

Town of North Canaan
Board of Selectman
Regular Meeting
November 4, 2020 via zoom

Present: First Selectman Charlie Perotti, Selectman Craig Whiting, Selectman Christian Allyn

Call to order: 7:00pm

Selectman Whiting made a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting, Selectman Allyn seconded the motion with the amendment to include the names which were sent to the recording secretary. There was a brief discussion regarding the content of minutes. Motion was approved.

Public Comment: Selectman Perotti added item #12 to the agenda.

Black topping is done on Allyndale Rd. and Casey Hill. The interim trooper was notified to sit there for speeders. Lines and signage will be added to the roads.

Thank you to all the poll workers yesterday. Everyone in the town hall did a fantastic job getting everyone in and out quickly. There was a good turnout for the town.

1. COVID update – the northwest corner is currently a red area. The entire state is going back to phase 2. Totals for town have not changed in a week. There will be a drive thru self-testing site at the Town Hall on Monday November 9 from 12pm to 5pm. Flu shots will be given at the same time.
2. Interim Trooper update – Interviews are set up for tomorrow with 5 troopers from 9:30am to 12:00. 3 are interested in Salisbury and 2 are interested in North Canaan.
3. Selectman Perotti thanked everyone that volunteered for the cleanup day on October 24th. There were lots of bags of garbage collected and it was so productive another day will be planned in the spring.
4. School Choice Week proclamation the week of January 24th. **Selectman Whiting made a motion to approve Selectman Perotti to sign the proclamation. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion was approved.** Douglas Library received news of grant money that they have been granted of \$21,990.00 for reopening efforts.
5. Light up North Canaan is again happening. Business owners can submit a form by November 13th to light trees in front of the business. Lights will go up November 16th. John Lannen is in charge of this.
6. Northwest COG Resolution done every year. **Selectman Allyn made a motion to allow Selectman Perotti to sign the declaration. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**
7. Building Inspector report – 41 permits, \$392,593 construction fees \$3,451 permit fees
8. Fire Marshall Report – has been busy with inspections
9. Social Services Report – she has been very busy. Working with food bank, the Jane Lloyd Fund, working on Thanksgiving baskets, the holiday gift program. Selectman Perotti read some of the report into the record.
10. Selectman Whiting Report: He met with the social worker regarding the website which will have a tab on it for that page. The website should be all set. It is much easier than the one we currently use and it is a better platform to navigate. Food truck ordinance was sent to the town attorney who made a couple small changes and it is now all set. People have been contacting Selectman Whiting regarding the ordinances. Not sure how we can do a town meeting now, but we need to get ordinances up and running. The ordinances were on the website and Selectman Whiting received a lot of feedback. Selectman Allyn has not received any feedback but knows people are interested in getting ordinances up and going. Selectman Perotti will double check with the Town Attorney to get his thoughts on a town meeting. Goshen wanted to do a town meeting by zoom so he will research this. As of now the light parade for Canaan is on for November 29 at about 5pm. This is put on by the

Fire Company. Selectman Whiting stated that trick or treating went well with not closing the roads. People were spread out and social distancing was observed.

11. Selectman Allyn report: The Fred Hall tree received its last watering for the season and the water tank has been taken out. Hopeful it will survive the winter. The community garden is closed for the season. The group that ran it will be meeting this month to discuss the future of the garden. Brian Carlson and Selectman Allyn treated the town's knotweed except for Locust Hill due to time constraints. He went to a symposium where a new organic method to remove the knotweed was discussed. Selectman Allyn thinks testing it on Locust Hill might work. The thought is to cut it three times a year for three years. Selectman Whiting stated that maybe they could get in touch with Tim Hitchcock as he has knotweed and see if he would be interested in the project on his land as he is opposed to using round up as well. Selectman Whiting will help Mark Capecelatro with his knotweed issues. Selectman Allyn will get specific times that need to be cut. Selectman Allyn appreciated how there were volunteers and others at the polls and how civil they were. Everyone was nice. The sign is up for the Industry Bar and Grill on Railroad Street (former Zia Maria building) and is set to open in the spring. It is nice to see the DOT project proceeding on Main Street and it was unfortunate that the Railroad accident occurred.
12. Selectman Perotti received a letter from Frank Montagna resigning from the Planning and Zoning Commission as of November 3rd. **Selectman Whiting moved to accept the resignation. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion was approved.** Selectman Whiting stated he believes Mr. Montagna held a republican seat and that the alternate Joe Cieslowski will need to remain an alternate and a replacement will need to be found to finish out the term.

Public Comment: There was a question regarding the COVID testing. There is nothing stated about how long it takes for the results to come back.

Selectman Whiting made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned 7:34pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell
Recording Secretary