Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Canaan Selectmen Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister and Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson.

Minutes 1/2/18.
Selectman McAlister moved to approve the minutes for 1/2/18. Seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

Review Petitioned Warrant Articles
Samson asked for an increase in the budget of $5,000 since the cost of recyclables took a $5,000 increase in the last two weeks. Motion by Posnanski and second by McAlister to approve the general fund budget at $3,668,506. Unanimously passed. All Selectmen indicated that they opposed all petitioned warrant articles. Motion by Posnanski and second by McAlister. Unanimously passed. Motion to recommend all other Warrant Articles except wind turbine which will not carry a recommendation of any sort made by Dave McAlister and seconded by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Town Report Bid
Samson shared the bid price from Gnomon printing that is less than the last year RC Brayshaw price. The Board asked what the Brayshaw price was going to be in 2018. Samson indicated he won’t know until the report is ready for the printer. It was suggested that Samson get a price from Brayshaw on the same specifications that Gnomon used for their price. Samson said that he would. He was directed to take the lowest price.

Highway Employee Hiring
The Board directed that the summer, winter position, previously given to Brad Demers, be given to Matt Wilson if he wants it. Samson indicated that the position vacated by Tony Bishop will be advertised.

Flood Mitigation Meeting
Samson reported there was a 4 hour meeting with about 8 state and regional organizations regarding spillways over the rail trail. Some progress was made including identification of a funding source. A task force will be organized to report back in the fall.

Motion to recess until 7:30 PM on Thursday, January 11 at the Canaan Fire Station for the Budget Hearing.

Reconvened at 7:30 on January 11 at the Canaan Fire Station with all Selectmen in attendance. There was one change in the No action was taken.

At 8:50 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.
Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen