BOARD OF SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 2022

Regular Business 6:00 pm

Canton Town Office

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

*Office staff in attendance: Town Clerk Carol Buzzell, Deputy Clerk Nicki Girard*

*Others in attendance: Fire Chief Jason Vaughan, Marianne Hutchinson (reporter)*

1. Call meeting to order- *Russell called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.*
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment – 15 Minutes – *Fire Chief Jason Vaughan reported the fire department is having electrical issues with the 1989 tanker and needs to be replaced. It’s hard to find parts. Replacement costs range from $260,000 to $280,000. Russell suggested to look into the budget and also see what monies are in the fire truck reserve account.*
4. Acceptance of Minutes – November 10, 2021 & January 27, 2022- *Carole Robbins motioned to accept the November 10 minutes, Kristi seconded. Brian & Russ abstained. Brian motioned to accept the January 27 minutes with the correction to state that there is no school board position available this year, Carole seconded. Scotty abstained.*
5. Old Business
6. Scholarship Committee *Brian reported that Donna Hebert and Sarah Frank have shown an interest in serving on the committee. Kristi will serve as selectman. Brian is working on a scholarship application for the committee to review. Carol Buzzell reported that she received proof of enrollment and copy of grades for 2021 scholarship recipient Destiny Urdsick. A check for $1,000 will be sent.*
7. CEO search- *No applications have come in yet. Nicki will post on Facebook again.*
8. Job Descriptions*- Russell had sent out drafts a few months ago for Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk he created and combined with other towns. Corrections made and will review again next meeting.*
9. New Business
10. Storm Closings- Carole -*Per policy if the State of Maine offices close, then the Canton Town Office will close. The office staff will contact the liaison then post the closing on tv channels, Facebook and contact the Selectmen chairperson.*
11. Treasurer- Resignation- *Scotty motioned to accept Vernice Boyce’s resignation, Kristi seconded. Brian recommended to pay her for February. It was suggested to have her attend the next selectmen’s meeting on March 10th to discuss staying on a Deputy Treasurer. Scotty suggested to post the Treasurer’s position and Brian wants it to be kept in office. All in favor to accept resignation. Brian motioned to appoint Carol Buzzell as Interim Treasurer until the board speaks with Vernice, Carole Robbins seconded the motion. All in favor.*
12. Guidelines for Covid pay-*Russell stated that if it’s state mandated to stay out of work, then the employee should not have to use PTO time but should be paid regular time. All agreed to pay Nicki the 25 hours she had to stay out of the office due to Covid mandates.*
13. Abatements/Supplement -*none*
14. Other business of Office Staff – *Nicki Girard submitted a poster she created for the sale of the Dayton generator 15K 120-240 on trailer that runs off PTO. Submit sealed bids by 5:30pm on March 10th. Carol Buzzell reminded that nomination papers are available March 4th. Two Selectmen positions and two Planning Board member positions available. Carol is in the process of sending the 45 notices for impeding foreclosures next week.*
15. Committee Reports- \**Kristi reported the Recreation Department walk is cancelled for this weekend. \*Carole would like to recognize the passing of Steve & Lisa Wills. They will be missed extremely. Carole also had a complaint about the neighbors’ trash at 315 School Street. \*Brian reported Paul has been busy with storms, rain, snow, and ice. Issues on Edmunds Road where the solar company has put in their driveway/roadway. The water comes running down the road. Paul will speak with them to see what they can do to deter the water. Highway department will meet with Budget committee next week. Possibility of posting roads next week. The Parks & Trails met with budget committee and have great thoughts and plans for next year. Halloween walk with Truck or Treat. Ted Berry company had to come and thaw the septic lines at the Town Office. \*Scotty had nothing to report. \*Russell wants to thank Paul McKenna for covering for Jim Dyment at the Transfer Station on Saturday.*
16. Executive Session-*none*
17. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Warrants:

 # 52 Payroll $ 5684.05

# 53 A/P $ 25,567.69

#54 Payroll $5,952.14

#55 A/P $108,242.42

#56 Payroll $4,237.39

#57 A/P $12,768.07

#58 Payroll $3,356.66

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

1. Adjournment-*Carole motioned to adjourn, Brian seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.*

Respectfully submitted

Carol Buzzell