

Town of Canaan
Board of Selectmen's Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, August 11, 2008 @ 7:30 PM
108 Main Street, Falls Village, Connecticut 06031

The Board of Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by First Selectman Patricia Mechare. Also in attendance were Selectman Peter Lawson, Selectman Charles Lewis and Attorney Judith Dixon.

There was no public comment. On a motion by Lewis, seconded by Lawson it was moved to accept as presented the minutes of the July 14, 2008 meeting. Unanimous. On a motion by Lewis, seconded by Lawson it was moved to receive the monthly report of the Town Treasurer and Town Tax Collector. Unanimous.

With no objection Item F under New Business –“2008-2009 STEAP Grant Application Request/s” was brought forward for discussion. Denise Cohn and Dale McDonald representing the Falls Village Children's Theater Company and the Falls Village Community and Cultural Arts Center requested that their group be allowed to apply for the \$200,000 remaining of the \$500,000 available for STEAP applications for 2008-2009. Discussion followed regarding the \$200,000 of STEAP funds that the Town had received for Company's use in 2007-2008 and how much progress had been made to date with the use of that money. In addition, a letter was read from Margo Lewis, the President of the D.M. Hunt Library Board of Directors requesting that the Library be considered as applicants for the \$200,000 of the available STEAP money for 2008-2009. It was explained that there were several projects in the offing and that a meeting of the Library's Board of Directors was to be held the next day to determine which project would go forward. Discussion followed regarding the grant application process and when application would be sought for the 2008-2009 STEAP grants. Ms Cohn believed that applications were due at the end of August, but the information Mechare had received from the Office of Policy and Management indicated that applications had yet to be sought. Mechare will check with Lisa DuBois of OPM regarding the application's due date. The Board decided to review both requests and schedule a meeting later and asked both groups to put in writing a brief description of their project.

Reports:

- a. Town Board and Commission vacancies were reviewed.

- b. Mechare reported that the swimming pool had opened to rave reviews and that Tim Downs and Heather Blass were caring for the day-to-day work of keeping the pool and pool house clean and balancing the chemicals.
- c. There were no meetings of the Public Safety Council to review and Mechare had been unable to attend the August REPT meeting.
- d. There was no COG Report as there is no COG meeting in August.
- e. The Route 7/Johnson Road Feeder Grant Project is nearly completed. All forms have been submitted and the Town has been approved for their last reimbursement.
- f. The 107 STEAP grant project is complete and the Town is awaiting word from the Department of Social Services on the close-out procedures. The 103 (FVCT) STEAP grant project is awaiting a contract from the Department of Social Services. Numerous forms have been completed with a few left to finish before submission can be made. The Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department STEAP grant project is moving along with the grading of the site and installation of the septic system to be done in the near future.
- g. The Northwestern Regional Planning Collaborative is planning a meet and greet with Planning and Zoning, Inland Wetlands/Conservation members and First Selectmen in the towns of the pilot project on September 30th with the newly hired planners Chris Woods and Jocelyn Ayer

Old Business

- a. Mechare reported that no one had applied for the recording secretary positions for either the Board of Finance or Board of Selectmen. Mechare will advertise again.
- b. On a motion by Lawson, seconded by Lewis it was moved to authorize Mechare to sign a resolution for a memorandum of agreement between The State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and the Town of Canaan. Unanimous.
- c. There was no new information on the DEP's Asphalt Paving Regulations.
- d. The Town is awaiting inspection of the propane tank area at the Transfer Station by the State of Connecticut DEP.
- e. The Route 7 and Lime Rock Bridge Project is progressing. The redesigned entrance of Lime Station Road is completed except for the relocation of a pole and then it should be passable.
- f. The Water Street Bridge over the Housatonic Project is showing progress. If all goes well the repairs should be completed in 3-5 weeks. The cost of the repair, not including the repair where Salisbury's road meets the bridge, which Salisbury will pay, will be about \$30,000. Splitting the cost with Salisbury paying 60% and Canaan paying 40% is being discussed.
- g. The Town's Energy Committee is meeting regularly and is preparing material regarding energy savings, is arranging for energy audits of the School and Town Hall and are looking for more ways to recycle.

- h. Mechare reported that the YMCA was extending their contract with the Town through Labor Day at no extra cost to the Town.

New Business

- a. On a motion by Lawson, seconded by Lewis it moved to reimburse Richard and Katie Hamilton the amount of \$3,773.26 for duplicate payment of taxes. Unanimous.
- b. On a motion by Lewis, seconded by Lawson it was moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign a change order with Drakeley Pools to purchase a winter mesh pool cover for the Town Farm Pool at a cost \$11,850. Unanimous.
- c. The following appointments were made: On a motion by Lawson, seconded by Lewis it was moved to appoint Richard Kubarek to the Water Commission to complete the term of E. Frederick Petersen. Unanimous. On a motion by Lewis, seconded by Lawson it was moved to appoint Stephen Dean to the Fire Commission to complete the term of Thomas Gaisford. Unanimous. On a motion by Lawson, seconded by Lewis it was moved to appoint Mark Burdick to a term on the Inlands/ Wetlands Conservation Commission. Unanimous. On a motion by Lawson, seconded by Lewis it was moved to appoint Ellery Sinclair as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals to complete Charles Lemmen's term. Unanimous. On a motion by Lewis, seconded by Lawson it was moved to appoint Elizabeth Clark to the D.M. Hunt Library Board of Directors to complete John Mahoney's term. Unanimous.
- d. On a motion by Lewis, seconded by Lawson it was moved revoke the Town of Canaan Policy Regarding Contaminated Soil in the Landfill. Unanimous.
- e. On a motion by Lawson, seconded by Lewis it was moved to accept with deep regret the resignation of Elizabeth D. Christinat as the Director of Social Services and the Municipal Agent. Unanimous. Mechare was instructed to begin a search for an interim appointment to the position.
- f. On a motion by Lewis, seconded by Lawson it was moved to approve, on the recommendation of the Water Commission, the cost of an engineered design of the slab for the new water tanks per Chapter 103/ Section 7-240 of the general statutes at a cost of approximately \$200. Unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board on a motion by Lawson, seconded by Lewis the meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Allyn Mechare, First Selectman