

Town of North Canaan
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
February 3, 2020

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

Call to order: 7:00pm

Selectman Allyn made a motion to approve the minutes from meetings on January 6 and January 7. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Public Comment: Frank Ghi representing North Canaan Congregational Church read into record a formal complaint letter against Justin Ralph. Letter was given to Selectman Perotti who will pass it along to officials and try to get it resolved.

Selectman Perotti received information from Aquarion Water. They have a new representative for this district. They are encouraging residents to sign up for the code red notifications to alert of construction and outages within the fire district. There will be a couple of projects to upgrade the water system on Railroad Street and to replace mains within 5 years on Lower Road.

- 1. Selectman Perotti read into record the resignation letter from Dan Santorso from Planning and Zoning. Selectman Whiting made a motion to accept. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**
- 2. Selectman Allyn made a motion to authorize First Selectman Perotti to sign the COG regulations. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**
- Solar project update – Selectman Perotti and Allyn met with the company doing the solar project. With all of the town buildings we are not generating 2 million megawatts. We are opening it up to the fire district and hoping with the sewer plant and all of the street lights we will generate enough. If not, we can reach out to neighboring towns and see if they are interested in their municipal buildings. This only allows for municipal entities to get power savings. Residents cannot join this project.
- Letter from Laura Moran regarding pack 22 cub scout blue and gold banquet. Selectman Perotti will attend the banquet and present the 3 boys crossing into boy scouts with recognition letters.
- Ice chip International LLC – new concept - The town received an email from Ice Chip International. Ice Chip is a new concept green solution to reducing tonnage of salt for roads. 65% lighter than salt. Reducing reapplication of salt. Goshen has looked into it but are not using it as it takes a lot of room to store it. Kent does use it and Selectman Perotti sent email but has heard nothing back yet. The company would like to do a presentation but Selectman Perotti would like more information on it before that. There are issues with the amount of salt that is used from contaminating water to killing roadside trees. There was a question about the possibility of screening the salt that is used for reapplication, but because there is so much debris along the roadsides it does not work.
- Budget Time: People are starting to send in requests. Tentatively presentations for the town and the school are set for March 17 and 18. This is not a workshop.

7. Transfer stickers: Selling date is being moved to June 1st to coincide with the fiscal year. Town garbage removal is going up \$91 to \$95 per ton and depending on some factors could go as high as \$145 a ton. This is not including the tipping fee. Stickers will have to go up. Selectman Perotti will meet with Dinny Light to make some decisions on pricing. Discussion ensued about the benefits of presentations regarding recycling. Bulky waste is a large factor.
8. Resident Trooper report: 201 calls in January. He is working on two break-ins in town. Selectman Perotti had some complaints about an issue on Barlow Street. They are examining the issue and trying to come up with solutions. No parking signs are an option.
9. Fire Marshall and Building Officials updates: selectmen were given copies of reports.
10. Selectman Whiting report: He is working on a list of the town equipment for the Board of Finance. He and Attorney DiBella are going back and forth regarding the Tax Incentive Program and the Food Truck Ordinance. They are basically ready to go. Hopefully at the next town meeting they can be presented. He received a couple of concerns about early morning snow removal. Decisions are made on a storm by storm basis. Main concerns are the safety of school roads and getting individuals to work. We only have 4 town employees that plow the entire town and we do not have a clean road policy in town.
11. Selectman Allyn report: The Blight Ordinance will be going to the committee this month for approval. It is not as strict as other towns, but there is enough in it to be enforceable. Someone will need to have jurisdiction to enforce the ordinance. There are 2 regulations – one for blight (construction) and the other for unregistered motor vehicles. Last week Selectman Allyn sent a survey about The HUB to 100 individuals. He received a 20% response within a week with 90% of those responding wanting the HUB restored. He will follow up with building owners. A suggestion was made to him that he apply for the Canaan Foundation Grant which he did for creating a mobile hotspot for the HUB. Selectman Perotti commented that the Fire Department is looking for a place for September 20, 2020 to house parade marshals for their calculations if the HUB returns. Carissa will meet with Evan regarding the website redesign. She is offering this service free of charge. Feb Brew Fest is February 16. Great Falls Brewery is taking on the event and a portion of the proceeds will go to the Kara Zinke Emergency Fund. Selectman Allyn has a call regarding the possible lighting display soon.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:46pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell
Recording Secretary