

TOWN OF CANAAN

277 MAIN STREET · PO BOX 68
CANAAN, MAINE 04924

Select Board Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2024 6:00pm

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

Chairman Jeff Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Minutes

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

Comments From the Public

What are the challenges to have an offline mediation between the Town and Lake George that is facilitated community conversation? How we can help protect the lake?

Comments from the Select Board

The Select Board has to vote after every motion.

Jeff Clarke motioned to take the Lake George part of Business and move it to the bottom of the list to conduct town business first, seconded by Dan Harriman. All in favor.

Newspaper article needs to be directed at the person who made the statement. Jeff supports Lake George as the Select Board Chairman.

Dan stated at no time did he represent the entire Board when he met with the reporter.

New Business

Jeff Clarke motioned to revisit all ordinances and policies, 1 per meeting, seconded by Megan Smith. All in favor

A new position to be created in the town, it would combine:

Fire Chief/Director EMA Recycling CEO E911/Admin

Tabled to a future meeting.

Code Enforcement

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Two letters to be sent out for ordinance violations, one to Ms. Darling and one to Mr. Samuels.

CEO asked for permission to extend the violations with Ms. Littlefield until after the court date on the 26th.

Jeff Clarke made a motion to extend the date, seconded by Dan Harriman. All in favor.

CEO visited one home on the Nelson Hill Road which has been abandoned.

Dangerous Structure posting on 463 Main Street.

Fire Department

The dam has been fixed.

Pump House is being built by the fire department in September.

Road Commissioner

2024 Road Project bids need to be sent out with work being done by the end of September.

Dan Harriman motioned to open bids next Select Board Meeting and warrant the following Select Board Meeting, seconded by Meagan Smith. All in favor

Clerk

Jeff Clarke motioned to donated \$250 to the church for use of facility during Primary Election, seconded by Megan Smith. All in Favor

Jeff Clarke motioned to sign the May bank reconciliations, seconded by Dan Harriman. All in favor.

Jeff Clarke motioned to sign the June Clerk Monthly report, seconded by Dan Harriman. All in favor.

Tax Collector

Jeff Clarke motioned to accept Emma Viles application and approve for \$800, seconded by Megan Smith. All in favor.

Jeff Clarke motioned to sign Warrant #24 in the amount of **\$145,900.48**, seconded by Megan Smith. All in favor.

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Jeff Clarke motioned to sign the Tax Collector Weekly Financial Reports, seconded by Dan Harriman, All in favor.

Jeff Clarke motioned to sign the Tax Collector Monthly Report, seconded by Megan Smith. All in favor.

Jeff Clarke motioned to sign the Sub Accounting, seconded by Dan Harriman. All in favor.

Jeff Clarke motioned to Contract Betsy Holt to help with the tax collector's questions, seconded by Dan Harriman. All in favor.

Jeff Clarke motioned to be the one to discuss contract with Betsey Holt, Seconded by Megan Smith. All in favor.

Animal Control

Please look out for animals in cars during hot weather. Don't be afraid to call and notify.

General Assistance

Everything is going up, in the last month GA has received 11 calls.

Library

Bush hogging needs to get done to prevent the Parsnip Bushes from becoming a problem.

Tax Acquired Property

Account 1141- Map10 Lot 35

Wanda Saucier \$2500 - \$250 deposit

Mike Pease \$5000 - \$500 deposit

Chris Poirier \$6999 - \$699 deposit

Jen Viles \$2411 - \$275 deposit

Jacob Weisberg \$2400 - \$350 deposit

Jeff Clarke motioned to accept Chris Poirier's bid, seconded by Megan Smith. All in favor.

Account 139 – Map 3 Lot 40

Jake Weisburg \$3300 - \$400 deposit

Josh Karr \$4440 - \$4440 deposit

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Kevin Little \$2500 -\$250 deposit

Bob Herrin \$2559 – \$300 deposit

Jeff Clarke motioned to accept Josh Karr's bid of \$4440, seconded by Megan Smith. All in favor.

Old Business

Lake George

Maureen Delahanty spoke and read her letter aloud. Maureen disagrees for the request of the new Lake George members to "interview" with the Select Board without having done the same with the prior members.

Megan Smith replied that the new members who did not show up to the meeting was a missed opportunity. It was an opportunity to introduce themselves to the community and express their goals for their newly appointed positions on the Lake George Board.

Maureen put in her resignation on the Lake George Board effective 7/15/2024.

Jeff Clarke motioned to accept the resignation, seconded by Megan Smith. All in favor.

Nancy Warren was present as an original Founding Lake George member. The Canaan side was bought by the Lands for Maine Funds.

Lake George Board and the community asked why the old members was removed.

Jeff Clarke said he was not present when those decisions were made as he was not on the Select Board at that time.

Dan Harriman will write a written statement to address the question.

Megan Smith was unaware that this had happened. She apologized for missing it.

The old Lake George members found out they had not been reappointed via email to JP Kennedy.

The Lake George Attorney stated that Board members are not municipal officials. She disagrees with which governing document prevails, the local agreement and bi-laws or State Laws on terms of Municipal Officials.

Megan Smith nominated Heather Kerner to fill the new open Lake George Board member, seconded by Jeff Clarke. Two were in favor.

Jeff Clarke motioned to adjourn at 8:11pm, seconded by Megan Smith. All in favor

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