

Town of North Canaan
Board of Selectman
January 3, 2023

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

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

Selectman Whiting made a motion to approve the minutes from December 5. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Selectman Perotti called for a moment of silence for Anna McGuire who passed away recently.

Public Comments:

Troop B will be holding a cadet program at town hall Friday night from 5-7pm. There will be COVID shots January 13 at the Falls Village Fire Dept. After speaking with the town attorney, it was decided that the roaming chicken issue at 7 Lawrence Avenue be turned over to animal control and have her keep track of it and make report to the state. Received an email with an invoice for Civic Lift. Selectman Perotti read the email into record, and it has gone up \$700. Selectman Whiting will look into it and clarify if it is bundled or 2 separate charges as we have never used civic lift.

1. Update: There is about \$17000 left in the AARPA funds that are not accounted for right now. There will be no meetings right now. The STEEP grant is all set. The daycare will have 2 years to complete the projects (fence, locks, windows). The town attorney has not heard anything regarding the railroad station. There has been nothing on Camp Brook.
2. The boards and commissions have been requesting increases for the fees to be more in line with other towns. These fees will have to go to a town meeting. The hope is that a town meeting will happen in January.
3. Resident trooper report– 255 calls for December.
4. Fire Marshall report read into record for December
5. Social Service report read into record
6. Building Dept report read into record. A suggestion has been made to have someone maintain the website that is either the town clerk as it is in other towns or to bring in someone independent – perhaps a work study student.
7. ZEO report read into record. He is in training next week. The planning and zoning meeting will be on the 17th.
8. Selectman Whiting report: He met with Fran and Dr. Roy about the daycare issues and everything went well. There was discussion regarding the lawn maintenance, floor cleaning, etc. Also discussion of possible expansion of the daycare. Dr. Roy may have another room or two in the future for them. AHA has received its 501 (c) 3 status. There is still some work left at the transfer station before we can proceed with the new entrance etc. The center of town received many compliments on the lights/decorations. The homeless people are back in town.

9. Selectman Allyn report: Discussion regarding the social worker having connection with supportive housing for the homeless individuals. He will follow up with that. The blight ordinance is completed. He explained how it works including the complaint form. Enforcement is up to the board of selectmen to establish. It is ready for the town meeting. There was a discussion on who would be the authority for this. There was a discussion regarding the state of a home on Lower Road. Regarding the addition of Selectman Allyn's father as an alternate to the Planning and Zoning Board. His father is looking for something in writing regarding procedure. The town attorney stated it is the Selectman's call on who is approved. The next Democratic meeting is the 17th and Selectman Allyn will bring back to them the situation. There was discussion regarding there not being an urgent need for a third alternate to the planning and zoning commission.

The services for Anna McGuire are tentatively scheduled for the 13th/14th.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary