

Town of North Canaan  
Board of Selectmen  
August 7, 2023  
Regular Meeting

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

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

Selectman Perotti requested to add to the agenda item 12 a letter for an alternate position on the Planning and Zoning Board.

**Selectman Allyn moved to accept the minutes from the July meeting. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Public Comment: Mike Reagan was noticed and thanked the town, especially the town crew for all of their work for the Railroad Days.

EDC: Selectman Perotti has made the decision that he will be acting liaison to the EDC for the last few months before the elections. This will ensure things are communicated and will make it non-political. The EDC updated bylaws will be forwarded to the members to act on at the next meeting. Selectman Perotti is applying for a STEAP Grant due by the 15<sup>th</sup>, for work that needs to be done at the town hall: the front steps, the rest rooms at the other end of the building, and for black topping Toby Hill Rd. Twin Lakes Consulting will be doing grant administration for the town. The façade grant will be online for applications.; They will receive \$3700 for their share.

There was storm damage on Locust Hill when the pond washed out much of the road. Selectman Perotti received prices for replacing the whole road including catch basins and curbing for \$102,000. There is road aid money to use for it. Selectman Allyn stated he got invited to go to Norfolk to review their storm damage and while he was there he discussed Locust Hill. There is an email out to apply for funding which he will send to the Board. Other roads hit by storms were Toby Hill and Canaan Valley Road, but the town will fill with patch.

For Railroad Days Selectman Perotti put a Thank you to everyone into the Lakeville Journal

Selectman Perotti has applied for a grant to replace the West Main Street bridge for the last 2 years and once again was declined

Selectman Perotti read the Resident Trooper/Troop B report into record: 282 documented calls in July.

Fire Marshal Report: none

Selectman Perotti read the ZEO report into record.

Selectman Perotti read the Social Worker report into record.

Selectman Perotti read the Building Officials report into record.

Selectman Whiting report: Selectman Whiting drove around after the storm July 12 looking at the damage. The intersection of College Hill and Old Turnpike had a lot of dirt from driveways washing out. The catch basins have once again been cleaned out. The town pool is all set with everything. He received a call from someone representing Lone Drive looking for the town crew to level the road. Selectman Whiting knows the town plows the road for emergency reasons. Selectman Perotti said as long as they bring in the gravel the town crew will spread it and even out the road. The residents on the road are in discussions about giving the road to the town. They will bring a proposal to a meeting in the future. Selectman Whiting contacted the town attorney to ask if the ZFO could send a letter to the alleged businesses that are in residential zones culminating in a cease and desist if necessary. He has not heard back from him. Residents continue to contact him about the businesses. Maybe an internet search would yield something. Selectman Whiting would like to see where the AARPA funds stand, what projects are left and how much is left. Selectman Perotti said there will likely be about \$10,000 left once the rest of the bills come in and get paid. Selectman Whiting has been approached by people wanting to volunteer to clean up the gardens in front of Walgreens – he needs to check with Martha Pallone. He has received calls from people about getting high tax bills. Even though the mil rate went down the evaluations still went up so many people did get an increase. He has the date for the region 1 meeting with the other town select people and will send out the invite.

Selectman Allyn report: Selectman Allyn is meeting with Tim Abbott next Thursday regarding the Ruggles landing project. The Cranford Club is looking to do a project and he suggested they set up a swap shop at the Transfer Station if the board agrees. The Board agreed it is a good idea. The Housatonic River Commission has a survey that he will send to the rest of the board, wetlands, and zoning boards to have them filled out and returned. Selectman Allyn was asked about the pool furniture at the pool which has cracks in the poles. He spoke with Adam Bunce who will look into repairing them. Selectman Whiting suggested they just replace them if they have the funds. Selectman Perotti stated he told him to just get new furniture as they recently got all new lighting in the pool building and are waiting on a price for the leaking roof.

Selectman Whiting asked about the blight ordinance and if there is anyway that it could be posted with just a link to it instead of every word. Cheryl Duntz explained that it has to be verbatim and other towns do verbatim. Town meetings do not need to be verbatim. Riley from the Lakeville Journal will send them the price for it. Selectman Whiting would like to get it done and find someone to enforce the actions.

Selectman Perotti read into record a letter received from Kathy Ducillo expressing interest in filling the alternate vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Board. The Democratic committee nominated her.

**Selectman Allyn made a motion to appoint Kathy Ducillo to the Planning and Zoning Board alternate position. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. motion carried.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary