

TOWN OF CANAAN

277 MAIN STREET · PO BOX 68
CANAAN, MAINE 04924

Select Board Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2024 6:00pm

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

Chairman Jeff Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Minutes

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

Old Business

The Town Attorney was present to answer legal questions on the East Side Road of Lake George and the Town appointees to the Lake George Board.

99% of all roads are owned by the State, Towns will vote to accept roads to maintain and a Town Way Public Easement. Absent a deed given to the town from the land owners the towns do not own a road.

The town owns a right of passage. The Town controls the town access of the way and can control parking bans, speed limits, etc. The Town needs to maintain a safe way on the road.

To discontinue a road the Town would have to vote. If the citizens decided to discontinue the road it would be given back to the State.

Possible things to happen.

- 1) A Parking Ordinance
- 2) Town needs to find out the road width of the road
- 3) Make a memorandum with Lake George and bring it to the State

Jeff Clarke motioned to meet with Lake George to create a memorandum. Motion was not passed.

Jeff Clarke motioned to clarify the road and Parking with the State, seconded by Megan Smith.

Appointees

There is no clarification with a town ordinance or a town meeting/vote on the terms of appointees. The Town is not bound by the Bi-laws with Lake George. Municipal terms are one year by State Law. The Town cannot remove an appointee without Cause. A meeting with the

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Appointee should be held. The Town can appoint new appointees if the term is up for that position.

On June 3, 2024 a motion was made to rescind the 5 new appointees which passed. The town did so without Cause and Due Process.

Dan Harriman motioned to reappoint the 5 new members, seconded by Megan Smith.

Mark Philbrick

Maureen Delahanty

Mary-Anne MacArthur

Katherine Gee

Vanessa Bean

The Appointments are for a 1 year term to expire on 4/1/2025.

The Spirit Award

Jeff Clarke made a motion to nominate Meta Hart, seconded by Dan Harriman

Heat Pumps for the Historical Society

Dan Harriman motioned to accept bid from Shorey Oil for heat pumps, seconded by Megan Smith.

Tax Acquired Properties

Jeff Clarke motioned to sell property at Map/Lot 010-035 and Map/Lot 003-040, seconded by Megan Smith

Code Enforcement

Jeff Clarke Made a motion to sign a letter to Kym Littlefield, seconded by Megan Smith.

Fire Department

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The Dam plank is going to be repaired first, then the Fire Hydrant on Merritt Street.

Clerk

Jeff Clarke motioned to sign the Clerk Monthly Report, seconded by Dan Harriman.

Tax Collector

July Meetings will be held July 15, 2024 and July 29, 2024 at 6:00pm.

Jeff Clarke motioned to sign Weekly Financial Report, seconded by Megan Smith.

Jeff Clarke motioned to sign Sub Accounting form, seconded by Dani Harriman.

Jeff Clarke Motioned to sign Journal Entry, seconded by Dan Harriman.

Jeff Clarke motioned to sign Warrant# 20 in the amount of **\$113,016.83**, seconded by Megan Smith.

Dan Harriman motioned to approve \$1500 out of the Community Benefit Fund for Melanie Peterson, seconded by Jeff Clarke.

Megan Smith motioned to move forward with Bangor Savings Bank/Elan Community Card, seconded by Dan Harriman.

Jeff Clarke motioned to table TextGov until the yearly warrant in February, seconded by Dan Harriman.

Library

Dixie Ring informed the Board that the front step to the Library needs some repair as one side has dropped down a bit and might cause a tripping hazard.

Jeff Clarke motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm, seconded by Dan Harriman.