

TOWN OF CANAAN

277 MAIN STREET · PO BOX 68
CANAAN, MAINE 04924

Select Board Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2024 6:00pm

Board Members Present: Jeffrey Clark, Daniel Harriman, Megan Smith

Comments for the Public

Jeff Clarke motioned to assign Shorey Oil Point Person to Megan Smith, seconded by Dan Harriman.

Comments from the Select Board

Jeff Clarke made a motion for rotating Chairmanship every four months, seconded by Dan Harriman.

Voters will decide who will be elected to a one year term, two year term, and the three year term. In 2026 it will then be staggered.

The County Budget will be available at the Town Office.

New Business

Jeff Clarke motioned to go into executive session to review back ground checks at 6:15pm pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A). Seconded by Dan Harriman.

Jeff Clarke motioned to come out of executive session at 6:19pm, seconded by Dan Harriman.

Jeff Clarke motioned to approve storm relief application, seconded by Megan Smith.

Old Business

Jeff Clarke had a meeting with JP Kennedy on Thursday May 16, 2024. The East side Road of Lake George is in question. Matt Hamilton who surveys State land states Canaan owns nothing of the road. Deeds indicate that land owners own to the center of the road and the other part of the road is own by Parks and Maintenance. Skowhegan Maintains from Route 2 to Park Road.

Jeff Clarke would like to make a final decision on the road, after clarification by the Town Lawyer.

Moving forward all communications about Lake George should go to JP Kennedy and the Canaan Select Board.

Jeff Clarke motioned to table the road ownership for future discussion, seconded by Megan Smith.

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The Town may have to enlist the Town Attorney for clarifications on Appointments to the Lake George Board. Lake George Board has 3 year terms, Canaan only does 1 year terms. Lake George is going to change to staggered terms so not all board member terms end at the same time. Canaan Select Board can not fire an appointee without proper notice, a meeting, and a hearing. The Canaan Select Board would like to have a meeting with the Town Attorney to get clarification on being bounded to the bylaws or not.

Camp Podooc swimming lessons will cover basic swimming and safety as part of swim camp. There will be an additional swim camp separate from Camp Podooc. This program will have 10 scholarships available.

The Lake George Board would like to improve communication with both towns (Canaan/Skowhegan) with a meeting to be held annually maybe in January before the Canaan Town meeting. Lake George meetings Board are held the last Tuesday at the end of every month.

Lake George is holding a free admission Father's Day weekend. Park passes are cheaper when you buy in bulk, kids under 5 get in for free, and veterans get in for free.

Code Enforcement

If anyone one believes there is a grow house there is a form to fill out at the Town Office which will go to the code enforcer to file with the district attorney.

Road Commissioner

Jeff Clarke motioned to table Crummet Bridge repair, seconded by Dan Harriman.

Clerk

Jeff Clarke motioned to appoint Kerra Abbott as warden for the State June Primary, seconded by Dan Harriman.

Jeff Clarke motioned to appoint Liza Ames as Deputy Registrar/ Deputy Warden for the State June Primary, seconded by Dan Harriman.

Jeff Clarke motioned to appoint Laura Price as Deputy Warden for the State June Primary, seconded by Dan Harriman.

Jeff Clarke motioned to accept and sign clerk April Monthly report, seconded by Megan Smith.

Jeff Clarke motioned to accept and sign the Reserve Account Bank report, seconded by Megan Smith.

Jeff Clarke motioned to accept and sign the April Bank Reconciliations, seconded by Megan Smith.

Tax Collector

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June Meetings will be held June 3, 2024 and June 17, 2024.

Jeff Clarke motioned to sign sub accounting forms, seconded by Megan Smith.

Jeff Clarke motioned to sign bi-weekly financial reports, seconded by Megan Smith.

Jeff Clarke made a motion to approve Warrant #16 for **\$153,038.37**, seconded by Dan Harriman.

Dan Harriman motioned to accept Spectrum Internet and Phone upgrade, seconded by Megan Smith.

Jeff Clarke motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm, seconded by Megan Smith.