Town of North Canaan

Board of Selectmen

July 6, 2020

Meeting via Zoom

Present; Charlie Perotti, Craig Whiting, Christian Allyn

Selectman Perotti called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

**Selectman Whiting moved to accept the minutes of the previous month. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**

Public comment:

Selectman Perotti received an email from Adam Bunce regarding the use of the Segalla Field by Alana Brown for an outdoor training space for residents of North Canaan. Selectman Whiting stated he saw no issue with helping the NC residents stay healthy as long as social distancing regulations were followed. Selectman Allyn agreed and added that it would be nice to open it up to other physical fitness activities if possible.

Selectman Perotti stated that the re-opening of the town hall was going good. Last Thursday was busy with individuals paying taxes. Jenn J is looking to set up a table outside her office for residents to pay at. Temperatures are being taken and things are working smoothly. Transfer stickers are going well and some have been sent out. Road work in the center of town was tentatively set to begin July 6 but there was no sign on that date. The Housatonic Railroad stated that it can go straight in front of Roma’s instead of an angle so plans will need to be revamped a bit. Work will begin soon. It is hopeful that the pool will open the last week of July. New filters are going in and then the firemen will need to fill it. Inside help is being sought to take temperatures etc and a limit of number of individuals allowed to use the pool at one time will be put into place. A plan is still being worked out.

1. COVID 19 update: North Canaan continues to hold at 6 and 1 with no changes. Hartford Healthcare/Charlotte Hungerford will hold a testing in the town hall parking lot on July 15 from 10-2 in a mobile testing unit. To register call 860-496-6479 by 3:00pm on July 10. Selectman Whiting has posted it on some parts of Facebook and the town website.
2. Selectman Perotti thanked Jay Simms of Specialty Minerals for donating 300 gallons of hand sanitizer. It is being kept at the transfer station and residents are welcome to bring in their gallon jugs and have them filled for free while supplies last. Also thank you to Sheffield Plastics for donating the Plexiglas for the town hall offices and to Jeff and his company who made the frames.
3. Town received a request for a proclamation for Bruno Piretti who was born and raised in Canaan across from Beckley Furnace and who will be turning 100 on July 26 from his granddaughter in California. **Selectman Allyn moved to approve the proclamation and added that he might enjoy a tour by Friends of Beckley Furnace if he were in town. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion was passed.**
4. Bears have become very active in town. Recommended that residents secure the best they can garbage, do not fee them and to contact DEEP with any sightings at 860-424-3011 or on CT.gov website. There have been several complaints at McDonalds due to bears getting into their dumpsters.
5. Brush pickup is finished until September unless there is a bad storm and then the town crew will remove brush from that.
6. There have been several complaints regarding dogs not on leashes. North Canaan does have a leash law and your pet should be kept on a leash and under control. There is a $50 fine. The exception is guide dogs do not have to be leashed.
7. Resident Trooper had 199 calls in June. Selectman Perotti has spoken with him about an increase in speeding around town. A resident on Raymond Avenue had to remove speed bumps he had personally installed.
8. No Fire marshal report
9. Building official report: Jeff is looking into online permitting to decrease the amount of people at the town hall. Thank you to Selectman Whiting and Perotti for checking in on them during this time. There were 23 permits in June.
10. Selectman Whiting: The resident who had the speed bumps on Raymond Avenue let Selectman Whiting know that he would donate them to the town to put into rotation. Selectman Whiting suggests doing a special meeting before the August meeting to approve the ordinances while they still have the authority to do so. He has spoken with Evan regarding the website. The Firemen’s State Convention will not be hosted by Canaan this year, but will be in 2021 due to everything going on. Next year will be the fire company’s 110th year in service. Selectman Allyn will forward his ordinances to Selectman Whiting so that they can be put on the website and the town can be alerted to contact with questions/concerns with a deadline of July 22. The special meeting for the ordinances will be July 27. These are living documents and can be modified at any time. Town Attorney has Ok’d all of them.
11. Selectman Allyn: had a busy month. The new community garden is in place thanks to Katie Aakjar. A scarecrow with fishes and loaves has been installed there. Water was donated. Selectman Allyn said it is fantastic. He attended the food distribution and brought 100 loaves of bread to give out. Approximately 100 people were in attendance. He checked on the Black Lives Matter protest in town which he stated was peaceful and nice.

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

Meeting adjourned: 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary