

Town of Canaan Board of Finance
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2007
6:30 P.M.
Town Hall, 108 Main Street, Falls Village, CT

Present: Tom Christian, George Elling, Fred Petersen and Alternates Kent Allyn and Stephen Koshland.
Absent: Chairman Charles Lemmen, Denise Cohn, and Alternate Scott Macchi.
Also Present: First Selectman Pat Mechare and later Selectmen Peter Lawson and Charles Lewis.

Due to illness, Chairman Lemmen asked T. Christian to chair this meeting in his absence. There was consensus to do so and Christian called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Alternate K. Allyn was seated for C. Lemmen and Alternate S. Koshland for D. Cohn.

Public Comment: None

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by K. Allyn to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2006 Regular Meeting minutes with the following correction/addition: **Bottom of Page 1 - to the motion regarding an appropriation for the Theatre group, add the word "surplus" following General Fund.** G. Elling seconded. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by G. Elling to approve the minutes of the Dec 14, 2006 Special Meeting as presented. F. Petersen seconded. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

The December 2006 report was distributed (attached). Town Treasurer Linda Paviol answered some queries about Revenues 2410-951- Other Town Revenue, 4110-950 - Bank Deposits/Investments, 2111-912 - P & Z. Paviol noted the placement of \$25,000, voted upon by the Town for the Emerson Building, on the front page under Designated Funds. Discussion regarding Culligan Water use at Town Hall was tabled until budget planning for FY 07/08.

K. Allyn made a motion to receive the Treasurer's Report. S. Koshland seconded. Passed unanimously.

Tax Collector's Report:

The December 2006 Tax Collector's report was distributed (attached). Following some discussion about the Delinquent Taxpayer Update, **a motion to receive the Tax Collector's report was made by S. Koshland. K. Allyn seconded. Passed unanimously.**

Board of Education Financial Report:

The fiscal YTD report through Dec 31, 2006 was distributed (attached), including the Milk Acct. 7/1 – 12/30/06 and the Student Activity Account through Dec 30, 2006.

A motion to receive the December report was made by S. Koshland. G. Elling seconded. Passed unanimously.

First Selectman's Report:

The First Selectman reported on the:

- Emerson Building/FV Theatre Group – Mechare has been working with Attorney Brooks on language to protect the Town regarding the easement for the septic system. That should be complete by Friday, so that the P&Z can act on it at their Special Meeting Wed., January 17, 2007.
- A Town Meeting is planned for Tuesday, January 23, 2006 to vote on 1.) The easement mentioned above, 2.) The Certified Teacher’s Contract, and 3.) A new Town Ordinance required by the Department of Emergency Management. Mechare gave background on the Town Ordinance, recently discovered, that requires a Town Meeting vote for the teacher’s contract.
- Due to unusually warm weather in December and January, all the concrete walls and footings have been poured for the pool building and checked by the project engineer, and the septic system went in today. There is a Pool Committee meeting this Wednesday.
- To begin the budget process, the BOS will be sending letters out by January 24, 2006 to all Boards and Commissions regarding budget requests for FY 07/08.

Mechare addressed questions about the current Recreation Commission annual budget as it relates to the pool project funding.

Old Business:

F. Petersen made the following motion: in order to implement the will of the Town Meeting December 27, 2006, that the 2006/2007 Spending Plan be amended to show a supplemental appropriation from 1023 – Non-municipal Public Benefit Activities, Line 476 Public Festivals and Events for a grant of \$25,000 toward the purchase of the Emerson Building for the Falls Village Children’s Theatre. K. Allyn seconded. Passed unanimously.

New Business:

Chairman Lemmen received a letter of resignation from Helen S. McGuire. The resignation was accepted with regret. Chairman Lemmen is requested to write a letter of appreciation and to warn a Special Meeting - Monday, February 5, 2007 at 6:25 P.M., immediately preceding the Regular meeting, for the purpose of electing a regular member to fill the vacancy created by McGuire’s resignation.

Other Business:

First Selectman Mechare explained that historically the deadline date for receiving the BOS Spending Plan is the 3rd Monday in March and the BOE deadline is for the 4th Monday in March.

Adjournment:

S. Koshland made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 P.M. F. Petersen seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo B. Lewis
Recording Secretary