

**TOWN OF CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Regular Meeting

Monday, December 14, 2009

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.

- I. I. CALL TO ORDER: Regular Meeting called to order at 7:32 p.m. by First Selectman, Patricia Allyn Mechare. **MOTION by Lawson, seconded by Lewis to recess meeting; unanimous. MOTION by Mechare, seconded by Lewis to return into session at 8:25 p.m.; unanimous.**

AGENDA

Agenda additions:

Under Old Business:

G. 107 Main Street rental

H. Model Ordinance

Under New Business:

N. Various appointments to Commission

O. Resignation from Recreation Commission

II. Public Comment (limit of two minutes): N/A

III. Approval of Pending Minutes:

-11/9/09 Regular meeting: **On a MOTION by Lawson, seconded by Lewis it was moved to accept, as presented, the minutes of the 11/9/09 Regular meeting. Unanimous.**

-11/25/09 Special meeting: **On a MOTION by Lawson, seconded by Lewis it was moved to accepted, as presented, the minutes of the 11/25/09 Special meeting. Unanimous.**

-12/2/09 Special meeting: **On a MOTION by Lewis, seconded by Lawson it was moved to accepted, as presented, the minutes of the 12/2/09 Special meeting. Unanimous.**

IV. TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS:

-Treasurer's report (November, 2009): **MOTION by Lewis, seconded by Lawson it was moved to receive, as presented, the (November, 2009) monthly report of the Town Treasurer. Unanimous.**

-Tax Collector's report: (November, 2009): **MOTION by Lawson, seconded by Lewis it was moved to receive, as presented, the (November, 2009) monthly report of the Tax Collector. Unanimous.**

V. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Written

1. State of Connecticut Department of Public Safety, dated 12/3/09 regarding the installation of new, fiber-based, high speed data network to each primary 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point in the state. Mechare advised that the enclosing, being a fiber optic cable installation permission request form, had not been enclosed, as indicated. Mechare further reported that such form had later been received on 12/14/09. Pat commented that she would like to call to discuss the matter further, specifically to inquire as to the cost, obligations, etc. **MOTION by Lewis, seconded by Lawson to**

**authorized Mechare, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, to sign the Fiber Optic Cable Installation Permission Request form, if so deemed appropriate by Mechare; unanimous.**

**B. Oral**

1. Pat reported on a successful Handy Hand Puppet workshop by Joe Brien using the space at 107 Main Street.

**VI. REPORTS**

A. Town Board and Commission Vacancies – Recreation Commission/One Regular Member; Planning and Zoning Commission/One Alternate Member; Board of Finance/One Alternate Member;

B. Public Safety Planning Council and REPT (Regional Evaluation Planning Team): Pat did not attend the last PSPC meeting – nothing to report, REPT meeting – Pat advised that given that the meetings are held in Southbury and held on Mondays, she would seek replacement by another COG member for attendance, due to her limited availability;

C. COG Report – New Selectmen from Kent and Sharon welcomed, summary of points of meeting;

**D. STEAP 103, FVVFD**

STEAP/103: Mechare referenced the Special Meeting held in November and noted that the 2 Agreements were approved by FVCT and were fully executed. Mechare further noted that she had been advised of some missing (misplaced) documentation from the application that would need to be re-submitted to the State;

-STEAP/FVVFD – Pat reported that all material had been submitted for reimbursement and she was awaiting decision from the Dept. of Public Safety regarding approval of expenditure of funds and costs;

E. Northwestern Connecticut Regional Planning Collaborative – Mechare reported that updates can be found on the website and that a committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday. Mechare advised of a \$12,000.00 grant received by the Community Foundation in Torrington for the Village Center Project and reported that the IHZ (Incentive Housing Zone) was waiting for a response on possible sites;

F. Route 7 and Lime Rock Bridge Project – work continues on the bridge and with the 2-month extension it is expected to be completed in August, 2010 and that no further closings are expected until the spring.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Probate Court/Designated Name – Memorandum regarding location of facilities (North Canaan to remain as a satellite office, open 4 days a week) and looking for name of facility (i.e. Northwest CT Probate Court, Northwest Hills Probate Court); by consensus, Lewis & Lawson were agreeable that Pat could vote in favor of any similar type name for the court on behalf of the Selectmen;

B. Great Mountain Forest/Rescheduling of Use of First Floor/107 Main Street – presentation/lecture of 12/5 had to be re-scheduled and will take place on 1/23/10 at 4:30 p.m. at 107 Main Street (rain date 1/30/10);

C. Report of US Corp of Army Engineers/Siegel-Sturtevant Property/Inland-Wetlands Conservation Commission Opinion – property on Arnott Drive and questions from Wetlands Conservation Commission (on-going process);

