BOARD OF SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 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: Carol Buzzell & Nicki Girard*

*Others in attendance: James Martin & Marianne Hutchinson, reporter*

1. Call meeting to order -*Russell called meeting to order at 6:07pm*
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment – 15 Minutes -*None*
4. Acceptance of Minutes – February 24, 2022 *-Brian motioned to accept, Scotty seconded. All in favor*
5. Old Business
6. Vernice Boyce- *submitted another letter stating that after much thought she decided to not continue working for Canton. Brian motioned to appoint Carol Buzzell as Treasurer. Term to expire 6/30/2022. Carole Robbins seconded. All in favor.*
7. Job Descriptions*- Russell will get updates for next meeting.*
8. Open sealed bids for generator-*Two bids were received as follows: James Martin $1,300, and Mark Welcome $1,580. Brian motioned to award bid to Mark Welcome for $1,580, Scotty seconded. Carol Buzzell will call him and let him know he’s the winning bidder and has 10 days to come in and pay then pick up the generator.*
9. Generator Quote at Sewer dept- *Received quote from Condor Electric. Russell suggested due to the high costs, it should be put out to bid. Carole Robbins will get specs to the office staff to advertise with bids due by April 14th.*
10. New Business
11. Building Permit for Robert Riggs -*Brian motioned to accept and issue the building permit, Scotty seconded. All in favor.*
12. Foreclosure notices- *Carol Buzzell reported she sent out 10 foreclosure notices which will mature to an automatic foreclosure on April 14th. In which time the selectmen will take possession and can vote to put the properties up for bid. If the owner is 65 years of age or older and is living in the property and the property is the owner’s sole residence, the municipality may not take any action to sell the property to a 3rd party until the value of the municipal lien for nonpayment of taxes established by this chapter exceeds 50% of the municipal assessed value of the property. As of 3/10/22 one owner has paid all taxes in full and two owners have paid the foreclosure amount.*
13. Positive Pay-Androscoggin Bank annual review- *Carol Buzzell met with Androscoggin Bank vice president, Lena Hann for the town’s annual review. They discussed a service called Positive Pay that helps protect against check fraud and electronic payment fraud. Costs are $175 per year taken from the interest on our account. Carole motioned to go ahead with the Positive Pay service, Scotty seconded. All in favor.*
14. Local option vote for liquor sales- *Just a formality and the two questions will be put on the June election.*
15. Household Hazardous Waste Program- *AVCOG’s HHW program. Cost to town is $275 per year and $31 per unit. One unit = 5 gallons or 20 lbs. Russell spoke with Jim Dyment and he stated he didn’t see a need to join this program. Nicki can post in the Crier that townspeople are still allowed to dispose of hazardous waste at the 424 River Road in Lewiston location but have to pay the fees of $40 per unit themselves.*
16. Crowley – waive interest & fees of $60.93 *– This foreclosure was for a mobile home that was in a park and was moved in June 2020. At that time the tax bill was not available and all future mailings were returned undeliverable. Contact information was found and Ms. Crowley was contacted. She didn’t know about this tax bill, thought all taxes were paid up and offered to pay the base of $59.26. She asked if the interest and foreclosure fees could be waived. Kristi motioned to waive the interest and fees of $60.93, Carole Robbins seconded. Vote was 4-1.*
17. Abatements/Supplement *-none*
18. Other business of Office Staff *– Nicki commented that there is a light out at the peak of the town office building and Condor Electric will be called to fix it. James Martin stated there are a few out at the fire station also.*
19. Committee Reports- *\*Kristi has nothing to report; \*Carole has nothing to report; \*Brian stated the Highway department is having transmission issues with the F550. Paul has road postings up. Budget isn’t going well; they have lots of questions. Since we have no CEO at this time should it be flat funded? \*Scotty the Planning Board met and went over budget. \*Russ reported that it should be getting muddy soon at the transfer station. \*Other- James Martin reported that he and his wife Helen are the new Directors for the food bank. They have lots of volunteers and are doing great with monthly staff meetings. Carole thanked him for taking over the roll.*
20. Executive Session *-none*
21. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Warrants:

# 59 Payroll $ 5,652.26

# 60 A/P $ 17,312.27

#61 Payroll $ 4,794.17

#62 A/P $97,385.08

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

1. Adjournment- *Carole motioned to adjourn, Scotty seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Buzzell

Canton Town Clerk