

Town of North Canaan  
Board of Selectman  
October 2, 2023

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

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

**Selectman Whiting made a motion to approve the minutes from last month's meeting as well as the special meeting. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Public Comment: Riley from the Lakeville Journal explained the paper would like to cover the upcoming elections and cover all of the nominees. He has sent all nominees a brief questionnaire and would like them returned by the end of this week.

Selectman Perotti stated that tentatively there will be a town meeting on October 23 to vote on the changes made to the EDC and Rec ordinances. There are other matters that may be added as well. Selectman Allyn suggested the Blight ordinance and the poultry ordinances be on as well. There is a zoning meeting next Tuesday night for a hearing on the Honey Hill Project. Kathy Ducillo questioned the EDC having to become a commission. It has always been a commission according to the ordinance. There is just wording that needs updating. Melissa Gandolfo asked about clarification regarding the meeting at end of August regarding the region 1 situation. Selectman Whiting explained that it was postponed until after elections as several of the region 1 towns will have new select persons. There was a question regarding the riverbank caving in by Lawrence Field. Selectman Perotti explained that they have to go through the Army Corp of Engineering to deal with it as it governs that area.

1. Selectman Perotti welcomed Joanne Borduas from Community Health and Wellness. Ms. Borduas explained that the building is coming along and the expected turnover date from the contractors is the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January. From there the inspections will occur and the opening date will likely be early spring. Primary medical and mental health services will be offered as well as chiropractic services. There is hope in the future of adding other services. They are actively recruiting and currently have about 13 new positions open. The hours will be something like 8:30-5:00pm for now but could change depending on the need. They are not urgent care and will generally be by appointment only.
2. Façade Grant: Selectman Perotti stated that he and Selectman Whiting attended a special meeting with the consultant for the grant who put a contract together. There were 7 applications and in order to make it fair they decided to divide the money equally among all 7. This is a one-time grant, unless it is offered again then the town can apply again. The town applied for a STEEP grant and was denied.
3. Household hazardous waste day is October 28 in Torrington. Tickets can be picked up at the Selectman's Office by 10/26.
4. There will be a flu clinic here at town hall 10/25 from 2pm to 4pm and 10/20 from 3pm to 9pm at the high school. This is for flu shots only.

5. Halloween 10/31 Bragg and Prospect Streets will be closed from 5:30 to 7:30pm for trick or treating.
6. Selectman Perotti read into record the updates from the Rec Dept for their ordinance. They would also like to suggest 2 new members for appointment – Tonay Roussis and Tom Bunce. **Selectman Allyn made the motion to seat both members. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
7. Selectman Perotti read into the record a resignation letter from Maribeth Marchi from the North Canaan Board of Education. **Selectman Whiting made a motion to accept the resignation. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
8. Brush pickup extended to the end of this first week of October.
9. EV Charging Station is in and just waiting for Selectman Perotti to set up the account. Signage will be going up and should be functioning soon.
10. Selectman Perotti read the ZEO report into record.
11. Selectman Perotti read the Resident Trooper/Troop B report into record.
12. Selectman Perotti read the Social Services report into record.
13. Selectman Perotti read the Building Officials report into record.
14. Selectman Perotti read the Fire Marshall report into record.
15. Selectman Whiting report: The tradition of receiving candy at the town hall to distribute to those houses on the closed streets on Halloween will continue this year. Parking in the center of town was discussed. The Resident Trooper is looking into meter maid. There is still the issue of the dumpster for Old School Deli. The homeless person has left town and gone back to Cornwall.
16. Selectman Allyn report: Spoke with Brian Carlson of the town crew and mentioned potholes on Sand Road which have been patched. He also discussed the cedar post guardrails that have fallen in along some roads and possibly getting them fixed. There are some cedar posts left, but Selectman Allyn is looking into possible grant funding for metal guardrails. He will be treating knotweed next week. After speaking with Tim Abbott regarding Ruggles Landing it was determined that Selectman Allyn would work with Attorney Linda Patz on creating the non-profit. Selectman Allyn received an email from a town employee regarding the things he said and would like to have an executive session meeting with the employee and the other selectmen to clear the issues up. He will email a schedule for a meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary