

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 18, 2019**

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Selectmen's Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister and Al Posnanski and TA Samson. Others: Bob Scott, David Johnson, and Gayle German

Minutes: 6/4/19

Motion by Posnanski and second by McAlister to approve the minutes of 6/4. Unanimous.

David Johnson

David indicated that the Town should be enforcing nuisance laws to force Barker Steel to cease night time noise. He indicated that the police and Town Administrator had not done anything to close down the nuisance. He stated that he had lived there 23 years and before Barker Steel and the Town should protect him. He said that both he and his wife were not able to enjoy their home at night. Samson indicated that he had met with Barker and they agreed to keep the doors closed after 9 PM and to ban the use of radios after 9 PM. David said they were still using the radios and the doors were still open and the steel processing should not be allowed during the day. Samson indicated that David had changed his demands after the first negotiations with Barker. There was a discussion about whether there was a "Town – Barker Agreement" from the time Barker was built and David allowed Samson to copy the news coverage when Barker moved in. The Board directed David to prepare a list of demands to be made so that Samson could attempt to reach an agreement between Barker and Johnson. David indicated that he would.

Gayle German

Samson reviewed the statements indicating that no highway worker agreed that any snow was pushed up anywhere near the well tiles. There is no written statement from Travis Smith who Gayle says knows that the Town did the damage. The Board urged Travis to provide some form of written complaint or attend the Selectmen's meeting. The consensus of the Board was to not repair the well until there is some evidence that the Town damaged the well tile.

Larocque Junkyard

Samson showed picture of the Larocque junk yard and indicated that the property now met Town standards. The materials have been covered and relocated. The major portion of the materials are for reuse building a new home on the lot.

Other Junkyards and Sub-Divisions

Samson reviewed the progress on junkyards and sub-divisions. The only ones failing to make any progress are Lewis and Braley.

Josephson Grant Application

Samson explained that the Tim Josephson's plan is to seek funding for an after hours experiential education program. The application is required to go through a municipality.

Budget vs. Actual

Samson indicated that there will be a need for one or two replacement cruiser cameras. Our budget is still balanced using unanticipated revenue. We will need a hearing to accept the revenue and dedicate its use.

Cemetery Flowers

After discussion, the board approved minor modification of the flowers requirements at cemeteries. Flowers must be planted within 4 inches of the headstones or in hanging pots next to headstones. Any other location is at the risk of the visitor as the flowers may be removed.

Other Business

Historic District Appointment

Maria Clark has been proposed as a Historic District Alternate. The Board asked that she attend the next meeting since she was not known to anyone on the Board.

Revenue from Old Hotbox

Samson indicated that the old hot box was being sold to a municipality in New York State for \$6,000. Of that amount \$3,000 will be used towards the new hotbox and the remainder will be used by the Highway Department after a public hearing.

At 7:02 PM Selectman McAlister moved to enter non-public session to discuss hiring staff. Posnanski seconded and motion passed unanimously.

At 7:31 PM McAlister moved to exit non-public meeting. Seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:32 PM Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Selectman Posnanski moved to hire Cathy Stark at \$18.50 per hour as an executive assistant to replace Sharon Duffy with a review of performance and wage increase after Cathy is able to perform coding for the website. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

At 7:35 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
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