

Town of North Canaan
Board of Selectmen
February 7, 2022
Regular Meeting

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

Selectman Perotti called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

Selectman Allyn made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2022, meeting. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Public comment:

Selectman Perotti read into record a letter regarding the greenway. The process is still in DEEP hands. The town must continue to keep no trespassing signs up on all known entry points.

Notice has been given to the town that the solid waste removal will go up to \$116 per ton up from \$95.

The solar project at the transfer station – company is meeting with Selectman Perotti and then resubmitting paperwork to the State.

Selectman Allyn requested that the former Masonic Lodge property discussion with the Housatonic River Commission be put on the March agenda.

1. COVID-19: The town had a clinic on Saturday Feb 5 which was poorly attended by only 13 people. Due to the lack of interest the February 26 clinic has been cancelled. There may be one in the spring. The town will promote the neighboring town clinics for the upcoming several weeks. The CT Governor will be lifting the mask mandate at the end of February. Because of this, the town needs to figure out how they want to deal with public access at the town hall. The schools will need to make decisions as well. Selectman Allyn recommended NOT putting in place vaccine passports. Selectman Whiting suggested that lift the mask mandate at the town hall, however, allow each department to decide if they wish to impose a mask mandate for their own office. A decision will be made at the next meeting.
2. Budget workshop dates are March 16 Board of Selectmen and NCES. A Public Hearing will be April 27. There are a lot of things on the budget, and it is going to be a difficult one this year.
3. Tone Drive Property: After conferring with the town attorney, it was decided to do an open listing with realtors. Some of the property is in wetlands. Selectman Allyn suggested getting a land trust involved in the purchase, however, Selectman Perotti has already had interest from individuals. The Canaan valley property has finally settled for just over \$124,000.
4. Selectman Perotti read the resignation of Sue Boults from the Wangum Village board.
Selectman Whiting moved to approve. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
5. Tammy MacDonald will be retiring from the rec committee in June. They are looking for new members.

6. Affordable Housing Committee update: A survey was sent out and 80 responses were received with interesting feedback. The committee will hold a public forum via zoom on February 28 at 7pm. A link is available on the website. People will need to register for the forum. An employer survey is in the works and will be sent out soon.
7. Selectman Perotti received a letter from Susie Clayton regarding the information that he relayed regarding signage and that he made some errors in what he said. Selectman Perotti apologized.
8. Resident Trooper report: 26% increase from last month, read into record
9. Social Services Report: read report into record
10. Fire Marshall report: read report into record
11. ZEO report: read into record
12. Building Official report: read into record
13. Selectman Whiting report: Selectman Whiting is working on getting the remainder of dates for meetings into the website calendar. He thanked Missy and Cheryl for their work on it. Selectman Perotti was sent a social media post in regard to the disc golf and wanted to make sure that it is on record that the town did not purposely set out to cause issues. There was a problem at one of the other town sites which led to the discovery of the town leases and issues with them as well as the insurance. The town continues to work on the leases but have no update yet. Selectman Allyn suggested that he draw up a fact sheet to put all of these types of things together in one place so that it is easily accessible for people looking for the information. He would work with the other selectmen to put it together. Mrs. Duntz stated that it is all in the minutes which is the paper trail. Stephanie Grant is in contact with Dr. Roy to be put on the board of Ed for NCES. Discussion of the transfer station ensued. They are down a vehicle and equipment so salting (especially this past weekend during the ice storm) was very difficult. The town crew is down a member as well. Selectman Perotti gave Dinnie the contact information for a company who will handle items with freon. The thought is that the fee should be changed to whatever it costs the town to get rid of those items be passed on to the individual or business getting rid of the item. The system needs to be revamped. There are some towns that don't even accept them.
14. Selectman Allyn report: There was nothing to report except that he will be going through his old reports and tying up loose ends.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary