BOARD OF SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2021

Regular Business Meeting

Immediately after Special Open Town Meeting

 @ Canton Town Office

Public also invited to join meeting via Zoom

*Special Open Town Meeting adjourned at 6:13pm.*

*Selectmen present: Carole Robbins, Kristi Carrier, Scotty Kilbreth & Brian Keene; Absent is Russell Adams*

*Staff present: Town Clerk Carol Buzzell, Deputy Clerk Nicki Girard, Highway Foremen Paul McKenna, CEO Scott Mills, & Health Officer Donna Hebert.*

*Others present: Robyn McClintock, Alice Belanger, Malcom Ray, Richard Landry, Richard & Diane Ray, Rene Ouellette & reporter Marianne Hutchinson.*

1. Call meeting to order – *Vice Chairman Carole Robbins called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.*
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment – 15 Minutes-*Diane Ray gave an overview of how the Town can benefit from an agreement with Green Lantern Solar. Richard Landry asked if the board had decided on paving the transfer station. Carole reported that it was not in the budget this year. Rene Ouellette asked if the Lake Association will be opening the dam early. The response was it is on the same schedule as usual which is Columbus Day. Richard Landry questioned about the trees that were cut from the cemetery land on Pine Grove. Carole stated the trees were all chipped. Rene asked why the town cleared the land. Carole said it was to increase the capacity of the cemetery. Diane Ray reported that the Comprehensive Plan Committee is wrapping up the new plan and should be done by this Fall.*
4. Acceptance of Minutes – August 26- *Kristi motioned to accept as read, Scotty second. All in favor.*
5. Old Business
6. Set Tax Rate – *Scotty motioned to set the tax rate as 17.5 mils. Kristi second. All in favor.*
7. Remote Meeting Policy (Brian) *– Brian presented Buckfield’s policy. Carol B is to create this policy on our letterhead and present to the board next meeting to review.*
8. Book One-*Carole received a quote from NEDC for $11,840. Brian motioned to have NEDC restore Book One for $11,840, Kristi second. Motion passed.*
9. Framing Retyped Original Warrant (Carole)- will get quote to have this framed the same as original. Approximate cost is $150. Monies to come from archive account.
10. Job Descriptions and Personnel Policy (Carole)- *The board of selectmen will meet Wednesday September 22 at 5:00pm to discuss the personnel policy and job descriptions.*
11. Scott Mills and Donna Hebert-Update on Unsafe Properties- *Both Scott & Donna visited each place. Donna reported that 3 Golden Ridge should not be lived in but need to take pictures. The mobile home on Hayford Court should be removed either by hauling it away or tearing it down. It is not livable. The issue with the dumpster, it was suggested to tell Archie’s not to put another dumpster in that place. Archies will not pick the dumpster up until the homeowner pays the bill. Scott has written letters to each property owner. Brian suggested to send the letters to attorney for his review.*
12. New Business
13. Local Roads Assistance Program- *Carol Buzzell has completed the application to received $18,740 to be used to offset prior road work. Selectmen signed*
14. Highway Equipment Sale – Paul McKenna- *Carol B will create the bid packet. All bids due by 5:30pm September 23rd and will be opened at the selectmen’s meeting that evening.*
15. Paving Estimate for Staples Hill -Canton/Hartford Line – *The Town of Hartford will pay $900 towards the paving to join pavement at the Canton/Hartford line. Canton’s costs of $1,065 is to come from the Road Projects monies. C.H. Stevenson has pushed this project and the paving of the Town Office until October. Brian motioned to have C. H. Stevenson fix the pavement at the Canton/Hartford line with Canton’s share of the project costs of $1,065. Kristi second. Motion passes.*
16. Name Plaques for Boston Post Cane (Carole)- The cane was lost between the 1980’s and 1990’s. Looking for all recipients so we can post on plaque at Town Office.
17. Abatements/Supplement
18. Other business of Office Staff – *Carol Buzzell reported that tax liens have been filed this week. The new website for Canton is up and running. Cantonme.com ; Absentee ballots are available now for the Special Town Meeting September 28th. Polls are to be open from 2:00pm to 8:00pm. We encourage all to come vote! Requested that all agenda items be in to Carol by Monday or Tuesday morning the latest so we can send the board of selectmen their packets on Tuesdays. This will give them sufficient time to review the items on the agenda. Carol showed the framed display of the flag that flew over the White House in celebration of Canton’s 200th birthday. This frame is to be displayed in the meeting room.*
19. Committee Reports- *Scotty reported that when Vernice Boyce did the year end, the numbers in TRIO didn’t get pulled over the way they should have. Canton was not the only town that this happened to. The Fire Department has had a few bad accident calls in the last couple of days. Planning Board is working on Recreational Marijuana Ordinance and updating the Emergency Preparedness Ordinance with Rob Walker.*

*Brian – Paul McKenna reported he’s been ditching Jewett Hill and smoothing the culverts. Still waiting on the Western Star to be fixed. Fuel filter was sent out to be cleaned.*

*Kristi- Soccer has started and going well.*

*Carole – Started cleaning cemetery stones. Cleaned 18 stones in Meadowview so far. Carole will contact Ray Hamilton from the Ancient Ones to possibly get a key to his gate.*

1. Executive Session *- none*
2. Selectmen Acceptance & Signing of Warrants:

# 14 A/P $ 5,324.12

# 15 Payroll $ 6,786.37

#16 A/P $ 23,779.53

#17 Payroll $ 4,385.85

*Scotty motioned to accept the warrants, Kristi second. Motion passed.*

1. Adjournment – Brian motioned to adjourn, Scotty second. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Buzzell