D. Update – Signage Senior Center and Recreation Area – signs are up at the Senior Center and Recreation Area;

E. Update/Town Farm Pool Area – still working on getting building over pump (Pat will check with Trevor on status);

F. Proposed Tower/Cobble Mountain off of Barnes Road – information meeting held last

Wednesday (good meeting/good questions);

G. 107 Main Street rental – continue to try and bottom space, in the interim, okay for property to be used for specifically approved functions; listing with John Harney, rental of space advertised in local papers by Town;

H. Model Ordinance – draft model ordinance, on-board with COG to become a member of CT solid waste authority, \$500.00 fee paid, F. Palmer was included in a conference call last week, Lewis recommended draft be sent to Dixon & Brooks, Town Counsel, for review and comment.

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request – Town of Cornwall Highway Department/Deposit of Ash Debris – location to dispose of Ash debris (FV Landfill), not a long-term commitment, requests need to be made annually, 10 tons of ash debris to be approved, at no charge, F. Palmer advised that it was legal and okay, Selectmen concurred to move forward on Palmer's final approved – **MOTION by Lewis, seconded by Lawson, to allow approximately 10 tons of Ash debris from the brush burn pile in Cornwall to be deposited at the Falls Village Landfill with Fred Palmer's final approval; unanimous (w/a notation that annual requests would be necessary);**

B. Request for Membership from the Northwest Connecticut Convention and Visitors Bureau – Mechare will make reply;

C. Proposal/Katherine Freygang/Cornwall Energy Task Force Chairman – email received regarding bonus pool grant from stimulus fund money, which Pat passed along to Jean Bronson for the Energy Task Force Committee to come back to the Board of Selectmen with recommendations;

D. Request/Tax Refund/Toyota Motor Credit Corp./List #2008/30122 – **MOTION by Lewis, seconded by Lawson to refund \$77.44 to Toyota Motor Credit Corp. (List #2008/30122), as requested; unanimous;**

E. Approval of Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting Dates for 2010 – proposed meeting dates set as the second Monday of the month (same as Board of Finance schedule), except October, which would meet on October 4, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. – discussion regarding meetings to be held on a different night than that of the Board of Finance – **MOTION by Lewis, seconded by Lawson, to approve, as presented, the Regular Meeting Dates of the Board of Selectmen 2010; unanimous;**

F. Resignation/Alternate Board of Finance Member/Christopher Sorrell – Pat advised of Sorrell's resignation (2 alternate positions to fill);

G. Requests/Board of Fire Commission RE: Sale of Engine 7 and Unexpended Funds at the End of the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year – Pat advised of the Motion at the Board of Finance meeting (*MOTION by Timolat, seconded by Kent Allyn to approve the request to place the proceeds from the sale of Engine #7 in the New Truck Reserve Account, in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and request from the Board of Fire Commission; unanimous*) and decision from the Board of Finance regarding unexpended end-of-year budget funds (*Timolat asked for endorsement from the Board of Finance and it was so noted that year-by-year action for appropriations would be necessary*);

H. Request for Fund Raiser for Day Care on Town Property/Erica Joncyk – to be held at the Daycare, which Mechare described as a type of dog show and would provide a status update on;

I. Notification by Century Aggregates, Inc./RE: Renewal of Special Permit to Operate a Quarry – Mechare advised of annual renewal and that all material received by the Board of Selectmen had been given to the Planning & Zoning Commission;

J. Update Municipal Solid Waste Management/CRRA and CRCOG – previous discussed earlier in the meeting (see above) and Pat reiterated F. Palmer's comments of being impressed with the management, as per his inclusion in the conference call held last week;

K. Supplemental Regional Bonus Pool Block Grant/Jean Cronauer/NW Conservation District – science technology building;

L. Communication RE: Estimate of State Formula Aid to Municipalities;

M. Discussion Re: Joint Meeting with Town of Canaan and Town of Salisbury Board of Selectmen on the Iron Bridge – Pat commented on an article in the Waterbury Republican and of a proposed meeting to be held in January with Towns' Selectmen to discuss ongoing concerns about the iron bridge that connects Amesville and Falls Village;

N. Various appointments to Commission – email to Lawson and Anastasia and members on commissions soon expiring. Mechare spoke with various affected members regarding willingness to continue son commissions and most expressed a willingness to continue to serve; however, G. Nebor on Inlands/Wetlands was unwilling to continue;

O. Resignation from Recreation Commission – formal resignation of Nancy Hodgkins from Rec Commission.

IX. ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD: N/A.

X.ADJOURNMENT: **On motion by Lawson, seconded by Lewis the meeting unanimously adjourned at 9:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted, Alice Macchi, Recording Secretary.

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Next BOS Regular Meeting: January 11, 2010