

**CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT**  
Minutes of  
Special meeting of the Fire District Executive Committee  
held February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Canaan Fire District, acting as such and as the Water Pollution Control Authority of the District, was called at North Canaan Town Hall, Canaan, Connecticut at 5:00PM on Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Warden Anthony Nania, and Committee members Todd Shearer, Richie Crane, George Johannesen, Bill Minacci, Bob Riva, Matt Devino and Mario Digiacomio were present constituting a quorum of the Executive Committee.

Warden Nania called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM.

The meeting began with Warden Nania giving a summary of the new CFD Sewer Ordinance. Warden Nania explained the purpose of the sewer ordinance, and provided comparison of user charges for North Canaan compared with other local towns. After a discussion about existing sewer user charges, the conversation moved to the section within the ordinance related to enforcement, as this is a key part of the overall ordinance. Enforcement of the sewer ordinance is a two part action; Administrative Enforcement followed by Judicial Enforcement. The review continued, with the Warden encouraging the Executive Committee to fully review the ordinance, which will be presented at the upcoming Annual meeting for approval by the public.

A conversation then took place regarding the potential new sub-division which is being discussed for Honey Hill neighborhood. This is very preliminary, but the developer has inquired as to the impact on the Fire District if this sub-division were added to the CFD. This is something which the District will need to research, with regards to overall capacity at the treatment plant. The CFD approached Louriero Engineering to provide this estimate, and was quoted \$3800.00 for this study.

Warden Nania gave a brief update on the status of the downtown lighting. The Warden and Mr. Minacci attended a meeting of the downtown business, who expressed concern about the relative low level of lighting in the downtown area. Warden Nania has approached Eversource, who is measuring the existing lighting and will make a proposal to the CFD.

The next topic of conversation had to do with an amendment of the CFD By-Laws. The Warden proposed that the By-Laws be amended such that the District Plant's Superintendent shall ex officio be qualified to serve as a member of the District's Executive Committee if so elected at any Annual or Special meeting. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Johannesen, seconded by Mr. Riva and unanimously carried, it was voted to allow the District Superintendent to serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

A very brief conversation took place regarding the status of the sidewalks in the District. Regarding the Route 7 railroad crossing, this state project is closed for the winter, and will be picked up again in the spring of 2022.

Warden Nania then moved on to a review of the District finances. He reviewed the situation with BD, which cost the District \$104,000 in lost revenue. The Warden, working with local legislators, was able to secure a grant from the state for \$100,000 for each of the next two years. He is currently working to make this grant permanent.

Regarding the status of the Route 7 South sidewalk project to Mountainside, it was announced that Segalla Construction had been awarded the contract for this project as the low bidder. Warden Nania asked for a motion to ratify the issuance of a notice to proceed to the low bidder for this project. Upon motion duly made by

Mr. Crance, second by Mr. Devino and unanimously carried, the issuance of notice to proceed to the low bidder by the Warden was ratified by the executive committee.

The recent power outage in North Canaan was the next topic of discussion. During the course of recovering from this power outage, it was found that the 3-phase power at the Geer pump station was incompatible with newer pump designs. This could put the District in a very difficult position, as the failure of one of the old pumps could leave the District without a compatible replacement. Mr. Minacci is coordinating the response to this issue. His recommendation is to have the pump station re-wired for compatible 3-phase power, and purchase immediately a new pump for the station. Slightly longer term, he proposes that we also purchase an additional two pumps for a replacement and a spare.

A tax refund was requested by District voter Audrey Leary. Her bank overpaid her sewer user charge by a total of \$990.00. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Riva, seconded by Mr. Johannesen and unanimously carried, it was voted to refund the full amount of \$990.00 to Audrey Leary.

The executive committee next reviewed the draft minutes of the last District meeting, from June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Devino and unanimously carried, it was voted to approve the minutes of the June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 CFD meeting.

At this point, with no additional regular business, upon motion duly made by Mr. Devino, seconded by Mr. Crane and unanimously carried, it was voted to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session.

Upon completion and adjournment of the Executive Session, upon motion duly made by Mr. Riva, seconded by Mr. Johannesen and unanimously carried, it was voted to return to the Executive Committee meeting.

Finally, upon motion duly made by Mr. Devino, seconded by Mr. Riva and unanimously carried, it was voted to adjourn the Canaan Fire District Executive Committee meeting at 6:24PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Todd Shearer  
Clerk, CFD