

TOWN OF CANAAN

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Select Board Meeting with Town Attorney Ken Lexier Minutes

November 12, 2024 at 9am

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

Code Enforcer Officer Present: Charles Worcester

Cannabis Ordinance

The Select Board wants clarification on the Cannabis Ordinance if Medical Cannabis Cultivation is prohibited under the Ordinance or not. The Town has had inquires on whether it is included in the ordinance or not. Attorney Ken Lexier will do research on the matter and get back to the Select Board at a later date.

Code of Ethics

If a Select Board Member violates the Code of Ethics, the member could be coached by The Select Board Chairman or publicly spoken to. If the Violation is severe a Recall is possible.

The Board of Appeals is made up of citizens who are not Town Officials or relatives of a Town Official. The Select Board could send them for training on appeals. The Board of Appeals would work on appeals of Planning Board and Code Enforcement decisions.

Lake George

It could be possible to go to court if the Select Board chooses, over which term of appointments are to be recognized. It would be a lot of legal fees in doing so. Arbitration Court is quicker but still expensive. A binding arbitration agreement cannot be appealed.

Lake George Lawyer is in agreement that the Town has ultimate authority of who gets appointed to the Lake George Board.

It is the Towns discretion how long the terms are. The Select Board all agree that there needs to be a working relationship with the Lake George Board.

Dan Harriman motioned for Jeff Clarke to meet with Lake George Park about filling Board Member vacancies for April 2025 Appointees, seconded by Jeff Clarke. All in favor.

The discussion will be for:

- 1) How many Canaan Lake George Member vacancies as of March 1st 2025
- 2) The Town will invite recommendations from The Lake George Board for nominees
- 3) The Town would like staggered terms for the Lake George Board, 1st year would have 1, 2, and 3 year terms
- 4) After the 1st year the terms will be for 3 years.
- 5) The Town wants the new members to be recognized after seating

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