

Town of North Canaan  
Board of Selectman  
January 4, 2021 via zoom technology

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

Call to order: 7:00pm

Selectman Perotti stated he had one item to add to agenda. It would become item#10 on agenda – letter from the Republican Town Committee. Selectman Whiting made a motion to add the item as #10 to the agenda. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Approve/Amend Minutes of the December 7 meeting. Selectman Allyn made a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

1. Update on COVID19 and Tax extension: As of today, there are 8 people in North Canaan currently quarantining due to positive COVID results. This is 2 families. There are about 7 people on the list that are not North Canaan residents. Selectman Perotti received a letter from Robert of the Torrington Area Health requesting a donation from the town of 10% of the \$25,000 received for COVID to help them with staffing and to get caught up. Selectman Whiting made a motion to send \$2500 of the COVID related money that the town received. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Selectman Perotti read into record the tax extension. We will be moving forward to defer payments due in January to April, just like in the fall same program.
2. The Town received a letter from Ashleigh Bergenty of the housing department regarding the resignation of June Gustafson from the Board. Selectman Allyn made a motion to accept the resignation. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Elizabeth “Chickie” Osborne is the suggested new member to be appointed. Selectman Whiting made a motion to appoint Mrs. Osborne. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
3. Last month the selectman approved money for the pole barn but Selectman Perotti neglected to have a motion to put the \$12,500 down payment back into non-recurring fund. Selectman Allyn made a motion to move the money back. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
4. Monthly report from Resident Trooper: 254 Calls in month of December
5. Monthly report from Fire Marshal: working on inspections and class work
6. Monthly report from Building Official: Construction fees were over \$362,000 and Permit Fees were over \$207,000 for month
7. Monthly report from Social Services: Very busy. Christmas helped 27 families with 70 children. She thanked several town employees for their help during the holidays. She has money coming in thru continued donations and grants.
8. Selectman Whiting report: Judy Kobylarz asked that he mention she has started a non-profit the B Ready Project based out of Torrington but open to all Northwest Connecticut for mental health related items. Information passed on to social services. The COVID long term planning information – they are looking for more testing in the area and will be setting up something. They want to make sure towns keep track of expenses. If the Resident Trooper could investigate

the overnight parking in the lot across from the theater which should not be happening and give warnings and tickets where applicable. Selectman Perotti did speak with her about this and she relayed it to those on duty at night. There have been a lot of complaints of out of cars with out of state license plates in town for people that live in town. This is being worked on by the tax collector as there are states that allow collections of taxes for these individuals.

9. Selectman Allyn report: He has been approved by the zoning board to work with them and the ZEO, during executive session for the board, however, he is not certain he can attend an executive session. The ZEO is doing research on the air bnbs. He will send information to the selectman regarding the items that they will be working on. Selectman Allyn received questions regarding the senior center transition and about people not wearing masks at the transfer station. There are signs there, but people do not abide by it. Berkshire Café opened and is particularly good. They had a large attendance this weekend.
10. Selectman Perotti received a letter from the Republican Town Committee endorsing Dalton Jacquier to replace Frank Montagna on the Zoning Board until the election 11/16/2021. Selectman Whiting made a motion to accept this replacement. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Public Comment: There was a brief discussion regarding the executive session and the Zoning Board. They must have a legitimate reason for the session such as a legal issue or an employee issue – they cannot do this for a workshop. Selectman Perotti will discuss this with the ZEO tomorrow.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary