

Town of Canaan
Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Wednesday, March 19, 2008 @10:00 AM
Falls Village, Connecticut 06031

The Special Board of Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by First Selectman Patricia Mechare. Also present were Selectman Peter Lawson, Selectman Charles Lewis, Town Crew Foreman Timothy Downs and Town Treasurer Linda Paviol. On a motion by Lewis, seconded by Lawson the meeting unanimously recessed at 10:03 AM. On a motion by Lawson, seconded by Lewis the meeting unanimously resumed at 10:35 AM.

In the first order of business the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life was discussed. Mechare will post the information for the August relay and inquire of town hall employees if anyone would like to form a team and participate.

In the second item of business on a motion by Lewis, seconded by Lawson it was moved to authorize the First Selectmen to sign the "First Supplemental Agreement Between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Canaan for the Construction of Johnson Road" and approve such resolution and to also approve a certification that the Town of Canaan approve a policy to support non-discrimination agreements and warranties required under the Connecticut General Statutes. Unanimous.

In the third item of business a request by Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center to establish a marked crosswalk across Johnson Road to the corner of Beebe Hill Road was discussed again. Mechare contacted Mark Makuch of the District 4 Traffic Division of the Connecticut Department of Transportation for information on how to best approach the request. Mr. Makuch suggested that any crossing should come at a natural crossing place and should be straight across the road. He referred Mechare to the Manual of Highway Design, Section 20. He also suggested appropriate signage 300 feet in advance of the crosswalk. Mechare indicated that because of the way Beebe Hill comes into Johnson Road it might be more difficult to find an easily accessible natural crossing area. Mechare said the manual provided much information, but it was clear that a crosswalk across the road couldn't just be painted anywhere and would require what appeared to be some engineering costs to properly design it. In addition, the Town did not own the proper equipment to do the painting, so there would be additional cost involved. After some discussion Mechare was directed to contact the Retreat Center and indicate that the First Selectman would arrange the for necessary preparation for the crosswalk, painting, posts and signs, but that the Retreat Center would have to bear the costs of doing so.

In the last item of business the Board continued its work on the proposed spending plan for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. On a motion by Lawson, seconded by Lewis the meeting unanimously adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Allyn Mechare
First Selectman