

TOWN OF CANAAN

277 MAIN STREET · PO BOX 68
CANAAN, MAINE 04924

Select Board Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2024 6:00pm

Board Members Present: Jeffrey Clarke, Megan Smith

Absent: Daniel Harriman

Chairman Jeff Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

Minutes

Jeff Clarke motioned to accept the minutes without reading aloud, seconded by Megan Smith.

Comments from the Public

A citizen stated that she wanted to volunteer to work at Lake George and did not want to be compensated

A citizen put in a complaint that the board insulated previous Select Board Secretary with comments about a discussion at last meeting regarding a written complaint.

A citizen put in a complaint about when the board goes into Executive Sessions for background checks, the board then may make a comment to the public how the background check was favorable or not.

Select Board Comments

The Select Board stated that they do not have to post the agenda for the meeting or take notes, it is done as a courtesy.

The Select Board asks that people who want to be on the agenda for the selectman meeting must contact the town by Friday noon to appear on the Monday Select Board meeting.

Communications

The bridge naming and dedication ceremony will be held July 27, 2024 at 9am for the Richard Salsbury Bridge.

A student from Umaine is going to be setting up Brown Tail Moth traps around Fairview Cemetery for further studies.

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Jeff Clarke motioned to rescind the five new Lake George Appointees, seconded by Megan Smith.

Two Lake George board members are up determined by their first date of appointed and three year terms from there forward.

Jeff Clarke motioned to look for two replacements for the open positions, seconded by Megan Smith.

The open positions will be filled by two of the five volunteers whom the Board will interview at a later date.

Public comment was to seek out the Town Attorney before doing this. The Board would like to handle this as a community before going to the Town Attorney.

Are we as a Town going to recognize the three year terms per the Lake George Bi-Laws or go by the Towns' one year term?

Megan Smith motioned to get a meeting with the Town Attorney, seconded by Jeff Clarke.

The East Side Road of the park is owned by the State. There are privacy signs now up due to liability issues. The Town has maintained the road since 1971. Lake George is paying the trash pickup. Jeff and Megan Smith will reach out to figure out who has put up the Privacy Road Signs.

Fire Department

The Fire Department would like for the Town to look for some sort of purchasing cards as it is getting harder to order items without a card.

The Fire Department is looking for ways to lower the brook to be able to put planks back into the Dam.

Tax Collector

Jeff Clarke motioned to sign the bi-weekly Financial Report, seconded by Megan Smith.

Jeff Clarke motioned to sign the May monthly Financial Report, seconded by Megan Smith.

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

Jeff Clarke motioned to table additional services from the new auditor, seconded by Megan Smith.

Jeff Clarke motioned to close the Town office July 5, 2024 and July 25, 2024, seconded by Megan Smith.

Jeff Clarke motioned to sign Warrant 18 in the amount of \$48406.11, seconded by Megan Smith.

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The Select Board has asked to do more research on the tax acquired properties before they set a minimum bid at the next Select board meeting.

Animal Control

Don Decker the ACO would like to remind people not to leave animals in locked cars for any length of time due to the heat.

Jeff Clarke moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm, seconded by Megan Smith