

Town of Canaan
Board of Selectmen's Monthly Meeting
Monday, September 8, 2008
108 Main Street, Falls Village, Connecticut 06031

The Regular Board of Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by First Selectman Patricia Mechare. Other members present were Selectman Peter Lawson and Selectman Charles Lewis.

There was no public comment. On a motion by Lewis, seconded by Lawson the minutes of the August 11, 2008 Regular Board of Selectmen's meeting was unanimously accepted as presented. On a motion by Lawson, seconded by Lewis the minutes of the September 4, 2008 Special Board of Selectmen's meeting was unanimously accepted as presented. The Treasurer and Tax Collector's reports were reviewed. On a motion by Lawson, seconded by Lewis the reports were received unanimously.

There were no written communications. Under Oral Communications Mechare informed the Board that a new State of Connecticut law regarding the posting of all Board, Commission and Committee agendas and minutes on a Town's website would be required as of October 1, 2008. There was also an announcement that the Department of Revenue Service no longer had applications for bazaars, raffles, bingo, etc. on line. These applications are now available at Town Hall.

The following information was presented under "Reports":

- a. There is still an alternate vacancy on the Board of Finance.
- b. The swimming pool closed at the end of business on Labor Day. Drakeley Pools will be working with the Highway Department to instruct them how to properly close and cover the pool. Highway Department Manager, Tim Downs will compile a report for the Recreation Commission about the maintenance of the facility.
- c. The Public Safety Task Force is moving forward with the 2008 equipment orders for Region 5 and the Regional Planning team is beginning to prepare applications to DEMHS for the 2009 fiscal year.
- d. The Town is still awaiting closing information for the 107 Main Street STEAP project from the Department of Social Services. The Fire Department STEAP project is progressing with completion of the site work and preparing for the installation of the septic system. The proper permit for the cut into the State highway is in process. There is a meeting scheduled for September 17th at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall for review of the contract between the State and the Town for the 103 Main (FVCT) STEAP project by Attorney Dixon. She will explain what agreements will have to be made between the Town and

Falls Village Children's Theater to meet the conditions of the contract.

- e. The Northwestern Regional Planning Collaborative will hold an event on September 30th to introduce Planners Chris Wood and Jocelyn Ayers to the government officials of the eight towns participating in the grant project.
- f. The Energy Committee is meeting regularly and devising various plans to conserve energy and convince townspeople to participate in several energy savings projects.

Under the first item of Old Business Mechare reported that no one has shown any interest in the positions of recording secretary for either the Board of Finance or Board of Selectmen. She will advertise again. It was reported that the repair of the rear door at the Falls Village Day Care was complete and under budget by \$600. Mechare received a copy of a letter from the Department of Transportation's Bridge and Safety Division which granted permission for most of Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department's equipment to cross the bridge over the Housatonic River on Route 7 in an emergency as the weight limits, while slightly over the 15 ton limit, were within range. Mechare reported that a communication had been received from the Department of Environmental Protection approving the propane tank area at the Transfer Station making the Town in compliance with the language of its license. It was reported that the fuel and diesel consortium had locked in a price of \$3.529 for fuel oil and \$3.74 for diesel fuel. There was a brief discussion regarding two requests for application of the remaining \$200,000 of a \$500,000 STEAP grant for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Two requests to apply for the money were made at the July meeting by the D.M. Hunt Library Board of Directors and the Board of Director of the Falls Village Children's Theater Company. No decision was made regarding what organization/s could apply and in what amount. No date for submission of applications was noted on the Office of Policy and Management website. Mechare will further investigate the deadlines. A letter from E. Frederick Petersen was shared regarding a ditch at the back of his property and the decision of the Town Attorney on what might be done in regard to its maintenance. Mechare indicated that she had spoken to Attorney Dixon who hoped to have an answer in writing within the week.

Two items of New Business were addressed. Mechare informed the Board that First Light Power Enterprises had sold their facility in Town to SUEZ Energy North America, that the agreement would be completed by the end of the year and there would be no changes at the plant. In the second item of New Business on a motion by Lewis, seconded by Lawson it was moved to establish an alternate position on the 103 Main (FVCT) STEAP Committee for the Falls Village Children's Theater/Falls Village Community and Cultural Center with a list of those who might serve as an alternate to be forthcoming. Unanimous.

There being no further business to properly come before the Board on a motion by Lewis, seconded by Lawson, the meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Allyn Mechare
First Selectman