

TOWN OF CANAAN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SPECIAL MEETING
July 11th, 2023 – 7:00PM
or immediately following the Board of Finance Meeting
108 MAIN STREET, FALLS VILLAGE, CT
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM
AMENDED MINUTES

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

Meeting was called to order @ 7:15PM by Henry Todd

Henry announced this meeting is being held in lieu of the meeting scheduled for July 10th, 2023 which was postponed due to road closures and flooding.

Public Comment: Several citizens made public comment.

Secretary's Report: **Greg Marlowe made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on June 12, 2023 and Special Meetings held on June 14, June 22 and June 27th, 2023. Seconded by David Barger; unanimous.**

Treasurer's and Tax Collectors Report: None received.

Communications: None received.

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.

- a) Solar Project – Henry asked the Board of Finance to approve moving forward with further discussion and research regarding the Solar Project, to include Inlands Wetlands and Planning and Zoning. (see Board of Finance minutes for July 11th for action taken)
- b) Tax Abatement – no action needed.
- c) Salt Shed – Henry suggested the designs for the Salt Shed be put out to bid.
- d) OSHA visit – OSHA visited the Town Hall and the Town Garage. There were some violations which Tim Downs and Henry are working on with OSHA. A full report from OSHA had not been received.
- e) Green Burials – Henry received an inquiry from a resident regarding allowing a Green Burial in one of the Falls Village cemeteries. Dave Barger will do further research.
- f) Kayla Johnson has been hired as the Certified Appraiser to replace Hazel McGuire who is retiring in September.
- g) Tax Sale – Henry will be requesting from the Board of Selectmen to approve the transfer of title/ownership to the Town of Canaan for any properties which do not sell as part of the tax sale.

Old Business:

- a) Salt Shed –No action taken. It was agreed to provide the Planning and Zoning Commission the time needed to complete their research on the use of the Town Garage property as indicated in the POCD.

New Business:

- a) Tax Rebates: None received
- b) 35 Railroad Street Calendar and Processes: **David Barger made a motion to approve the calendar and processes as presented and noted below, regarding 35 Railroad Street. Seconded by Greg Marlowe; unanimous.**
 - 1) *July 10, 2023 - BOS Regular Meeting - Board will warn and inform the public of the Informational Session and Public Hearing scheduled for July 20, 2023 at 7:00PM. BOS to warn the meeting appropriately.*
 - 2) *July 13, 2023 - Bids will be opened by the BOS at Town Hall at 2:00PM*
 - 3) *July 20, 2023 - Informational Session and Public Hearing (hybrid) at 7:00PM*
 - 4) *August 14, 2023 - BOS Regular Meeting - Decision to be made on the selection of bidder and make official referral to the P&Z Commission to prepare a report for the BOS*
 - 5) *September 11, 2023 - BOS Regular Meeting - P&Z Report*
- c) Attorney for 35 Railroad Street: **Greg Marlowe made a motion to table the hiring of an attorney to represent the Town of Canaan in reference to the sale of 35 Railroad Street, until further research can be completed. Seconded by David Barger; unanimous.**
- d) ZEO Contracts: **Greg Marlowe made a motion to approve the contracts regarding the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Janell Mullen, as presented and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Seconded by David Barger; unanimous.**
- e) Summer 2023 employees: **David Barger made a motion to approve the hiring of Caleb Sphur, Mackenzie Corkins and Braidin Spear for the summer season, as recommended by the Recreation Commission. Seconded by Greg Marlowe; unanimous.**
- f) P&Z Appointment: **Greg Marlowe made a motion to approve the appointment of Matthew Macchi to the Planning and Zoning Commission, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Garret Scavatto. Mr. Macchi's term will expire on December 31, 2023. Seconded by David Barger; unanimous. (highlighted section added/amended in 9.11.23 BOS meeting)**
- g) Tax Sale Properties: **David Barger made a motion to approve the Town of Canaan taking ownership of any properties unsold at the tax sale/auction. Greg Marlowe seconded the motion. In discussion, Greg Marlowe amended the motion to: Approve the Town of Canaan taking ownership of properties unsold at the tax sale/auction if the town chooses to do so. Seconded by David Barger; unanimous.**
- h) Frontier Change: Henry has asked David Barger to be in charge of the possible change to Frontier for internet and phone.
- i) Green Burials. A citizen has asked if Green Burials are allowed in the cemeteries in Town. Henry did not know what these entailed. Dave stated he would contact the health department for more information.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Greg Marlowe @ 8:00PM to adjourn the meeting, seconded by David Barger; unanimous. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Denise M Cohn