

Town of North Canaan
Selectman Meeting
June 3, 2019

Present: Charlie Perotti, Craig Whiting, Christian Allyn

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Craig made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2019 meeting. Christian seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Public Comment: Charlie would like to add 2 items to the end of the agenda – 3 appointments for the EDC and broker of record request by Newbury Insurance for the Fire Departments insurance. Bike week will be held Sunday June 23 8:30 – 12:30. Update on the transfer station solar project. The company is interconnecting with Eversource and getting paperwork done, negotiating the ground lease for the town and waiting for legislative to approve the new metering program which could bring increased savings. There should be a status meeting in the next few weeks. Reed Street paving will be done Wednesday and Thursday. Dorothy Kelly congratulated Christian on the opening of the hub.

1. The July selectman meeting will be held Tuesday July 9, 2019 at 7:00pm.
2. Charlie wrote to the State to review the possibility of no thru truck signs for Cemetery Road. They will come out and do some site work. There was a discussion about trailer trucks on Allyndale Road. The resident trooper sat there recently doing radar and ended up stopping a truck for violations as well.
3. Charlie read into record part of the recent summons received by the town requesting that the Planning and Zoning Commission (or it's representative) report to the court on July 2 regarding the recent meeting. Randy is aware of this and will represent the commission and the town on July 2 in Superior Court
4. Charlie commended Christian on the opening of the North Canaan Community Hub. Christian stated the opening was May 31. The Hub is an evolving project since February funded in part by grant monies which was received by North Canaan, West Cornwall, and Warren. Ben Wohlfert offered space for free at the Colonial Theater for 3 months. They received furniture loaned to them. Christian will get a thank you together to have Missy send out to all those who helped to bring it to fruition. Christian has a press release ready except for changing it from present tense to past. **Christian made a motion to accept the press release. Craig seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**
5. The Mini tree library in the vestibule (the book swap for kids) has had quite a bit of interest.
6. Charlie received the parts for the town clock and is currently just waiting to have them put in.
7. Charlie had a request for more speed limit signs on West Main Street near Nancy Gandolfo's residence. The trooper will sit there as well. Christian suggested putting in a couple of kids at play signs as well.
8. Resident trooper had 270 calls in the month of May
9. Fire Marshall – no report
10. Building Official report – 25 permits were issued in May for \$9460. There was additional money collected as well. Total collected for May was \$19,582.00
11. Craig Whiting report: Craig found the tax incentive program from 1992 which was never enacted and read it into record. He would like to add to it the assessed value has to be agreed

on between the assessor and the individual prior to work being done and they can't appeal it for 4 years. There was a brief discussion among the board regarding the wording. Craig would like to send it to the attorney to review it. **Christian made a motion to finalize the 5 year tax incentive plan and send it to the town attorney. Charlie seconded the motion. Motion was approved.** Craig received calls from a couple of residents on Old Turnpike Road South who are having driveway wash out issues due to drains being plugged up. Issue started with the private road and it not being maintained. Craig went to the capital and talked to Maria Horn regarding the budget. He explained to her about the recent Mil Rate increase for the town. They discussed the budgets. Emily is going to email her the town numbers tomorrow. In regard to the summons, Craig said 2 gravel companies in town (Segallas and LaurelBrook) also recycle black top for fill which is necessary to do when bidding on state projects. The blanket amendment is going to eliminate them from being able to bid on the projects. Asphalt is considered clean fill according to the State.

12. Christian Allyn report: Final amendments were submitted to the DOT and now we are just waiting on the final plan from them. Tom Zettestrom is concerned about the crab apple trees below the dough boy if the DOT slopes the bank differently. The lighting project is on hold waiting on the appraised value of the existing lights by Eversource. They are saying the lights only have 2 years depreciated value, but they have been there longer than 2 years. The Fire District is in communication with them. The Hub opening went well and Christian will update the board each month on it. Christian is on the Housatonic River Commission. North Canaan is the only town of 7 without public river access. He is working with the Chairman on identifying a site, possibly the Masonic Hall. No update for the blight committee. Charlie said that the town attorney is working on both the blight ordinance and the food truck ordinance. Reminder of the Wine, Wings and Swing event this weekend, and the recent chair raffle went very well.

13. Charlie read into record the EDC appointments: Christopher Tripler, Paul Foeller, Carissa Blouch. **Christian made a motion to accept the 3 appointments to the EDC. Craig seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

14. Andy Gandolfo of Newbury Insurance would like to become the broker of record for the July renewal for the North Canaan Fire Company insurance. The Fire Chief makes that decision. Chief Brian Allyn said they will probably stay where they are, but he will bring it up at the Board of Directors meeting. There is no pricing difference. The ambulance broke off of the VFIS policy. Charlie would recommend stating where it is as it would be less hassle, but it will be up to the Fire Company Board decision. **Christian made a motion to approve whatever the Fire Co. Board of Directors decides to do regarding the insurance. Craig seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**

15. **Christian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Craig seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**

Meeting adjournment 7:4pm

Respectfully submitted,



Ayrlea A Odell

Recording Secretary