

Town of North Canaan
Board of Selectmen
May 6, 2019

Present: Charlie Perotti, Craig Whiting, Christian Allyn

Call to order: 7:00pm

Craig made a motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Charlie seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Craig made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Selectman's meeting. Christian seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Public Comment: None

1. Barbara Johnson wants to put in a mini tree library in the vestibule of the town hall. It is a book swap for the community. It won't cost anything and she will maintain it. Charlie showed the board some picture ideas. She would like to present it May 17th.
2. The Town meeting for the budget is May 22, 2019 at 7:30pm. Two of the topics will be the resident trooper and renewing the little league field for a year.
3. There have been complaints of people going over the 25mph speed limit on both Bragg and Prospect Streets. The trooper has been sitting and watching, but most of the time it happening at night and on weekends. The town will begin by putting up more signs and go from there.
4. Hazardous Waste Day is June 1, 2019 at the Falls Village Public Works. Sign up is at the town hall selectman's office to get tickets.
5. Building official report for April. 13 permits were handed out for a total of \$1227.00.
6. Fire Marshall report for April. No major fires, only routine inspections.
7. Resident Trooper report for April. There were 270 calls responded to.
8. Craig Whiting update – The photo contest for the website received 2 photos. People can continue to submit good photos. The food truck committee met twice. One concern brought up was how to word an ordinance including brick mortar establishment. They have come up with an idea that there would be a certain amount of day permits per year. June 5 is the next meeting and they are hoping to get everything together then to send to the town attorney. Charlie dug up some information of tax incentives from 1992. Craig will be meeting this week with Greg Marlow of Falls Village to discuss tax incentives. He is hoping to do a 5 year incentive program which may help to bring in some business to town. Charlie questioned if there should be a town meeting to discuss and have questions regarding the food truck. Craig stated that the public has had input so it should be ok but always welcomes more. There of course would be a town meeting for a vote once it is ready. They are striving to do both ordinances at the same time for voting. Craig has also spoken to some residents about Bragg and Prospect Streets and is wondering if speed bumps similar to the ones in the parking lot near Boscardin's would be helpful. It could make a difference in a school zone. Christian commented that putting them could divert traffic to West Main Street. Little steps will hopefully improve things. Another thought would be to put in more stop signs. Maria Horn reached out regarding potential for Torrington Health and Wellness looking to rent in the Stop and Shop plaza empty space. It would be an on-site primary care, behavioral health agency and depending on the need it could become a larger satellite in town. They would like to talk to the selectmen about this.
9. Christian Allyn update - There was a great National Day of Prayer at the pavilion which Christian and Charlie attended. He thanked all of the people that went and set it up. Monica

Conlounge did a great job. The blight committee has been working on a draft ordinance which has been sent to the town attorney for recommendations. Thankful for Sharon's ordinances which they were able to use to draft this ordinance along with state statutes. He stated he would like more town input as it is pertinent to everyone's property in town. Christian would lean towards having a town meeting prior to a voting meeting. A topic for discussion is how to execute and enforce this ordinance and who would have jurisdiction over it. They are waiting to see what the attorney has to say. Regarding the Hub, Christian announced that they got the key to the left store front at the theatre. They are looking to acquire some furniture for temporary use (couches, chairs, board table, etc). They are looking at a soft opening of May 17 and a hard opening of May 24. He will write a press release at some point this month. Their student intern is all ready to go for projects. Craig will see if he can get them some furniture. Christian said he has 2 people definitely interested and 1 more prospective to meet with for the sustainable energy group. He is hoping for a meeting in early June and then having meetings at least every three months or more if needed. Christian continues to meet with the fire district and the State DOT. He is hoping that lights can go in at some point this summer. The cost will be about \$12,000. There are some lights that might be able to be eliminated. Bill Minacci is reviewing the report from Eversource as it was inaccurate. The DOT project is going along because of the work done a month ago. There was a meeting today regarding the crossing by Romas. The railroad is requesting a 90 degree angle which will not work so they are working with the Railroad to amend the plans accordingly. The final draft is due June 5.

Charlie mentioned that he is also looking into trucks going past the cemetery road and the noise they cause during funerals. He contacted the State DOT and they have to do a study before proceeding. Residents are also complaining of noise. The town cannot just put up signs as it is a State Rd. Christian questioned when are the funerals held? Charlie stated funerals can be at any time.

Craig made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Christian seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm

Respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary