

Town of North Canaan
Board of Selectmen
June 5, 2023
Regular Meeting

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

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

Selectman Whiting made a motion to approve the minutes from May 1 meeting. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Brian Ohler stated that there will be a Veterans Resource Fair at the VFW Couch-Pipa 6851 in Canaan on June 24 from 9am to 12pm. This fair will be offered to veterans and their families at no cost. (see attached information)

1. June 10 at the Falls Village town garage is the household hazardous waste day. The deadline to get a ticket here at the town hall is June 7.
2. Letter from Democratic Town Committee Chris Jacques. Before this item Selectman Allyn recused himself from the discussion and left the room due to the nature of the topic and the involvement of his father Steve Allyn. Selectman Perotti read the letter into record which encouraged the Selectmen to accept the DTC recommendation of Steve Allyn to the Planning and Zoning Board as an alternate. Patricia Keilty spoke about her involvement in attempting to get clarification from the State. Originally, she received a 1 sentence response from Ted Bromley indicating there were no statutes that prevented it. After numerous other attempts to contact Mr. Bromley, she has learned he is no longer there. She spoke with Louis Button who stated that Mr. Bromley was not necessarily wrong or right in his answer and that it would depend on how the town governs itself and its actual laws/charter. If there is no specific ordinance the Town Attorney would then look at State Statute. Ms. Keilty indicated that written information from the Town Attorney should put an end to this. Selectman Whiting was adamant in stating that he would not appoint someone onto a board that voters had clearly voted against. Selectman Whiting stated that he was informed last week this individual would be put on the ballot in November which is where he believes is the best route to do it. He does not want to go against the town voters. The Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission has told the Selectman that he does not need to fill that position as he always has a quorum. Selectman Whiting will not make a motion to appoint. The letter that was previously received from the town attorney was read into record. Selectman Perotti stated that no action will be taken on the appointment recommendation.
3. Selectman Perotti read into record a letter form EDC Chairman Chris Trippler recommending John Considine to membership on the committee. **Selectman Whiting made a motion to approve the recommendation of John Considine to the EDC. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
4. The EV charging stations will be going into the municipal parking lot off of Railroad Street and will only be costing the town \$5600 as there are now bigger rebates. It is maintenance free for the first 5 years and then should not cost us money based on KW usage. Maribeth Marchi

stated that the town should double check the maintenance because Falls Village is now faced with having to pay a lot that they weren't aware they were going to have to pay.

5. Selectman Perotti thanked the Cranford Club for their efforts in getting all of the flags for the poles in town. They look very nice. He read the names of the members into record.
6. Lower Road will be having waterline construction beginning June 15 from Church Terrace to the quarry. Recommendation is to find alternate routes if possible.
7. Transfer stickers will be on sale June 8. Information is on the town website.
8. Selectman Perotti read the Resident Trooper/Troop B report into record - 362 calls in May.
9. Selectman Perotti read Building Officials report into record.
10. Selectman Perotti read the ZEO report into record.
11. Social Service report none
12. Fire Marshal report none
13. Selectman Whiting report: Selectman Whiting will be attending Monday's Planning and Zoning meeting to discuss the complaint process as currently a complaint must be filled out and signed by the individual. Most residents do not want to have their neighbors know they are the ones complaining. There are issues in parts of the town that are not being addressed because no one will sign the complaints. Selectman Whiting sent an email to the Chair of the Planning and Zoning regarding the new smoke shop in town advertising THC – which may be an issue if it is deemed cannabis and they are going to look into it as well as getting a cease and desist for the signage out front of the business as no permits were received. Selectman Whiting gave some information on how the resident trooper has been helping out in town – he is here and available if he is needed.
14. Selectman Allyn report: The River landing meeting was last month, but he was unable to attend. The next meeting is June 13. There were enough people there to create a friend's group. It was awesome to see the health center going up in town. Tim Abbott and Geoff Drury are working with DEP on the greenway.
15. Tom Zettestrom gave an update on the spongy moths in town. 12 trees at the school arboretum were injected as well as some in town. The hope is that it will be less severe than last year and that they are ahead of it. They will continue to monitor the situation and do banding as well. It is an ongoing project.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary