

TOWN OF CANAAN BOARD OF FINANCE
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2009 6:30 p.m.
Town Hall, 108 Main Street, Falls Village, CT 06031

PRESENT: Chairman/Regular Member, Chuck Lemmen; Regular Members Of the Board: George Elling, Tom Grayson, Kent Allyn and John Allyn. Also present, new Alternate Member, Suzanne Chinatti (sitting in for absent Regular Member, Louis Timolat.

Also present: Patricia Mechare, First Selectman and Linda Paviol, Town Treasurer. Also present, Patrick Sullivan, Lakeville Journal Representative.

ABSENT: Regular Member, Louis Timolat and new Alternate Member, Christopher Sorrell.

Regular Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Chairman, Chuck Lemmen.

AGENDA

Public Comment: N/A

Reports:

-Secretary's Report (October 5, 2009 Regular Meeting): MOTION by John Allyn, seconded by Tom Grayson and carried unanimously, it was moved to accept, as presented, the minutes of the October 5, 2009 Regular Meeting.

Treasurer's Report -(September and October, 2009): Paviol advised that everything was on track, only noting that the Camp Friedman funds remained outstanding and that she had received no response to past due notices sent. Mechare commented that funds would most likely not be forthcoming until a resolution of pending matters between the Town of Canaan and the Camp was reached. Paviol advised that the percentages column in her report were incorrect and should be ignored but the numbers reflected were accurate. Elling asked for future reports to include a percentage of the timeframe period. **MOTION by Kent Allyn, seconded by George Elling and carried unanimously, to receive the Treasurer's Reports (September and October, 2009) as presented.**

-Tax Collector's Report (October, 2009): Quick overview of report by Lemmen, followed by discussion. **MOTION by Grayson, seconded by Elling and carried unanimously, to receive the Tax Collector's Report (October, 2009) as presented.**

-Board of Education Report: Overview of figures by Lemmen, followed by discussion. A. Macchi to ask Cindy Webb to provide the Board of Finance with the same report that she sends to the Town Treasurer (smaller font for less pages to print). **MOTION by Kent Allyn, seconded by Chinatti and carried unanimously, to receive the Board of Education Report as presented.**

-First Selectman's Report, presented by First Selectman, Pat Mechare:

-STEAP funds –Pat advised that no preliminary information or paperwork has been received as of yet with regard to the FVVFD STEAP grant award of \$200,000.00, thus, it's unknown how the funding will occur;

-STEAP/FVVFD –Pat advised that she is now in receipt of the financial information from Linda Paviol, Town Treasurer so the paperwork can be completed to submit the request for the next (second installment) reimbursement, which Pat needs to finalize;

-STEAP/103 Main Street/FVCT – update: proposed final Lease Agreement and STEAP Grant Agreement between the Town and the FVCT have been finalized (copies provided to members of the BOF), thus, the

STEAP Agreement between the Town and the State should be signed shortly; however, Mechare advised that the Lease Agreement would require a Town Meeting (copy of the Call of the Town Meeting provided to members of the BOF), which is tentatively scheduled for November 24, 2009. Mechare advised that payment under the terms of the FVCT STEAP grant provides for incremental payments. Mechare further advised that the initial work would most likely commence with the installation of the septic system;

-107 Main Street/rental of lower space: Mechare advised that there was no interest on any potential tenants for the space but that several organizations expressed interest in using the space for community activities, etc. Mechare advised that she was in receipt of a letter from the DM Hunt Library asking for use of the space as well as an inquiry by Dom Ciati to use the space for his after-school program. (Paviol commented that there may be restrictions on the use of the space under the terms of the Grant. Mechare noted that she would review the Grant file to see if there were any restrictions on the use of the space while it remained un-rented, which she would discuss further with the Board of Selectmen.)

-Mechare advised of notice of a proposed Cell Tower in Canaan by AT&T on Barnes Road. Mechare commented that the Citing Council mandates Tower requirements but that she had given notice to the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Inlands/Wetlands Commission. Mechare advised that concerns had been presented and that the suggestion for an informal hearing be made;

-Mechare was asked for a status update (by Lemmen) on the Tower to be installed at the FVVFD property and Mechare advised that it appears to be going forward and it's her understanding that Verizon will proceed with any pending Court proceedings;

-Mechare spoke of prior interest in applying for stimulus funds for energy grants but that given the change in the process from that originally outlined, the Town of Canaan is reconsidering, as the changes make it less attractive than initially anticipated and it may be too costly to pursue but that the matter would be discussed in greater detail at the following Board of Selectmen meeting. (Mechare noted the extended deadline date for applications is November 19th).

Communications:

-Lemmen advised that he currently has the following 2 items on the agenda for the next meeting, being the December Regular meeting: (1) Town Auditor will preview report; and (2) annual election of Chairman and Clerk. Lemmen advised that he would be stepping down from his position as Chairman and asked that other members consider the position. Lemmen further advised that L. Timolat said he would be willing to co-chair the position, if that was a more appealing situation.

Old Business: MOTION by Kent Allyn, seconded by Tom Grayson, to table the issue of the legal status of the Canaan Water Company and Water Commission until such time as Timolat is ready to present the Board of Finance with documentation and move forward. (It was so noted by Lemmen that Timolat has discussed the matter with Town Attorney, Judy Dixon.) Unanimous.

New Business: N/A.

Adjournment: On motion by Elling, seconded by Kent Allyn the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.; Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Alice Macchi, Recording Secretary.

During Meeting: Mary Palmer, Town Clerk swore in Board of Finance Regular Member, John Allyn.

Next BOF Regular meeting: December 14, 2009