

**Town of Canaan
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2008 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: Attorney Robert Fisher, Vincent Inconiglios, and Terry Cowgill, *The Lakeville Journal*.

First Selectman Patricia Allyn Mechare called the Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting to order at 7:57 P.M. The late start was due to the need for the Selectmen to be present through the Board of Finance Regular Meeting, which adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Pending Minutes:

1. **C. Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, February 11, 2008 Regular Meeting as presented. P. Lawson seconded. Passed unanimously.**
2. **C. Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, February 13, 2008 Special Meeting as presented. P. Lawson seconded. Passed unanimously.**
3. **C. Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Thursday, February 21, 2008 Special Meeting as presented. P. Lawson seconded. Passed unanimously.**
4. **C. Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, March 5, 2008 Special Meeting as presented. P. Lawson seconded. Passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer provided a February 2008 Report before leaving for vacation. There was consensus to wait until the next Special Meeting to review the reports when the Treasurer is back.

Tax Collector's Report: No action

Communications:

Written

- Letter and map (attached) received from Attorney Robert L. Fisher, Jr. representing Vincent Inconiglios, 152 Music Mountain Road. Inconiglios plans to build an enlarged (971 sq. ft.) kitchen contiguous in a northerly line with his existing 1920's stone structure home. The current structure and proposed addition lie within the presumed Town right-of-way for Music Mountain Road. While there is a set-back variance issue for the Zoning Board of Appeals to consider, the client first requests that the Town consider conveying the presumed right-of-way to him for this addition.

Mechare notes that Town Counsel Brooks has reviewed the plan and recommends that a permanent easement is possible, where the Town retains ownership of the land in question. This requires a Town Meeting vote. Selectman Lewis asked whether a Class A survey had been completed and Atty. Fisher indicated that it had.

C. Lewis made a motion to recommend to Town Meeting the granting of a permanent easement to Vincent Inconiglios, 152 Music Mountain Road, for the purpose of constructing a new kitchen addition, contingent upon approval by the Town of Canaan Zoning Board of

Appeals for a set-back variance. The easement is to be noted on a Mylar provided to the Town from the survey performed. P. Lawson seconded. Passed unanimously.

C. Lewis made a motion that Vincent Inconiglios must bear the cost that the Town would have incurred for the process of obtaining the permanent easement. P. Lawson seconded. Passed unanimously.

- **A motion to Proclaim Girl Scout Week March 2 - 8, 2008 by C. Lewis. P. Lawson seconded. Passed unanimously.** Mechare will post the proclamation.

Reports:

A. Town Board/Commission Vacancies – No report.

B. Swimming Pool – The pool house roof work will begin soon with a volunteer crew. Also a volunteer group is slated to erect a shed/storage room/lifeguard office. The costs to finish the interior of the pool have risen, but the fence is expected to cost less than original estimates. T. Downs is coordinating getting the plumbing, electric, and septic hook-ups for the pool house going.

C. Public Safety Emergency Planning Council – No report.

D. NWCCOG Meeting – Met last week. CL&P rates and DMHS remaining funds were discussed for emergency radios to the towns.

E. Johnson Road/Rt. 7 Feeder Grant Project – The State has agreed to the Cocchiola paving warranty and forwarded a *First Supplemental Agreement* to the town. Mechare will meet with Roger Kane tomorrow to review it, as part of closing-out the project.

F. STEAP Grant /FVVFD and 107 Main St. FVVFD – 107 Main Street – The front shingles are being replaced and insulation is complete. Kent Allyn is working-up specifications on bidding for the chimney work. Mechare expects there will be funds remaining for patching/ resurfacing the front, facings of stairs, and new railings.

The Atty. General's office has assured Mechare that the STEAP Grant extension for the Emergency Services Center project will go through. A new contract will need to be signed.

The new STEAP Grant applications have gone out (Children's Theater and Community Center/Fire Department Emergency Center) with letters of support from Senator Roraback and Representative Wilber.

G. NWCT Regional Planning Collaborative – The project has received the \$125,000 grant. The website is www.nwctplanning.org. Mechare, Ruth Skovron, Tom McGowan, and Greg Overton are working on the Regional Planner's job description.

Old Business:

A. DEP Asphalt Paving Regulations – No report.

B. Update Transfer Station – No report.

C. Town Cemeteries Policy – **P. Lawson made a motion to approve the Town Cemeteries Policy presented at the January Regular Meeting and amended with the names of the individual cemeteries (attached). C. Lewis seconded. Passed unanimously.**

D. Spending Proposal for 2008-2009 – A Special Meeting was set for **Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 10 A.M.**

E. Crosswalk Request Isabella Freedman Retreat Center – Upon a letter of request from the Retreat Center (attached) for a seasonal crosswalk at Johnson Rd. and Beebe Hill Rd., Mechare contacted the State for guidance, which leaves the decision to the Town, but provides a State Highway design manual for reference about best procedures for safety. There would need to be signs in either direction, 300 feet in advance, warning of the painted crosswalk(s). Consensus was that if the Retreat Center would pay for the signs and paint the Town would decide on best placement, make the arrangements, and put up the signs. Mechare will speak with Shamu Sadeh, Program Director, at the Center.

New Business:

A. Reports from COST and CCM – No discussion or action.

B. Considerations for Page Rd. – All are in agreement that Page road needs re-paving. There was discussion of possible signage to reduce heavy truck traffic which is tearing the road up and creating a safety issue for regular Day Care walks/outings on the roadside. Mechare will contact North Canaan First Selectman Doug Humes about possible traffic restriction language for new signs.

Adjournment:

There being no other business, **C. Lewis made a motion to adjourn. P. Lawson seconded. Passed unanimously.**

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo B. Lewis, Recording Secretary