

Town of North Canaan
Board of Selectman
Regular Meeting
November 6, 2019

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

Call to order: 7:00pm

Selectman Allyn made a motion to accept the October 7 minutes. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Selectman Allyn made a motion to accept the October 17 minutes. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Selectman Allyn made a motion to amend the minutes of October 30 as follows: Catie Nania spelling of name correction, there should be no designation of second and third selectman and the motion should read to appoint Patricia Vanicky as of November 1. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Public Comment:

Kathy Potucek of 68 Prospect Street addressed the board regarding issues of parking in front of her home. She states that she has a small house, with a small driveway and 3 vehicles and sometimes when she has visitors to her home they have no choice but to park on the street. She stated that she has lived there 14 years with no issues and does not understand why all of a sudden it is an issue. Selectman Perotti recommended that he would mediate between her and her neighbor and can hopefully come to a satisfactory resolution. The town put up the no parking signs due to many complaints. Selectman Perotti read the public parking ordinance into record. He hopes they are able to work things out.

Selectman Perotti stated that after the October 30 meeting where it was acknowledged that more help 3-4 hours a week for the website would be needed, Ayrlea Odell, let him know that she is willing to volunteer her time to help out until a permanent solution is found. Selectman Whiting will work with Ayrlea to ensure she has access.

Selectman Perotti stated that the board still needs to appoint someone to the western CT Convention and Visitors Bureau.

1. **Selectman Whiting made a motion to formally accept the resignation of Lynn Nania, Director of AHA as of November 1, 2019. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion was passed.** Selectman Allyn suggested that the board send a written thank you to Lynn and include a photo he found online.
2. Selectman Perotti discussed the necessary purchase of a town truck as the 2003 International needs to be replaced. The town has received 2 quotes on 2 different trucks. Emily Minacci was able to find a good rate for a loan. Because we would not be able to get the truck until January, Brian Allyn of B. Allyn Trucking has worked out a deal with Selectman Perotti for the use of one

of his trucks. Selectman Perotti requested that the selectmen review the two deals and get back to him so that it can be reviewed with the Finance Board and get ordered.

3. The bus stop in town has been painted but it does need other work. Maria Horn is working on getting either a Winsted or Torrington transit bus to come to Canaan. There are no plans to relocate the bus stop at this point.
4. **Selectman Allyn made a motion to acknowledge the week of January 26, 2020 as second choice week for NCES. Selectman Whiting seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**
5. Update on solar project: project company still waiting on Eversource changing power lines.
6. Little Wing reevaluation appeal: This is another assessment that went to the lawyers to handle and they negotiated the following values: 157 Railroad Street from \$122,690 down to \$115,650 and 50 Barlow Street from \$285,180 down to \$115,500. **Selectman Whiting made a motion to accept the negotiated values. Selectman Allyn seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**
7. Broadband update: Don Stein is interested in setting up a meeting for the town. The board agrees that it would be a good idea. Selectman Allyn also believes the fire district should be notified as well due to the conduits in town.
8. Resident Trooper report for October 2019 - total of 222 calls.
9. Fire Marshall report for October – big issue was the entire alarm system at 132 Quinn Street was down. After the phone call to Frontier it was finally fixed.
10. The Building Officials report was read into record
11. Selectman Whiting report: The food truck ordinance is all set and just waiting on the tax abatement to have a special meeting for them. He is going to discuss with the brewery in town and remind them that the food trucks have to get a peddlers license which is \$25 a year and have to be signed off by Torrington Area Health. Parking has been much better since the no parking signs were put up. Selectman Whiting wants all of the chairpersons to forward agendas to him for the website and he is doing the municipal calendar. The recorded minutes are on Robin Hood Radio and TV. The possible lighting event (similar to Goodwin Park) for next year was discussed. He is thinking perhaps a private property would work better than a road. Selectman Allyn explained how this event works. He will initiate a discussion again with the vice president of the company. Selectman Whiting noticed that some of the street lights are again working. He is continuing to work on the verbiage of the tax abatement.
12. Selectman Allyn report: The railroad crossing is out to bid. A list of recommendations and suggestions have gone to the DOT and they will continue to work with the DOT contractor. Selectmen Perotti and Allyn along with Tom Zettestrom attended a meeting in Cornwall regarding herbicide spray damage. A representative from the DOT stated the town can submit a map and directions to them of areas that we do not want sprayed. There are 2 types of spray that the railroad uses. Selectman Allyn will make a plan for next month that can then be sent to the DOT. The HUB is sending out a survey by the end of the week to see if there is interest in continuing the HUB. Starting this month he will begin working on the Sustainable CT (roughly 4 hours a week in the Town Hall). Right away he can use the invasive management of the Knotweed in town. Actions can go back 3 years on that point. The Depot opening is this Saturday November 9, 2019. Ribbon cutting is at 2:00 and raffle is at 4:00. Selectman Allyn contacted Tesla regarding a station in North Canaan which was approved 8 months ago. He has not heard back from them. When he has an update he will report back. There are a couple of people in town that have electric vehicles unfortunately Tesla's have a specific charging port not made for other vehicles. The EDC had an informal meeting and it is their consensus that they will begin reviewing the zoning regulations one part at a time, and make suggestions on amendments. Selectman Whiting reminded that the State Fire Convention being hosted by the

Canaan Fire Department is the weekend of September 18, 2020 and that it would be best if the Railroad crossing project was not that weekend nor during Railroad Days.

Selectman Perotti said that Attorney DiBella let him know that December 3, 2019 will be the court date for the Metcalf vs Town of North Canaan case. It will be in the Torrington Court.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:47pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ayrlea A Odell".

Ayrlea A Odell
Recording Secretary