BOARD OF SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2022

Regular Business 6:00 pm

Canton Town Office

*Selectmen in attendance: Russell Adams, Kristi Carrier, Brian Keene, Carole Robbins*

*Office Staff in attendance: Carol Buzzell, Nicki Girard*

*Others present: David Madison, sewer attendant and reporter Marianne Hutchinson.*

1. Call meeting to order- *Russell called meeting to order at 6:00pm*
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment – 15 Minutes *– None*
4. Acceptance of Minutes – November 10, 2021 & January 13, 2022 – *Carole Robbins motioned to accept the January 13th minutes, Brian Keene second. Motion passed. Russel abstained. The November 10th minutes were not accepted due to not having a quorum.*
5. Old Business
6. Green Lantern Net Energy Proposal-*The board has concerns with the length of the contract 20-25 years. Carole R. motioned to not enter into a contract at this time. Brian K. seconded. All in favor. Russell will contact them to let them know the decision.*
7. Digital Sign quote-*Kristi spoke with Northern Signs and received a quote of approximately $20,000 which is the best sign they have to offer. NeoKraft was about $15K. She suggested to either put this as an article for next years budget or use some of the ARPA monies or use some of the Community Benefit monies.*
8. Unsafe properties -*3 Golden Ridge is waiting to be inspected. Carol Buzzell posted the CEO position in the Sun Journal and on MMA. No applications have been received yet. Russell will contact the town of Jay and other surrounding towns to see if they are willing to share CEO’s.*
9. New Business
10. Sewer Department Needs- *Dave Madison explained the needs of the sewer department. Replacement of the effluent meter which has been ordered at approximately $10,000 and is to be installed this spring. Greg Young from Condor Electric is to get us quotes to replace the generator at the main pump station and office building and install LED lights in main office building and main pump station in anticipation of receiving rebates from Efficiency Maine. Once the quotes are received the monies may be able to come from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to fund all the above sewer department needs.*
11. Fire Protection Contract FY2021/2022 *-Brian motioned to accept the contract, Kristi seconded. All in favor. Canton selectmen will sign Contract and then will be sent to the Town of Hartford for their Selectboard signatures.*
12. Fire Protection 3 year Contract (fiscal years to 2025)-*Carol Buzzell is to create a 3 year contract for FY 2022 to 2025 for the Selectmen to sign.*
13. Scholarship-Brian- *Brian explained that currently the scholarship is given to the Canton student with the highest GPA and he’d like to see it changed how its given. Create a Canton Scholarship Committee consisting of one Board of Selectmen, One Budget Committee member and One Community Member to choose the recipient. Brian will draft the application form. Budget for Scholarship should be increased to $2,000.*
14. CEO budget-*Brian suggested to table this until a we have someone interested in the job to negotiate their pay.*
15. Event Committee-*Brian commented that several people have an interest in creating an events committee. The Bicentennial events were fun, and townspeople want to continue the fun just not as elaborate. Dances, movie nights and summer festival. Create a budget line or reassign the bicentennial committee. All agreed.*
16. Town Meeting– *Election June 14th from 8:00am to 8:00pm. Brian suggested to have Annual Town Meeting Saturday morning June 18th at 10:00am. The Recreation department could have refreshments at the snack shack if the meeting is at the ballfield. Carol Buzzell stated that nomination papers are available March 4th and due back by April 15th. Two Board of Selectmen positions, 2 Planning Board members and 1 RSU#56 School Board member.*
17. Budget Committee Schedule-*Budget meetings are Wednesdays. Carol Buzzell will give all department heads the schedule. They are to turn in the budget to her by the specified date so Carol can input these figures into TRIO and make copies for the Budget committee according to the schedule.*
18. Schedule employee reviews- *Russell suggested to do reviews before the budget process to make any necessary changes. Employees (Carol Buzzell, Nicki Girard, Paul McKenna, Jim Dyment & Dave Madison) are to do self-evaluations and return them by February 8th. Selectmen will meet on February 16th at 5:00 in executive session to discuss evaluations. Selectmen will meet with employees March 3rd starting at 5:00pm to give employee reviews. Dates were determined for the regular meetings and posted on calendar. Town Departments closed on Patriot’s Day April 18th.*
19. Abatements/Supplement -*None*
20. Other business of Office Staff - *Carol Buzzell reported the MedCare payments have reduced from $44,370 a year to $32,940 a year. Canton is still in need of a representative. Carole Robbins mentioned to see if Don Hutchins may be interested. The FY22 audit is scheduled for the first week of August. Municipal Districts will change in 2023. Dog licenses are due by January 31st to avoid the $25 fine. Nicki has been making reminder phone calls to dog owners of dogs not licensed yet.*
21. Committee Reports- *Kristi reported that Recreation department are starting to talk baseball. Brian & Carole had nothing to report. Russell reported that the transfer station is doing okay.*
22. Executive Session
23. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Warrants:

# 48 A/P $99,317.33

# 49 Payroll $4,996.85

#50 A/P $19,056.70

#51 Payroll $5,247.87

*Brian motioned to accept warrants, Carole seconded. All in favor.*

1. Adjournment – Brian motioned to adjourn, Kristi seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Buzzell