

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 7, 2020**

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the Canaan Administrator's Office. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister and Al Posnanski, TA Samson and Bob Scott. Others: Brenda Martin, Cathy Stark, Gloria Koch, Ruth Conwell, Tom Milligan and Suanne Milligan.

Reorganization – Dave McAlister moved that Scott Borthwick be re-elected Chairman of the Board. Al Posnanski seconded the motion. Unanimous approval. The consensus of the Board was that the Selectmen Representatives to the various committees remain the same.

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Motion by Al Posnanski and Second by Dave McAlister to approve the minutes of 3/3/20. Unanimous.

Budget v. Actual

Samson reported that there were no major issues yet in the budget. The Board questioned the over expenditure on workers compensation. Samson indicated that he had mistakenly assumed that the rebate on workers compensation would be more in 2020. It will be covered by transfers from other accounts.

Rt. 118 Gravel Pit

Samson indicated that Bob would like to start work at the gravel pit but Samson had not yet received necessary guidance from Horizons about the details for where and how we could work the pit. He will continue to reach out to Horizons.

Water - Sewer split employee

Samson reviewed the need for an employee to be split between the Transfer Station and the Water & Sewer program. The Board requested that Samson prepare a job description for the new position. The Board also wanted the successful candidate to at least have a solid waste license prior to starting work.

Treasurer

Samson reported on the resignation of Joe Frazier as Treasurer and asked that Ruth Conwell be approved to take over for Joe. Ruth indicated that she was ready to take over immediately. The Board directed Samson to speak with Joe about the timing. Ruth asked that Maxine Therriault be appointed as Assistant Treasurer. Motion by Dave McAlister to appoint Ruth Conwell as Treasurer when Joe Frazier's resignation takes effect and appoint Maxine Therriault as Assistant Treasurer. Second by Al Posnanski and unanimously approved.

Historic District Appointments

Motion by Al Posnanski and second by Dave McAlister to appoint Michael Roy and Richard Fox to the Historic District Board with terms to expire in 2023. Unanimous approval.

Humane Society Contract

The Board asked why the contract went up \$500 and what happens when the Humane Society is closed due to the covid 19 crisis. Samson indicated that he would check and provide a report.

Health Insurance Contract

Samson presented the NHIT contract for health insurance coverage. Motion by Al Posnanski and Second by Dave McAlister to approve the contract and have Scott Borthwick sign. Unanimous.

Other Business

The Board discussed what to do with the Town recreation field in light of the limits on groups of people and the requirements of social isolation. The Board consensus of the Board was to post the Beach, Elliott Field, Williams Field, Williams Field playground, the Village Common, and Reginald Barney Park. They also noted that the Meeting House was closed as well.

At 5:50 PM Selectman McAlister moved to enter non-public session to discuss an employee evaluation. Posnanski seconded and motion passed unanimously.

At 6:20 PM McAlister moved to exit non-public meeting. Seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:20 PM Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Dave McAlister moved to accept the recommendation for termination as recommended. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

At 6:24 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen