

Town of North Canaan
April 5, 2023
Board of Selectmen

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

Chairman Perotti called meeting to order at 6:00pm

Selectman Whiting made a motion to approve the minutes from March. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

1. Budget update: there is a workshop tonight after this meeting.
2. Brush pick up will begin the second week of April. Call either the town hall or town garage to have it picked up. Selectman Perotti read the guidelines into record.
3. Update from ZEO: George Martin read the report into record: new fees have been submitted to the selectmen to go to the town meeting and the cannabis proposal has gone to the selectmen for the ballot but it has to be approved by selectmen and sent to the state. Selectmen Perotti read it into record. **Selectman Allyn made a motion to approve the letter be sent to the town clerk for submission to be on the November ballot. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
4. Selectman Perotti requested that the board find a date in the next couple weeks to have a meeting to review the transfer station and new rates. We have gone thru other towns how much they charge. Our garbage hauling has gone up. We may have to raise rates. Week after next maybe let Charlie know. Other towns – additional vehicles additional costs.
5. Notice from Community Health and Wellness looking for a letter of support from the Selectmen for a School Based Health Center. Charlie read into record. There will be no expense to towns. The letter has been drafted. **Selectman Whiting made a motion to approve signing the letter of support. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.** Letters signed.
6. National Day of Prayer is May 4, 2023, 5:30pm
7. April 22nd Earth Day will be trash on road clean up day starting at 10am. There are garbage bags and gloves here.
8. Special town meeting is set for April 26: resident trooper contract up for renewal, Property on tone drive being sold, Planning and Zoning new Fees Proposed ordinance. There will be another town meeting in May (other ordinances will be proposed then). The Resident Trooper is now only a 1-year contract. We have had a lot of turnover. Public would like the trooper to spend more time in the school. There are certain things that are really important that they should be doing. Example Bike to School Day there was not presence.
9. New flags are going up in town and can be purchased for in Memory for \$30 each thru the Cranford Club. More info to follow.
10. Troop B and Resident Trooper report read into record – 258 calls (this is monthly, yearly report we don't get)
11. Fire Marshall report read into record (3 month)
12. Social Services report read into record.

13. Building Department report read into record. No over the counter permits with the new online program in place.
14. Selectman Whiting report: There have been several complaints regarding businesses in residential/residential agricultural areas. The ZEO is aware. In the past businesses would come to get permits, but since COVID there has been an increase in pop-up businesses not getting permits. This can cause issues with traffic in areas and other issues.
15. Selectman Allyn report: Selectman Allyn would like to see a conservation commission started in town. There are currently small committees dedicated to some of these issues in town, but they do not meet regularly. An email composed by Selectman Allyn was read into record. Selectman Whiting agrees something needs to be done, but he would like to have time to do some research on the topic and consult with the town attorney so everything is done appropriately. Selectman Perotti suggested tabling the conversation until at least next month's meeting. There was a discussion regarding what items might be lingering out there that could be part of this group. We want to make sure to hash out details before we put everything under one blanket commission. Selectman Allyn has several individuals to recommend for this group. Selectman Perotti stated that advertising for members should occur so the public is aware of what is going on. A heated discussion of Ruggles Landing ensued. Public members in attendance, (Penny Terry, Kathy Ducillo, Sue Boults) shared their opinions, concerns, and questions. Selectman Perotti stated that there were issues that happened with Ruggles Landing that were not well received and that while he is still First Selectman, he will not sign anything which costs the town time and money in regard to Ruggles Landing. If a group can be formed that will pay for and take care of all of the maintenance that is fine. The Friends of Beckley is not apples to apples. The public opinion was clear that they want to establish a friends group for this and not have the town foot any of this bill. Selectman Allyn will let board know when the Arbor Day celebration will occur. Town tree pruning happened last week. A couple trees in the municipal parking lot came down and Selectman Allyn would like to see trees planted in their place.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary