

Town of North Canaan
Board of Selectmen
July 12, 2022
Regular Meeting

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

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

Selectman Allyn made a motion to amend the agenda to move the agenda item of Dr. Kurish to further down when he arrives and to add Zoning officer update to the end of the agenda. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Selectman Whiting made a motion to approve the minutes from June. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Public Comment: Mike Reagan Railroad Days representative thanked the town for their support of Railroad Days and the Vendor Market. Selectman Perotti thanked Mr. Reagan for all of the work he and the others have done. Reminder that Railroad Days originated to generate sales to businesses and the hope is that they will take advantage of this time. There are free things around town, lots of vendors at the market, the parade, and the fireworks and many other things.

1. The town received a letter from the State of CT regarding the land that the disc golf was using. Selectman Perotti read the letter into record. The State finished their evaluation and are looking for an asking price of \$190,000, or lease monthly for \$950. Jeff Drury was in today and agrees with Selectman Perotti that this is not doable. It is also unclear if disc golf could still use the land. Selectman Perotti will get in touch with the state to get questions answered.
2. An email was received from the State of CT read into record by Selectman Perotti regarding parking restrictions on Route 7 and Route 44 in the center of town. They have proposed cutting a significant amount of street parking. Selectman Perotti and Selectman Allyn will reach out to their contacts to get more information before things are done.
3. Affordable Housing plan draft. Selectman Perotti stated that a flyer has been done to be handed out. The survey is on the website. The committee is looking for as much feedback as possible from both residents and businesses. This plan is a 5 year plan. The plan was presented at the Planning and Zoning meeting last night and the PZ board needs to go thru the goals and make sure they are in line with what we have/want in the regulations.
4. Railroad Days was discussed in public comment. Reminder tomorrow night is the community picnic.
5. **Selectman Whiting made a motion to re-appoint Barry Brown and Matt Freund to Inland Wetlands 2-year terms. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**
6. American Rescue meeting coming up July 20 – 7:30 pm
7. Resident trooper report read into record 221 calls for June
8. Fire Marshall report read into record
9. Building Inspector report read into record. June very busy.
10. Social Services- no report but she has been busy trying to get feelers out and more.

11. Selectman Whiting report: Asked if there will be a tree replaced in front of the former Bob's building? Soil has to be brought in and would have to be good to replant. He would like the town crew to weed before the weekend. Selectman Perotti will speak to Will Perotti about it. Selectman Perotti will speak to Martha Pallone regarding the complaints about the pharmacy garden. The weeds around the town hall fountain needs to be removed. Selectman Allyn said he will treat it. Thank you to Jen Crane, Stephanie Grant, and Maribeth Marchi for the family fun week. It was well received. Hoping it will be done each year. Trooper Bronson has been out a lot doing community things. Center of town will be slowed down this weekend. Troopers will be out for enforcement. The boot drive is this weekend for the fire department. At the zoning meeting last night there was a discussion about a proposed large housing project in the Honey Hill area. These will be high end houses (upwards of \$1million). Selectman Whiting and Emily Minacci met with the daycare to discuss budgets, payments, and deductions. Hopefully this is the start of getting budgeting tighter. There was a discussion regarding the surplus money and the timing of it.
12. Selectman Allyn report: The sidewalk to Geer is looking good. Hopefully this will slow people down. Selectman Perotti stated he received an email regarding crossing lights and the cost of \$188,000 which he believes to be for the fire district not the town. Discussion of a flashing light before the corner. Selectman Allyn has seen the tree of heaven, a poisonous tree, in town on Lower Road and will be treating it. He is still looking for members for the river friends group if anyone is interested.
13. Selectman Perotti read the Zoning Enforcement Officer's report into record.

Dr. Kurish did not make it to the meeting. He was looking for town back to not close Sharon OB at the hospital. Something happened with another hospital in town and the state made them stay open.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:48pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary