

Town of North Canaan
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
March 2, 2020

Present: Charlie Perotti, Chairman; Craig Whiting, Christian Allyn

Call to order: 7:01pm

Selectman Perotti has 3 items to add to the agenda. **Selectman Allyn made a motion to add 3 items to the end of the agenda. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**

Selectman Allyn made a motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Public comment: Jean Jacquier requested some clarification regarding the blight ordinance and the charge of \$100 per day. Selectman Allyn explained that is the Connecticut state standard, but it is actually a civil penalty which allows the town to take the individual to court to rectify the penalty. This was on the advice of the town attorney. Mrs. Jacquier inquired about the section regarding non-profit groups to help individuals who are unable to comply with the ordinance. The town would create a list for those needing assistance. The ordinance was submitted to the selectmen this evening for review. Selectman Perotti stated they would review this and come back with more information next month.

1. Selectman Perotti read into record the suggested terms and member appointments for the Inland Wetlands Commission. Matt Freund and Barry Brown -2 years, Mike O'Connor, Eric Whiting, and Robert Jacquier – 4 years, Chris Crane and Brian Allyn Jr – 6 years. **Selectman Whiting made a motion to approve the members and terms. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**
2. Selectman Perotti read into record letters from MIRA. The first is one that they will be sending the town a check from their surplus funds. The second is regarding a questionnaire of whether to sign a 30-year contract. **Selectman Allyn made a motion to not sign the 30-year contract. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion approved.** Lastly MIRA fees are going up. Our cost for tipping fees is going from \$83 a ton to \$91. There will be an increase, amount to be determined, to stickers which will go on sale June 1.
3. Budget workshop dates are Town March 17 and BOE March 18 – both at 7:30pm
4. Selectman Perotti was asked to review the ordinance concerning public parking fees. The resident trooper believes they need to be updated. Selectman Perotti will make a list for the next meeting. Also, there is a call in to the state regarding putting up more limit parking signs and no over night parking signs in town. No parking signs have been put up along Barlow Street on both sides to try and alleviate concerns.
5. Camp AHA will not be offered this year. There will be construction at the pool. The town will fund the after school AHA program for one more school year in order to give Patricia time to form a Board and a possible 501©3
6. Resident Trooper had 221 calls for the month of February
7. Fire Marshall – no report

8. Building Official – 17 permits in February
9. Selectman Whiting report: copies of the tax incentive and food truck ordinance were given to the board members for review. He had a request for a couple more wooden garbage cans. He is still waiting to hear from Carissa regarding the website. He encouraged everyone to come to budget workshops and meetings.
10. Selectman Allyn report: The blight ordinance was approved by committee and will now go on to the next steps. The beautification committee is planning ahead for the next year. They are moving ahead with Arbor Day. The municipal parking lot will be pruned this year. The DOT railroad crossing project has been delayed. The bid will not go out until Fall of 2020. Selectman's Perotti and Allyn have been working with the town crew on tree shrub removal in town as there has not been as much plowing this year.
11. Selectman Perotti received a request from Great Falls Brewing to use the town land for the cornhole tournament on July 19 (rain date 26). They will also be hosting the beer garden for the State Firemen Convention September 20 after the parade. **Selectman Whiting made a motion to approve both requests. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**
12. Selectman Perotti read into record the letter from the town attorney regarding the Lower Road issue. The Planning and Zoning Commission can only enforce zoning issues. For neighbor issues the town can not intervene.
13. **Selectman Allyn approved the Bike Week tour July 19, 2020. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**

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

Meeting adjourned 7:39pm

Sincerely,



Ayrslea A Odell
Recording Secretary