

Town of North Canaan  
Board of Selectman  
September 6, 2022  
Regular Meeting

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

Selectman Perotti called the meeting to order at 7:00

**Selectman Allyn made a motion to accept both the minutes of the August 1, 2022 and the August 15, 2022 meeting. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**

Public Comment: Debra Elbin, 63 Toby Hill Road was in person to discuss the road in front of her driveway which was repaired by the town, however the water catches very badly there, and she is requesting the town do something about it. Selectman Perotti did travel that way and recognizes there is an issue. The Selectmen discussed where the property is and what could be done. Selectman Perotti will speak to the town crew about putting in a catch basin to divert the water from there and away. Ms. Elbin suggested it go into the Whiting River.

1. Lode Star Solar update – Representative Jamie Smith presented to the board they are working on the project at 81 East Main Street and were looking for a tax agreement similar to the one done for Sand Road. It is the same deal/structure as the project at Sand Road. Selectman Whiting stated he just wanted to make sure it was equal in size to the other project, which it is. The town attorney already approved the agreement. The Selectmen don't have to do anything tonight this was just an update.
2. Dog license update – 170 registered as of today.
3. Sharon Hospital update – there will be a community roundtable discussion this Thursday night from 5:30 to 6:30 at the Geer Lodge.
4. There will be a flu clinic here at the town hall on October 28 from 1:00 to 3:00 by the SVNA
5. Selectman Perotti stated he had been approached by the Resident Trooper and a few other people with a complaint of people feeding a bear behind the town hall. The Resident trooper went to speak with the individual and had the bear come up and sniff him before going away. He called DEEP and they went down and gave a lecture about feeding them. There is a huge concern that people could be hurt especially as it is right near the school. Selectman Perotti got the ordinance that Salisbury put in place and after having the attorney read it they decided it should be implemented. There is a \$100 fine and would be enforced by animal control, Troop B or Resident Trooper or someone from DEEP. It basically is a do not feed or attract bears on purpose. This has to go to a town meeting. **Mr. Allyn made a motion to bring this to a town meeting. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**
6. Brush pick-up is scheduled for the last week of September tentatively. Can call the town garage to schedule pickup.
7. Resident Trooper report read into record – 180 calls for the month of August
8. Zoning Enforcement Officer report read into record – busy with permits, etc.
9. Fire Marshall report read into record
10. Building Official report – none

11. Social Service report read into record: she has been very busy – has already done 147 renters rebate applications and has more to do – this ends 9/30.
12. Selectman Whiting Report: emails were sent to the other selectman regarding his meetings with the Town Treasurer and the daycare. He wrote an email to Dr. Roy with concerns about the contract with the daycare and the elementary school. Dr. Roy requested a couple weeks to get the school in order. He will contact her again. He would like her to show where the deductions are off of her budget for those line items and then they can be put into the daycare. There will be a new contract which will help. The cleaning issue should not be a problem as the staff was already cleaning those rooms that the daycare took over so they should be able to do them. Dr. Roy is happy to have the daycare in the school as it makes it easier for families. Selectman Whiting received calls regarding the delivery charge from Eversource being greatly inflated recently. He is concerned how people will survive this winter between electric and heating oil. He is going to be speaking with Maria Horn soon about speaking before legislation on the Region 1 split and will also mention this to her as well. He continues to have complaints about the transfer station. Selectman Perotti said there was a call today that the company will be there Tuesday next week to finish picking up things. The fence vines have started to be cut down and there was discussion of getting rid of the bus. Still waiting on the solar there – if there is no movement by January Selectman Perotti will reach out to Lode Star.
13. Selectman Allyn report: He received an email from Connecticut Main Street Center, Carl Rosa new field agent. We are members thru COG with them, however, we could become official members for \$500 a year and it would be a tailored relationship between them and us. Selectman Whiting would like to hear exactly what the program is. Selectman Allyn will set up a meeting with them. Request to take down the old bus stop. Selectmen are all in agreement it can go. The light post on the ground on Main street Selectman Perotti emailed the person from the state who claimed they would be getting rid of it as well as some of the other things that were noticed during the walk thru. To date they have not been back to do anything. Selectman Allyn received another complaint about the plantings at Walgreens and requested Selectman Perotti reach out again. They will be treating knotweed hopefully next week and will also be doing mug wort.

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

Respectfully submitted

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Recording Secretary