

**Town of Canaan  
Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, June 11, 2007 at 7:30 P.M.  
Town Hall, 108 Main Street, Falls Village, CT 06031**

Present: First Selectman Patricia Allyn Mechare, Selectmen Peter G. Lawson and Charles H. Lewis  
Also Present: David Kelsey, DPW and Terry Cowgill, *The Lakeville Journal*.

First Selectman Patricia Allyn Mechare called the Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

**Public Comments:** None

**Approval of Pending Minutes:**

**C. Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, May 14, 2007 Regular Meeting as presented. P. Lawson seconded. Passed unanimously.**

**Treasurer's and Tax Collector's Reports:**

**P. Lawson moved to receive the May 2007 Treasurer's and Tax Collector's Reports. C. Lewis seconded. Passed unanimously.**

**Communications:**

Written

- A letter from Recreation Commission Chairman Darin Dodge putting forth the name of democrat Beth Grayson to fill a regular position opening on the Commission.
- A letter from the DOT Commissioner to the towns regarding proposed legislation concerning VOC emissions from asphalt products.

Oral

- The legislative committee of NWCOG will meet with Senator Roraback, and representatives Willis and Craig Miner on June 20<sup>th</sup> on the status of the State Ethics Bill under consideration.
- Cornwall First Selectman Gordon Ridgway is arranging a meeting between DeLuca Family Trust representatives, Cornwall, Town of Canaan and State representatives to discuss possible State purchase of the DeLuca land.

By consensus, agenda Item G was added to New Business - Bid for Town Truck and was considered next to accommodate Dave Kelsey, DPW.

**New Business**

**G. Bid for Town Truck** – One bid for the new truck cab and chassis with International drive train was received just before the bid deadline today from Morolla Motors, Torrington, CT - \$73,500 with a trade-in and \$79,500 without. They offer a 45% discount on service contracts. The body and plow will be a separate bid. The new truck will replace the #2 GMC Town truck that has frame problems. **C. Lewis made a motion to accept the bid from Morolla Motors for cab and chassis - \$73,500 with a trade-in or \$79,500 without a trade-in. P. Lawson seconded. Passed unanimously.**

## Reports:

- A. Town Board/Commission Vacancies** – One Regular Member position is open on the Recreation Commission. Beth Grayson's name has been submitted (see Written Communications). Because this resident is not known to the Board and in order to make an informed decision, the consensus was to ask Darin Dodge, Rec. Comm. Chairman, to submit further information about Ms. Grayson to the BOS.
- B. Swimming Pool** – Tim Downs continues coordinating work with Perotti Plumbing, Drakely Pools, Chris Crane - excavating, and Vernali – cement work. There is no news on the lumber for the pool house. Should the pool house not be completed this season, Drakely recommends that work on the pool interior be held off till next spring, as a cost effective move.
- C. Public Safety Emergency Planning Council** – Our plan had to be revised. There is a lot of training being required and Mechare finds that we do not always have enough personnel to get to all the sessions.
- D. COG Meeting** – Jim Rokos of TAHD spoke at the last meeting.
- E. Johnson Road/Rt. 7 Feeder Grant Project** – Mechare indicated that the work would begin tomorrow with Roger Kane of Cornwall supervising. The project is expected to last from 4 to 6 weeks.

## Old Business:

- A. STEAP Grant /FVVFD and 107 Main St.** – There has been lots of paperwork and the Atty. General has given a tentative 2-year extension for the Fire Dept. Project STEAP Grant. Kent Allyn and Faye Lawson have been working on the bid specification package for 107 Main Street façade renovations following meetings with Allyn and Fred Laser.
- B. Update on State Requirements for Transfer Station** – A 10' X 10' cement pad with chain link fence and locked gate will be built this summer for the propane tank collection area to comply with State requirements.
- C. Update Regional Planning Collaborative** – Ruth Skovron and Mechare will meet Thursday with the Nature Conservancy representative to plan setting-up a website for the Regional Planning pilot project.
- D. Main Street Action Committee** – Mechare will be contacting Ann Bidou to see if she is still interested in getting the Committee active.

## New Business:

- A. Tax Refund Request** - A request from the Tax Collector to refund to Sharon Love \$9019.63 in Property Tax, List# 2005/100406, for overpayment due to loan refinancing.
- B. Regional Shelter Equipment** – This is for cots and additional shelter equipment available to us regionally in Goshen, New Hartford, and Washington, CT. **P. Lawson made a motion authorizing the First Selectman to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for the Town of Canaan regarding participation in the LCEO/NWCCOG/LCEG Regional Shelter Project.**
- C. Lewis seconded. Passed unanimously.**
- C. Litchfield County Dispatch Center Contract** – Mechare received a letter from LCD indicating that the per capita cost for town residents would be \$9.98 for the new contract. **P. Lawson made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign a contract with LCD for \$9.98 per capita for the Town of Canaan. C. Lewis seconded. Passed unanimously.**
- D. 107 Main Street Rental** – Portfolio Properties provided a price quote for a listings contract of the 107 Main Street first floor rental space. The Selectmen deferred action until Mechare receives quotes about listing rates from John Harney Realty and Robinson Leech Realty seeking better terms.

**E. Recreation Committee Regular Member - See Reports - Item A**

**F. MOU between State and Town Re: STEAP Grant Project FFVFD – P. Lawson made a motion to reaffirm the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the original resolution between the Town of Canaan and the State of CT Department of Public Safety regarding the \$250,000 STEAP Grant for the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department property. C. Lewis seconded. Passed unanimously.**

**Adjournment:**

**C. Lewis made a motion to adjourn. P. Lawson seconded. Passed unanimously.**

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo B. Lewis, Recording Secretary