

TOWN OF CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 10, 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: Lakeville Journal Representative, Patrick Sullivan.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Regular Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by First Selectman, Patricia Allyn Mechare.

AGENDA

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

III. Approval of Pending Minutes:

-7/13/09 Regular meeting: **On a MOTION by Lewis, seconded by Lawson it was moved to accept as presented the minutes of the 7/13/09 Regular meeting. Unanimous;**

-8/5/09 Special meeting: Lewis commented that the minutes should reflect that the proper postings required by the State of Connecticut regarding job safety and health problems, workers compensation, unemployment, insurance, discrimination is illegal, sexual harassment illegal, etc. has been posted as requested/required. **On a MOTION by Lawson, seconded by Lewis it was moved to accept, as amended (to include the foregoing comment of Lewis), the minutes of the 8/5/09 Special meeting. Unanimous;**

IV. TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS:

-Treasurer's report (July, 2009) and Tax Collector's report: (July, 2009): No reports presented; Pat advised that the Treasurer and Tax Collector were still preparing their reports.

V. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Written

1. Light the Night Walk – CT Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, proclamation for Month of September: **MOTION by Lewis, second by Lawson that the Board of Selectmen approve a resolution recognizing September as Leukemia & Lymphoma month. Unanimous;**

2. Gift – Estate of Kenneth Leabman: Pat reported that Dr. Michael Klemens made some donations to the Town and that Town Clerk, Mary Palmer had sent a Thank You note on behalf of the Town (Thanks to Dr. Michael Klemens for the gifting of the items). Pat reported that Leabman's lease of the Town premises expires on 8/18/09;

3. CT Veterans Day Parade – Pat reported that she received notice of a CT Veterans Day parade to be held on November 8th in downtown Hartford, which was open to all veterans to march;

B. Oral

1. Communication from the State of Connecticut regarding an emergency radio. Pat contacted to follow-up on the matter and was advised that no radios would be distributed to Towns without a police department or patrolling constables, etc.

2. Pat reported that with regard to the Library's loan with the Town (signed promissory

note) that the Library had decided to pursue a Bank loan, which they hoped to get for zero percent interest and Pat was asking the BOS if there was any objection. **By consensus, the BOS indicated no objection for the library to pursue a Bank loan.**

VI. REPORTS:

A. Town Board and Commission Vacancies – Two Alternate Members of the Board of Finance (Board of Finance fills vacancies between municipal elections); One Alternate Member of the Planning and Zoning Commission;

B. Public Safety Planning Council and REPT (Regional Evaluation Planning Team): PSPC – nothing to report (hasn't met in a couple of months); REPT – meeting today (8/10/09) (in Southbury Pat did not attend (too far to go for Pat on 2nd Monday of the month given the various conflicting commitments);

C. COG Report – no meeting in August; nothing to report;

D. STEAP 107, 103, FVVFD:

-STEAP/107 Main Street – project officially closed out;
-STEAP/103 Main Street (FVCT) – still working with FVCT to finalize Agreement;
-STEAP/FVVFD – paperwork almost completed for request of next (second installment) reimbursement (\$100,000.00), just waiting on some financial information from Linda Paviol, Treasurer. Project over-budget due to site work, driveway specs, etc., including estimates for foundation;

E. Northwestern Connecticut Regional Planning Collaborative – Pat reported of a meeting scheduled for next week, moving toward helping Towns with Village centers and economic developing with the assistance of the Berkshire Taconic Foundation with regard to accessory apartments;

F. Route 7 and Lime Rock Bridge project – update; two more closures but no dates given as of yet.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Probate Court Reorganization – Pat advised that currently our probate district was assigned to Winsted and that COG had written a letter (dated 8/11/09) to the Governor regarding its dismay of the NW Corner probate court assignment to Winsted asking for reconsideration of the decision;

B. Update on Energy Task Force – Pat reported that Lara Mittaud was working hard to get 20% of the Town signed up for the program. Pat reported on a no-cost energy efficient audit;

C. Update on ARRA EECBG Grant Funding – Solar Panels. Pat advised that she had spoken with Rachel at Sunlight Solar Energy for a bank of solar panels at the pool site and that a site visit would be conducted on August 20th and the Energy Task Force had been advised of such.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority – Formal Query: Pat reported of a letter received (cert/rrr) asking if the Town of Canaan would be interested in hosting a CRRA site. Following discussion, **MOTION by Lewis, seconded by Lawson that a reply should indicate that the BOS is not interested in hosting a CRRA ash landfill site; Unanimous;**

B. Consideration of Appointments to the Water Commission:

MOTION by Lewis, seconded by Lawson to re-appoint Bill Blass, retroactive to June 1, 2009, to the Water Commission for a term of three years to May, 2012.

Unanimous;

MOTION by Lewis, seconded by Mechare to re-appoint Chuck Lemmen, retroactive to June 1, 2009, to the Water Commission for a term of three years to May, 2012. (Lawson abstained from the vote);

C. Report on Energy Savings at the Transfer Station: Pat reported that Fred Palmer undertook to replace some windows in the office at the transfer station, which resulted in an annual savings of \$236.58 for the fiscal year 2008-09 (kudos to Palmer).

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 8:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted, Alice Macchi, Recording Secretary.
