

## **Town of Canaan Board of Finance**

### **Regular Meeting**

**Monday, July 9, 2007**

**6:30 P.M.**

**Town Hall, 108 Main Street, Falls Village, CT**

**Present:** Chairman Charles Lemmen, Kent Allyn, George Elling, E. Frederick Petersen and Alternate Stephen Koshland  
**Absent:** Tom Christian, Denise Cohn, and Alternates Patrick Hafner and Scott Macchi.  
**Also Present:** First Selectman Patricia Allyn Mechare.

Chairman Lemmen called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:37 P.M. F. Petersen requested the addition of an agenda item under New Business – Access to Town Financial Records . It was added by consensus.

**Public Comment:** None

#### **Secretary's Report:**

F. Petersen asked to have the record reflect that he objected to the four motions made at the June 11, 2007 meeting under New Business - Municipal Budget. He believes that, although a department may be overspent, if the "bottom line" is not overspent, the BOF should not move money within the budget to adjust the overspent departments.

**A motion was made by K. Allyn to approve the June 11, 2007 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. G. Elling seconded. Passed. One abstention.**

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

There was no Treasurer's Report presented for June 2007, while the Treasurer closes out the books during July. Next report expected at the end of July.

**Tax Collector's Report:** The June 2007 report was distributed (attached). Taxes were paid in full by the last remaining delinquent taxpayer at the closing of his property sale. The June collection rate on the 2005 Grand List is 99.56%. **A motion to receive the June 2007 Tax Collector's Report was made by F. Petersen. K. Allyn seconded. Passed unanimously.**

#### **Board of Education Financial Report:**

No report was received for June 2007.

#### **First Selectman's Report:**

- Johnson Rd./Feeder Road Grant Project – Work is almost complete. No bill has been received to date.
- A bid ad will go out later this week for the 107 Main Street STEAP Grant Façade Renovation Project.
- The detailed bid package for the new custom fire engine has already gone out. A town meeting will need to vote on releasing money from the Fire Truck Fund. The Town will own the truck.
- The second part of the Town dump truck - plow frame and sander body - is going out to bid.
- Pool – Conklin Excavating needs to finish work on the pool house floor, and then Vernali can pour the concrete slab. Before winter Mechare expects the pool house, plumbing, electrical, septic hook-up, window and door work to be complete. A volunteer crew is ready once the pool house is erected. Final work on the pool itself may be scheduled for early spring and grading the areas in and outside of the fence.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Access to Town Financial Records - In light of a recent request that required specific information from Town financial records either filed or on computer, and unavailable while the Treasurer was out of Town on vacation, discussion ensued about improving access to the Town's records in such situations.

**Adjournment:**

**K. Allyn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by G. Elling and passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo B. Lewis  
Recording Secretary