

Town of North Canaan
Board of Selectmen
April 4, 2022
Regular Meeting

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

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

Selectman Perotti called for a moment of silence for Dave Simonds and Paul Roy who were both very active in the town for many years and will be missed.

Selectman Whiting made a motion to accept the minutes from March. Christian Seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Public comments:

Melissa Pinardi stated that as a taxpayer in town she does not want to see taxpayer funds go to demolishing the building at the former Masonic Lodge property. She believes that the State and Housatonic River Commission should be using their funds to deal with the property. Selectman Perotti thanked her for her comments and explained that other taxpayers have also voiced their opinions. There was a meeting scheduled for this evening, but it had to be cancelled as the DEEP commissioner could not be in attendance.

There has been no news on the skull that was found in Canaan Valley. Resident Trooper indicated it could be a year or more before we hear anything.

Selectman Perotti stated that there is no report on dog licensing, other than a few more have come in. He will ask the town clerk to investigate thru the State if there is anyway to go about getting residents to comply, as residents feel it is a safety issue.

Community Health and Wellness received \$3 million dollars to do their building in town which will house Primary care as well as behavioral health services. It will be a 2-story building and have a similar brick look like the firehouse. Demo should begin this week and hoping to start breaking ground in August.

1. The town is just starting a re-evaluation on residences. You may see people on your property. These individuals have ID Tags and work for E-Equality.
2. COVID Update – North Canaan had an outbreak at the elementary school recently putting us back in the red. There will be a clinic in Cornwall on the 13th from 1-6, Falls Village and Salisbury both have them this week. We may have another one for individuals over the age of fifty.
3. The selectmen's office received a request from Ron and Joan Baker of Greene Avenue to be on this evening's agenda to discuss the blight situation across the street from their home. Mrs. Baker presented the board with pictures of the property which shows trees down, wires down, a smashed swing set, and other debris. This deters property values of other properties and although this is in the property owners back yard, it abuts Greene Ave for everyone else to look at. There are also several houses in the area with unregistered vehicles. Selectman Allyn spoke about the blight ordinance committee and where the town is in regard to that. He explained what constitutes a blight circumstance. Selectman Perotti will speak with Eversource about the downed wires to get them cleaned up. There was a discussion of who will enforce the ordinances. The Assessor is sending out letters for vehicles registered in other states but housed in town. The selectmen suggested that the Bakers also go to the zoning board. Selectman Allyn will speak with the town attorney and get things going with the ordinances again so that they can be in place

4. Brush pick-up will be the weeks of April 25, May 23, and June 20. Please call the town garage or the selectman's office to request pick up. Brush must be no more than four inches in diameter, butt ends facing the road and in as neatly stacked as possible for ease of pickup.
5. Litter and garbage pickup around town. Thank you to Donna Urie for taking it upon herself to clean up a few roads in town. The Salisbury Rotary is doing a clean-up April 9 from 10-1 volunteers' welcome. Hotchkiss school April 21 ECO day. There are bags here at the town office that if anyone wants to go out and pick some up.
6. The town will be scheduling a public forum to discuss cannabis. The Zoning board recently had a workshop with a consultant who gave them a lot of good information. The zoning board felt it would be good to hear the resident's opinions as well as give them some information. There cannot be more than one retail shop and one cultivator in town and a lot of restrictions can be put in place as well. The meeting will be held sometime in May. Suggestion was made to put information packets on the website.
7. Update from Resident Trooper read into record for March there were 252 calls approx. Trooper Bronson has had some schedule changes. Melissa Pinardi requested that he keep an eye on the homeless situation so that we do not have the same situation as we did last year.
8. Update from the building official read into record. Demolish permit signed today for community health and wellness. Computer program under review by board of Finance.
9. Update from the Fire Marshall nothing
10. Update from Social Services – Selectman Perotti read Melissa Powell resignation into record. Last day Tuesday 4/5/22. **Selectman Whiting made a motion to accept the letter. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**
11. Update from Zoning Enforcement Officer read into record by Selectman Perotti.
12. Selectman Whiting report: The transfer station continues to be an eyesore. Nothing has been done with the refrigerators/freezers/AC area and it needs to be cleaned up. Selectman Perotti stated he will contact Brian Bartram. The entire transfer station needs to be cleaned up.
13. Selectman Allyn report: The health center meeting was great. Tree pruning in town will happen this month before the 25th. April 29 is Arbor Day – ceremony 2:00pm. Selectman Allyn was invited by Chris Tripler to tour the sidewalks in town with Tony Nania of the fire district. He would like to suggest to the selectmen that five new poles for the municipal parking lot are purchased and then give the decorative green poles to the fire district.
14. Work on the sidewalks began again today – in front of Roma's etc.
15. The green poles on Railroad Street are controlled by the Fire district.

Selectman Whiting moved to adjourn. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary