we have seen other businesses in town using the parking lot and were wondering what the limitations were on use of it. We have many customers who are used to using the parking lot and feel comfortable doing so. I have been doing the best I can to move vehicles that end up there overnight but occasionally they sit there for a day or two especially if they are dropped off during non-business hours.

As you are all aware, the town gave us verbal permission around 2009 when we built our addition to our building to use the parking lot for overflow parking. We were wondering if something official could be made for use of the parking lot with the upcoming sale, not just for us but the other businesses in the Railroad St area who rely on it for daily use.

I appreciate the clarification!

Dave Jacobs
Jacobs Garage Inc