

**Town of Canaan
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 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: G. Tracy Atwood and Terry Cowgill, *The Lakeville Journal*.

First Selectman Patricia Allyn Mechare called the Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting to order at 7:33 P.M.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Pending Minutes:

P. Lawson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, October 9, 2007 Regular Meeting as presented. P. Mechare seconded. Passed unanimously.

P. Lawson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2007 Special Meeting as presented. C. Lewis seconded. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's and Tax Collector's Reports:

The October 2007 Treasurer's Report and Tax Collector's Report were distributed. **C. Lewis made a motion to receive The Treasurer's and Tax Collector's Reports through October 31, 2007. P. Lawson seconded. Passed unanimously.**

Communications:

Written

- A flyer for the Cornwall Energy Fair, Saturday, Nov. 17th from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.
- A letter regarding the CRRA suit indicating that the Town could receive several thousand dollars from the settlement; the judge has ordered CRRA to pay.

Oral - None

Reports:

A. Town Board/Commission Vacancies – Waiting for a recommendation from the RTC regarding the ZBA Alternate, in the case where a wrong name was printed on the ballot. The name should have been Dennis Jasmine, and not Jeffrey Jasmine.

B. Swimming Pool – Wood for the pool building is being cut at Falls Village Saw Mill. Mechare attended a Recreation Commission meeting to present a timeline of activities related to the pool project over the past several years, bringing old and new members up to date.

C. Public Safety Emergency Planning Council – The October meeting was cancelled. Next meeting is November 28th. Twenty towns are in the Public Safety Task Force.

D. COG Meeting – No meeting this month.

E. Johnson Road/Rt. 7 Feeder Grant Project – Paver Cocchiola's offer for a financial resolution, regarding the compaction level deficiency noted by the DOT was not acceptable to the State. They are prepared to levy an approximately \$8,500 fine and the Town is withholding \$7,500 in payment to Cocchiola Paving until the matter is resolved satisfactorily. Negotiations continue.

F. STEAP Grant /FVVFD and 107 Main St. FVVFD – The Department of Public Safety had further questions and required some new information for the Emergency Services Center, as part of the extension being sought by the Town. Mechare has forwarded this information to them. 107 Main Street – The painting job was re-bid and accepted. Mechare received the one-bid waiver on each job to be done (painting, windows, clapboard, roof, etc.). K. Allyn has made a project and payment schedule that has gone to Town Counsel Brooks for review.

G. NWCT Regional Planning Collaborative – P&Z Member Ruth Skovron and Pat have been working together notifying other towns that plan will take part in this. The new website is: www.nwctplanning.org. Upon questions from P. Lawson, Mechare reiterated that there are no plans for the collaborative to come to the member towns for money, if the funding grant is unsuccessful.

Old Business:

A. Rental 107 Main Street – An emergency pipe-leak was discovered and repaired in a timely way by Perotti Plumbing on the tenant’s opening day. Electrician Ron Carpenter has capped the holes left by the previous tenant’s sound system, and will bill him for the work required.

B. Cobble Road – The BOS met with the Inland Wetland/Conservation Commission at their request. Mechare responded to the Schrenk’s recent letter and IW/CC Chairman W. Sinclair also wrote to them. The Town will probably need to have an engineer look at the road and decide how the *GeoWeb* should be laid out in summer 2008. The cost is yet to be determined.

C. Update Transfer Station – The cement pad for the required propane tank storage area is finished and Fred Palmer is working on the security fence.

D. Purchase of State-owned Land – 20 feet along RT 7 – The Town is working with the Fire Department to make this land available to them for the proposed Emergency Services Center access. The Town’s cost for the land strip will be \$1,000. The BOF, at tonight’s meeting, voted to send the matter to Town Meeting, as required; the P&Z must review Town land purchases. The DPS would like to take care of this as soon as possible.

E. Auditor’s Report - Mike Zemaitis and Town Treasurer Linda Paviol need to confer further about the Pension Plan and then the audit findings and recommendations will be presented to the BOF at their December meeting.

New Business:

A.) Pistol Permit, Jeffrey Johnson – Mechare notes that everything required has been submitted to the State along with letters of recommendation. **P. Lawson made a motion to issue a pistol permit to Jeffrey Johnson. C. Lewis seconded. Passed unanimously.**

B.) Tax Refund – Upon the request of the Tax Collector, **C. Lewis made a motion to refund \$8.61 to Chris Tripler Tax List #2005/301205 for overpayment of MV Tax. P. Lawson seconded. Passed unanimously.**

C.) Resignation of Ashley DeMazza from D.M. Hunt Library Board of Directors – **C. Lewis made a motion to accept with regret the resignation of Ashley DeMazza, a Selectmen’s appointee to 2010 from the D.M. Hunt Board. P. Lawson seconded. Passed unanimously.**

D.) Appointment of Board of Selectmen’s Representative to D. M. Hunt Library Board of Directors – A written recommendation was not received by meeting time, but D.M. Hunt Board Member M. Lewis reported to the Selectmen that resident Karen Lindquist was voted as the new member to replace A. DeMazza at the Board’s November meeting. **P. Lawson made a motion to appoint Karen Lindquist as a Selectmen’s representative to the D. M. Hunt Board of Directors, filling out the term created by the resignation of Ashley DeMazza, through 2010. P. Lawson seconded. Passed unanimously**

E.) Transfer Station Hours for Holiday Weeks – The Station will be open Wednesday, December 26th, with two on duty, and Wednesday, January 2nd, with one on duty, to make-up for the

Tuesday holidays, December 25th and January 1st, for which the staff will receive holiday pay. The change in days/hours will be posted at the Transfer Station and Town Hall.

F.) Bulk Rate Mailing Permit-Use Request, Ladies Auxiliary – P. Lawson made a motion to approve use of the Town bulk rate mailing permit by the Ladies Auxiliary for their New Year’s Eve Gala mailing. C. Lewis seconded. Passed unanimously. Without objection, the Selectmen agreed to allow nonprofit use of the permit with the First Selectman’s permission, to be reported at the Selectmen’s meeting following such action.

G.) CIRMA Policy Update – Mechare reported that because the Town has had no claims or injuries and has regular quarterly “Safety Update Meetings” with Jeff Grunt of CIRMA, the Town has been provided with several upgrades and expanded coverage amounts for our employees at no additional cost.

Other Business:

- Mechare reported that to comply with the new federal GASPE guidelines, the BOF must find another accountant, separate from the Town auditor and experienced in municipal accounting, to handle oversight of certain accounting for the Town. The BOF is making inquiries for proposals from various qualified accountants.
- C. Lewis inquired whether the two communication tower applications had been forwarded to the appropriate Town commissions for review and to allow time for public comment. Mechare noted that the CT Siting Council has not yet forwarded anything to us in writing regarding the proposed towers.

Adjournment:

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo B. Lewis, Recording Secretary