

Town of North Canaan
Board of Selectmen
September 5, 2023

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 the previous meeting. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Public Comment: Tim Abbott, Chairman of Planning and Zoning thanked the selectmen for allowing them to have the town attorney available to them to have the zoning regulations done into one easy to read working document. This should be done by October 10.

Wednesday October 25, 2023, 2-4pm there will be a flu clinic at the town hall. This is strictly the flu and NO COVID VACCINE. Must bring insurance cards.

Brush pick up will resume the last week in September. Call here or the town garage to arrange pick up.

Household Hazardous Waste Day will be October 28 in Torrington. The town hall will post on the website when we receive the tickets for the event.

Facade Grant application deadline extended to September 15. The application is on the website. There is approx. \$37,000 in funds available.

EV Charging station is in place and has been inspected. It will be ready to go once we are trained on the app. The board needs to set up what we want to charge per kilowatts. The town crew will put EV on the parking spots in front of them.

Fall Festival will be September 23 from 10-2pm in the municipal parking lot.

EDC ordinances/bylaws discussed. Selectman Whiting wanted to ensure that out of town people could still be on the board with the right criteria. **Selectman Allyn made a motion to approve the EDC ordinance changes as presented. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. motion carried.** This will need to go to a town meeting.

Locust Hill was repaved after the wash out. Patty Lane was redone. We are waiting on FEMA for College Hill, Old Turnpike north, Tobey Hill and Locust Hill. Hopefully we will get that funding.

Planning and Zoning Alternate - A letter was received from Wally Deane in October 2022 but there was nothing after that. Selectman Allyn explained that the Democratic Committee chose to appoint Steve Allyn not Mr. Deane. The Selectmen did not approve the appointment. On July 25th of this year the committee appointed Kathy Ducillo, which the board has approved. Selectman Perotti requested that the democratic committee give a letter and minutes in which Mr. Deane was not chosen to close out the file.

Resident Trooper/Troop B report read into record – 297 calls for the month. Several signs were stolen from town, and he is working on the ATV/Bike people who have been going up and down the street

illegally. Discussion ensued regarding the new parking signs on Railroad Street and the difficulties that business owners face. The resident trooper has been giving out warnings. Suggestion regarding parking meters. Selectman Perotti will speak to the trooper to see what can be done additionally. The town would have to paint/maintain any lines. Perhaps kiosks or something like that would be a good way to control the situation. But this may cost a lot of money.

ZEO report read into record. Discussion regarding the property at 127 Church Street and the fines that have been accumulating.

Building Official report read into record.

Fire Marshal report read into record.

Social Services report – none

Selectman Whiting report: In addition to the trooper's report there were 60 traffic stops in town for speeding. There are still concerns on Church Street. The electronic building permit system is working well. The Transfer station shack is gone, and some enforcement of the stickers has happened. The crew working on Lower Rd had to pull out and go to another place so it will still be a while. He has had a couple people say they applied for the façade grant. Solar at the transfer station was denied. They will reapply on September 14. Eversource keeps changing things around. They may need to lower what we get back in the project pilot. A meeting is necessary to discuss the dumpsters in the municipal parking lot.

Selectman Allyn report: The Ruggles landing meeting will occur this month as he and Tim were not able to meet last month. The Home Grown Café is opening up. Knotweed continues to be a concern in several places in town. Locust Hill has a lot. There was a discussion of where it is and how much has already been cleaned up. Selectman Allyn suggested getting a concrete crusher for the transfer station. The Health Center is using some funds to construct a sidewalk which will eventually be part of the future sidewalks in that area. The Health Center Director will be here next month to give a progress report.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary