

Town of North Canaan
Board of Selectman
May 1, 2023

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

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

Selectman Allyn made a motion to approve the April 3 minutes. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment: The beautification committee is looking for volunteers to help with weeding and planting throughout the town. Anyone interested can come to the town hall for information. Selectman Perotti is looking into EV charging systems to be put in the municipal parking lot as Railroad Street is getting some renovations of businesses. Pricing was discussed and how it would fit in the budget.

1. Scout, Dylan Deane is here to talk about the sign project he has been working on. He distributed photos of the signs. Currently priming/painting. Lettering has been ordered. The scouts will be digging the post holes. Dylan explained his difficulties in getting the signs done.
2. Reminder referendum tomorrow 12-8 vote on high school budget here at the Town Hall. Offices close at 11:30.
3. Thank you to those that braved the weather and came out for clean up day.
4. Reminder about the bear ordinances. People should not be doing any feedings that encourage bear activity.
5. May 2 and 3 Granite Avenue will be closed for trees being taken down.
6. Brush pickup is the week of May 22.
7. Memorial Day parade will be May 29 at 10:30am followed by a ceremony at the DoughBoy at 11:00.
8. Household hazardous day will be June 10 at the Falls Village town garage
9. Great Falls Brewery will sponsor a 5k road race beginning at 10:00am May 14 from the Town Hall.
10. The resident trooper program was approved for another year at a recent town meeting. The trooper report was read into record. There were 225 calls last month.
11. Fire Marshall report read into record.
12. Building official report read into record.
13. Social Service report read into record.
14. ZEO report read into record.
15. Selectman Whiting report: Selectman Whiting met with new members of the events committee and they are looking to do additional events for Railroad Days. They will be looking for potential volunteers once they have decided what they will be doing. This Wednesday is a Special Board of Finance meeting. This is NOT a public hearing. It will be for the board to make a decision on moving forward with the budget that has been presented. Because of the bad weather on clean up day Selectman Whiting thought perhaps in June the town could do an additional clean up day.

16. Selectman Allyn report: The Salisbury Rotary Club will be holding its day of service May 20th and they would like to do clean up in Canaan again. There was an amazing amount of people who showed up for the Arbor Day celebration this year. Kudos to Tom Zettstrom for handling this for over 30 years. The Art show last week hosted by the library at the brewery was a huge success. The board is waiting for the legislature to hopefully pass a bill which would keep us from having to post the entire ordinance (for the blight ordinance and chicken ordinance) which is quite costly. Selectman Allyn met with Bill Tingley and Tim Abbott after the last meeting, and it was decided that an informational meeting regarding Ruggles Landing will be held May 23 at 6:00pm at the Douglas Library. They will be explaining about the property as well as looking for volunteers for the committee. The EDC held a very productive meeting recently and will be sending a letter in regard to several propositions on North Elm Street. The EDC will also be holding a joint meeting with the Exchange Club on June 27 at 6:00pm for how places can promote their businesses in town.

Selectman Perotti stated that he is aware of the EDC's thoughts on North Elm Street. The idea of having signs at Orchard Street was actually installed several years ago but were quickly taken out due to complaints from the residents. Any changes would have to be made through the State Traffic agency. The town cannot just authorize changes. Enforcing the no thru truck is difficult. Selectman Allyn said that maybe the road could be narrowed at some point by the Daisy Hill Intersection as it gets very wide at that point in the road. There was a discussion of the speed signs.

Selectman Whiting mentioned he was happy to see that the new businesses in town were highlighted by the Lakeville Journal.

The Theater in town has been sold and they are having an event May 13.

Melissa Pinardi directed a question to Selectman Allyn asking if he thought there was any risk of misrepresentation with him being a Selectman and also crossing over into other groups (aka the Friends of groups) Selectman Allyn sees it as his responsibility as a selectman to be present at as many groups as possible. It was suggested that one of the other selectmen be present at the Friends of meeting. Volunteer candidates for the group can be anyone who is interested in the project. The Housatonic River Commission recently received funding and will be allocating \$10,000 a year to the group. The commission can change it. The Friends group can solicit other funding as well for future funding.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell
Recording Secretary
