

Town of North Canaan
January 6, 2020
Board of Selectmen Meeting

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

Call to order: 7:01pm

Selectman Whiting made a motion to approve the minutes from December 2. Selectman Perotti seconded the motion. Motion approved. Selectman Allyn abstained

Public Comment:

There is a three-way conversation tomorrow that Selectman Perotti will be involved in regarding an update on the transfer station solar project status.

Selectman Perotti will be attending a meeting at the state capital regarding the recycling plant in Hartford and the possible increase to the municipalities.

Website and Facebook update: Selectman Whiting stated that the platform is being updated this month and a retraining will occur. Ayrlea will be fully trained as well. Selectman Perotti spoke with John Lannen regarding the Facebook link but will speak to him again as there has been no resolution. The public hearing for the planning and zoning department will continue Monday night at 7:00pm regarding the moratorium on boarding houses.

- 1. Selectman Allyn made a motion to authorize Selectman Perotti to sign the Homeland Security agreement. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**
2. Greystone Electronics Road Race – March 28, 2020. The Great Falls Brewery will be the sponsor for it. Mr. Will Graustein explained who he is and how the race will work. It is going to use the 5 mile course used for the Railroad Days race. He is hoping to attract about 100 runners. Begin and ending will be at the brewery. **Selectman Allyn made a motion to authorize Selectman Perotti to sign the acceptance for the race. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion was approved.** Selectman Whiting mentioned concerns about possible snow piles along the road. There is a postpone date for the next day. 2 State Troopers should be sufficient for the race. Selectman Allyn mentioned that a major construction project will be coming up – the crossings.
3. Jennifer Dubray has been hired as new assessor for the town. She is doing Canaan and Sharon and part time in Kent. She will be here approximately 15 hours per week. Michael Burke is being cut back to 3 days a week.
4. AHA Program update: Selectman Perotti showed pictures of the massive cleaning that was done during break in the AHA room. A wonderful job was done. 2 highschool students have been hired to help out in the afternoons with a couple more in the wings for back up. The State fund for food thru the highschool will be able to supply snacks to the AHA program for no cost. Selectman Allyn mentioned a conversation he had with Chris Tippler about fundraising with the festival which they had last year as well.
5. Selectman Perotti read into record a letter from Brian Allyn, Chairman to the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals recommending Scott Zinke to a full member on the appeals board.

Selectman Whiting made a motion to approve the recommendation. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

6. Fire Marshall update – None
7. Resident Trooper update – 201 total calls for the month of December.
8. Selectman Whiting update: Selectman Whiting mentioned several items that were accomplished during the first term for this select board and also upcoming items such as the town pool, food truck ordinance, tax incentive, the State Firemen’s Convention, Railroad crossings, and the Blight ordinance.
9. Selectman Allyn update: Selectman Allyn also spoke about the many items that were accomplished and that are in the works. Weed control, the hub experiment and the opening of the Brewery happened during the term. Also, the town received a donation of art by Irene Jeremic “Rena” of the sycamore on Clayton Rd which now hangs in the lobby of NCES. Selectman Allyn met with Owen Quinn of the Berkshire United Way who is inspired by the HUB space. Attorney DiBella said that regarding the Blight Ordinance they should either propose a clean and lien addition or apply a clean and lien addition later. It would be helpful when dealing with uncooperative property owners. Madeline Byrne mentioned to Selectman Allyn about the church signs at the entrance to town and perhaps spearheading an effort to rebuild the signs. A resident prospect for property donation has come forward and is looking to possibly create a municipal land trust. Selectman Allyn will work on this project.

Public Comment: Kimberly Provera of East Canaan read into record a letter she penned along with other residents regarding the possible illegal repair operation by Justin Ralph in a residential property which is disturbing the neighbors as well as posing health concerns. The letter was received (with signatures) by Selectman Perotti who will forward to the Planning and Zoning Commission for action. Selectman Perotti stated they will do what needs to be done.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:44pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell
Recording Secretary