

TOWN OF CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2010
Town Hall, 108 Main Street, Falls Village, CT 06031

PRESENT: First Selectman, Patricia Allyn Mechare; Selectman, Peter G. Lawson and Selectman, Charles H. Lewis.

Also Present: Patrick Sullivan, Lakeville Journal representative.

AGENDA

- I. I. CALL TO ORDER: Regular Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by First Selectman, Patricia Allyn Mechare.
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT (limit of two minutes): N/A

Agenda additions (by consensus):

Under Communications/Written:

- American Heart Association;
- State of Connecticut, Office of Policy And Management regarding delinquent motor vehicle tax collection;
- Katherine Freygang regarding Energy Grant;
- Financial Guaranty Bond for Daycare.

III. Approval of Pending Minutes:

- 12/14/09 Regular meeting: **On a MOTION by Lewis, seconded by Lawson it was moved to accept, as presented, the minutes of the 12/14/09 Regular meeting. Unanimous.**
- 12/31/09 Special meeting: **On a MOTION by Lewis, seconded by Lawson it was moved to accepted, as presented, the minutes of the 12/31/09 Special meeting. Unanimous.**

IV. TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS:

-Pat reported that due to problems with Jean's computer, there was no Tax Collector's report. Pat reported that with regard to the Treasurer's report, Paviol had reported at the Board of Finance meeting that some revenues from the State were yet to be received. Treasurer's report (December, 2009): **MOTION by Lewis, seconded by Lawson it was moved to receive, as presented, the (December, 2009) monthly report of the Town Treasurer. Unanimous.**

V. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Written

1. State of Connecticut Board of Firearms Permit Examiners – Mechare read letter regarding Notice received in capacity as issuing authority and requirement of three references. Discussion regarding permitting requirements;
2. American Heart Association – annual appeal to have a proclamation to wear red (red day) for women to be held on February 5, 2010 (no sponsorship for walk). **MOTION by Lewis, seconded by Lawson to fill out the proclamation to support the American Heart Association's annual appeal to wear red (red day) to be held on February 5, 2010; unanimous;**

3. State of Connecticut, Office of Policy And Management regarding delinquent motor vehicle tax collection – notification to Jean Bronson, Tax Collector regarding estimated figure of \$200.57 for the Town of Canaan;

4. Katherine Freygang (Cornwall Energy Task Force Chairman) regarding Energy Grant – copy of Grant Application sent by Katherine Freygang;

5. Financial Guaranty Bond for Daycare – State requirement for unemployment to expire 12/31/2013. **MOTION by Lewis, seconded by Lawson to approve the Financial Guaranty Bond for the Falls Village Daycare. Unanimous;**

B. Oral – N/A

VI. REPORTS

A. Town Board and Commission Vacancies – Planning and Zoning Commission/One Alternate Member; Board of Finance/One Alternate Member (selected by the Board of Finance Between Elections); Recreation Commission/One Regular Member; Inland/Wetlands Conservation Commission/One Regular Member;

B. Public Safety Planning Council and REPT (Regional Evaluation Planning Team): PSPC meeting scheduled within the next month, REPT meeting – Pat advised that she would seek replacement by another COG member for attendance, due to her limited availability;

C. COG Report – meeting held last week and discussion included: (1) rural minor collector's funds cannot be used as previously hoped for roads, (2) Municipal Solid Waste Management/CRRRA and CRCOG recycling – proposals being reviewed to keep Torrington open. As previously reported, Fred Palmer has been included in conference calls and would also be willing to attend meetings, and (3) new officers were appointed;

D. STEAP 103 and FVVFD

STEAP/103: Mechare advised of a meeting held on Saturday and further that all questions have now been answered and all material and paperwork re-submitted to the State, which is presently being reviewed;

-STEAP/FVVFD –Pat advised that she followed up on the paperwork that was submitted to the Department of Safety 5-6 weeks ago (mid-November) for a status report and learned that the contact person was no longer there, which led her to contact another party and the packet has now been forwarded to the correct contact person for review and can move forward for processing. (Pat reiterated that the Contract provided no limits on expenditures and expects reimbursement to the Town to be forthcoming on behalf of the Fire Dept.);

-STEAP/FVVFD - Pat further reported that a draft contract would be forthcoming for the new \$200,000.00 STEAP grant award;

-107 Main Street – no interest in rental of space;

E. Northwestern Connecticut Regional Planning Collaborative – (a) work continues on IHZ (Incentive Housing Zone) with two areas under consideration and working with the owners, and (b) Village Vitality Centers and the \$12,000.00 grant has been received by the Community Foundation in Torrington for the Village Center Project;

F. Route 7 and Lime Rock Bridge Project – work continues on the bridge and still on target to be completed in August, 2010.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Joint Meeting with the Salisbury Board of Selectmen re: Iron Bridge – Pat reported that she spoke with Curtis Rand, Town of Salisbury First Selectman regarding a joint meeting to discuss the iron bridge. Pat reported that an engineering firm had been hired by the Town of Salisbury to do a study of the bridge and make recommendations. Lewis asked if the Town of Canaan had been asked to

contribute toward the cost of the report and Mechare advised that it had not at this point. Mechare reported that the study was expected to be completed soon and that following review by both Towns, a joint meeting would be scheduled (anticipated to be held at the end of January). Pat further advised that she had asked Lou Timolat to attend the joint meeting given his experience and expertise regarding the bridge and that she would be providing Timolat with a copy of the bridge report from the State and that Timolat had commented at the Board of Finance meeting that it may be advantageous to contact Dr. Kim for further advice. Lawson asked if the State had any obligation on reimbursement should the bridge need to be "re-habbed" and Mechare advised that the bridge did not meet State requirements, thus no reimbursement would be applicable;

B. Probate Court/Designated Name -- update as per discussion at 12/31/09 Special Meeting;

C. Historic Documents Preservation Grant -- Mary Palmer hasn't heard anything yet but paperwork has been submitted;

D. Update Municipal Solid Waste Management/CRRA and CRCOG -- covered under COG report (see above).

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request -- Fire Commission -- Request from the Fire Commission for any unexpended budget funds (remaining at the end of the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year) to be transferred into the Town Fire Truck Fund; **MOTION by Lewis, seconded by Lawson to approve the Fire Commission's request to transfer any unexpended budget funds into the Town Fire Truck Fund and to bring to Town Meeting with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen; unanimous;**

B. Consideration of Appointment to the Inland/Wetlands Conservation Commission -- appointment of Alison Orr-Andrawes to fill the vacancy of G. Nebor; **MOTION by Lewis, seconded by Lawson that the Board of Selectmen recommends that Alison Orr-Andrawes be appointed to a three-year term (ending 12/31/2012) to serve on the Inland/Wetlands Conservation Commission; unanimous.**

IX. ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD: Pat reported on a memo that Timolat had given to the Board of Finance regarding the Water Works and that Timolat would prepare further communication to Town Attorney, Judith Dixon. Lewis commented that the concerns of Timolat were so noted.

X. ADJOURNMENT: **On motion by Lewis, seconded by Lawson the meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:08 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted, Alice Macchi, Recording Secretary