

Town of North Canaan

Board of Selectman

October 6, 2025

Present: First Selectman Brian Ohler, Selectman Craig Whiting, Selectman Jesse Bunce

Selectman Ohler called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Selectman Whiting moved to approve the agenda as presented. Selectman Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Selectman Whiting moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Selectman Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Positive news from the community:

- Jennifer Crane, Events Committee Chair updated on upcoming events. Pumpkinfest will be Saturday October 18, 2025. Vendors NEED foot traffic. Thank you to those that have attended events and shared posts. In order for events to continue vendors need to have people attend. There will be a shuttle from the municipal parking lot to the Bunny McGuire Park from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Some of the events have had to be cancelled due to low foot traffic. She is hoping people will start coming out. There will be some collaborations during fall/winter.
- Kate Light from the transfer station – October 1 we are partnering with the Cylinder Collective for gas cylinder recycling as well as propane tanks. This will be a collection site for North Canaan residents only. November 8 is a hazardous waste day in Harwinton. Tickets can be gotten at the town hall or see Kate for a flyer with a QR code. Monetary update – as of June they have sold over 900 stickers for \$56,000 and additional \$8000 for bulky waste. Ms. Light stated she has a great team at the transfer station and great selectmen support.
- Joe Sebben stated he is running for first selectman.
- Kristine Simmons congratulated Brian and Meagan on their new baby girl.

Public Comment: Chris Jacques democratic chairman spoke regarding the recent democratic committee issues and the lawsuit of Jeanne Jacquier and Carol Overby.

Debbie Elbin moved into town recently and gave her opinion on things that have happened at the town hall.

Selectman Ohler thanked Selectman Whiting for his many years of service throughout North Canaan including being a fireman, as a selectman and for serving on boards.

Second Selectman's Report: Selectman Whiting read his report into record.

Third Selectman's Report: Selectman Bunce thanked Selectman Whiting for all that he has done for the town. He read his report into record.

First Selectman's Report: Selectman Ohler read his reports into record.

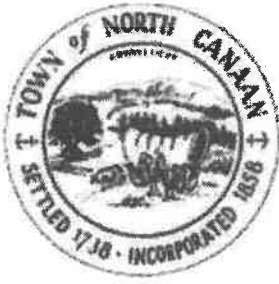
Selectman Whiting moved to adjourn. Selectman Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary



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Report to the Selectman
October 6, 2025

Visits to the office and phone calls have been quite busy.

Many requests for information with regards to setbacks, filing or permit requirements.

Filed required quarterly land use summary to the State of Connecticut

Permits issued

Generator pad 92 Lower Road

Deck expansion 21 Browns Lane

Received a complaint regarding mining. Followed up and found there was no basis for action by Zoning. Letter sent to complainant to answer the complaint. Second complaint received and answered. Both items forwarded to selectman's Office.

Complaint received regarding lighting. Email to property owners to attempt corrective actions. Made contact by telephone and hope for resolution soon.

Annual Site visits to: Segalla Sand and Gravel, Allyndale Limestone and Minteq Specialty Minerals

Respectfully Submitted

George Martin
Zoning Enforcement Officer

TOWN of NORTH CANAAN

Building Department September 2025 Report

In the month of September we tried to follow up on permits that needed to be closed out and circle around some that were waiting for more information to keep the process moving forward.

Building permits: 28

Permit fee paid: \$6,440.00

Respectfully,

Cheryl

To: First Selectman Brian Ohler
Town of North Canaan
From: Sharon Kelly-Levesque
Director of Social Services
RE: Monthly Report for September 2025

Services Provided:

- Renters Rebate- September - 14 applications completed - Program ended for the year on Sept.30th
- Applications for Snap Benefits: 6 (includes Husky Healthcare benefits or Access Health)
- Follow up with people who are waiting on housing lists for Station Place/Wangum Village
- Stop and Shop (gift cards) 4 single mothers, 7 elderly/adults
- Food Vouchers- 8 (Ford Farm/Fruends)
- BTCF: Monitor balances/funds for Berkshire Taconic Foundation, Jane Lloyd Fund recipients.
- Submitted receipts for reimbursement for 4 women and 2 men approved for Jane Lloyd funds, while undergoing cancer treatment. Awarded funds \$5,000 grant for each recipient. (Continuous monitoring)
- JANE LLOYD for 6 recipients- Month of September -Mortgage/rental costs paid, medication costs paid, electric bills paid, past due bills and bills in collection paid.
- Energy Assistance Program CAAWC starts September 1st 2025. (Electric, gas, oil, propane)
- Multiple residents applied this month for Energy Assistance and Percentage Plan with Eversource.
- Energy assistance and Eversource programs- Accessing their financial need, seeking relief from past and present bills. Hardship Relief Program. NEW 5-tier Low Income Discount Rate program started in June to assist low-income residents further. Assistance given by Utilizing Eversource portal for agency use. (Continuous multiple people)
- Multiple phone calls asking for guidance and assistance regarding housing issues, programs or legal aid information. (Serious Housing Issues) This is continuous
- Utilizing grant and donation funds for food- Voucher Ford Farm, Fruends Market. Stop and Shop gift cards- to assist low-income residents, after using Fishes and Loaves/food pantries to provide food for entire month. Primarily single mothers and our elderly.
- Provided a donated motorized wheelchair to an elderly resident with mobility issues.
- Followed up with disabled single mother being evicted. New Opportunities, legal aid and visiting nurses utilized. (Case Manager and Mediator applied for) Providing link to Community Health and Wellness.
- Neighbor to Neighbor Program- September- 4 - Applications to access financial assistance for those in need. (limit \$1000)
- Received the \$5000 donation from an anonymous donor through Berkshire Taconic to support the Food voucher Program
- Received \$400 donation from a resident in our community, this donation has been monthly and yearly.
- Received \$1500 donation from Northwest Community Foundation.
- Contact with resources to obtain new winter coats, gloves and hats for the children and lightly used winter coats for adults/elderly.

Respectfully,

