

TOWN OF CANAAN

277 MAIN STREET · PO BOX 68
CANAAN, MAINE 04924

Select Board Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2024 at 6pm

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

Chairman Megan Smith called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Minutes

Megan Smith motioned to accept the Minutes without reading aloud, seconded by Jeff Clarke. All in favor.

Comments from the Select Board

Is there benefits to move to a 5 Member Select Board? A future discussion might happen.

Old Business

Megan Smith motioned to sign the Code of Ethics, Seconded by Jeff Clarke. All in favor.

The Select Board discussed changing Town Office Hours to a 4 day work week. The Office would no longer be closed from 12pm-1pm for lunch, staggered 30 minute lunches will be held so The Office is staffed all hours open. Wednesday will be open later to still accommodate people who are unable to make it in before 5. The Town also has Online Services available. New Hours would start January 6, 2024.

Megan Smith motioned to change the current Town Office Hours to 7am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8am-6pm Wednesday, and closed on Friday, seconded by Dan Harriman. All in Favor.

Town Office Remodel was tabled.

Fire Department

Jeff Clarke motioned to use ARPA funds to have Seacoast install a Fire Alarm at the Fire Station, seconded by Dan Harriman. All in favor.

Road Commissioner

Discussions on the Red Bridge Road Bridge. To repair the Bridge would be approximately \$1 Million dollars, cost shared between Canaan and Skowhegan. To remove the Bridge is approximately \$100,00.00 shared between the two Towns.

Clerk

Municipal Nomination Papers will be available December 16th. The Papers will need to be returned by January 23rd.

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Select Board (1 year, 2 year, or 3 year terms)

Road Commissioner (1 year)

Planning Board (2 year)

MSAD 54 School Board (2 year)

Tax Collector

Holiday Hours for the Town Office will be December 24th open until Noon, closed on Christmas. On December 31st open until Noon, closed January 1st.

Megan Smith motioned to sign the Sub Accounting form, seconded by Jeff Clarke. All in favor.

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

Megan Smith motioned to sign the Weekly Financial Reports, seconded by Dan Harriman. All in favor.

Megan Smith motioned to sign Warrant #44 in the amount of \$288,305.43, seconded by Dan Harriman. All in favor.

Lake George

Jeff Clarke went to the Lake George Meeting to speak with the Board on the upcoming Appointments/Appointees. The LG Board is going to have their Lawyer look over the Agreement before moving forward.

Historical Society

The Historical Society would like an Article in the Town Warrant for Permission to accept donations and to spend the donations.

Planning Board

The Select Board would like the Planning Board to work on making a stronger Cannabis Ordinance before the Town Meeting.

Recycling

The Town is having problems staffing Recycling. There are some questions as to hiring an Employee to man the recycling Center as people are abusing the Center with trash. Closure for the winter is suggested. Don Chute said Canaan Residents can go to Pittsfield for their recycling needs. The Transfer Station is open 8am-6pm Tuesday-Saturday. Canaan residents may also use Skowhegan Transfer Station as another option, their hours are 7am-3:45pm Tuesday-Saturday.

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Dan Harriman made a motion to close the Recycling Center for the winter, seconded by Jeff Clarke. All in favor.

Megan Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm, seconded by Dan Harriman. All in favor.