

TOWN OF CANAAN

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Select Board Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2025 6pm

Select Board Members Present: Jeffrey Clarke, Daniel Harriman, Tammy Hey

Dan Harriman called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Minutes

Dan Harriman motioned to accept the minutes without reading aloud, seconded by Jeff Clarke. All in favor.

Warrant #10

Dan Harriman motioned to sign Warrant #10 in the amount of \$228,238.86, seconded by Tammy Hey. All in favor.

Dan Harriman motioned to sign the Sub Accounting form, seconded by Tammy Hey. All in favor.

Comments from the Select Board

The Select Board decided on a Chair Person schedule to be Dan Harriman the first 4 months, Tammy Hey the second 4 months and Jeff Clarke the last 4 months of the year.

New Business

Sara Haiss from the Library Board of Trustees came to talk about the proposed Community Garden. The Trustees have concerns about having the Community Garden located at the library. The deed to the land is very restricted. They are concerned about how much work there would be that would fall on the library staff. There are questions of who, what, and how. Who would be responsible for maintenance of the garden. If there would be a fence and then if there is a fence the cost to maintain the fence. There are concerns of it being open to the public without the presence of staff at the building. Who has access to the garden? The Trustees support having a Community Garden but not located at the Library.

Dan Harriman motioned to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A) at 6:13pm, seconded by Tammy Hey, All in Favor.

Dan Harriman motioned to come out of Executive Session at 6:42pm, seconded by Tammy Hey. All in favor.

Dan Harriman motioned to sign the Certified Ratio Certificate, seconded by Jeff Clarke. All in favor.

Old Business

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Dan Harriman motioned to sign the amended Vacation Policy, seconded by Tammy Hey. All in favor.

Tammy Hey motioned to end the lease of the Recycle Center location, move everything out and end insurance on April 30, 2025, seconded by Dan Harriman. All in favor.

The current owner of the leased land on the Hartland Road will receive a prorated tax amount to go towards the 2025 taxes for the 2 months the Town used the property.

Life Safety Director

A) CEO

Charlie had to issue a stop work order on the North Sibley Road. There is an issue that we have no building code to enforce, the violation did fall under unsafe conditions Fire Laws.

Charlie had communications with a citizen who has trash on their Lawn from the Circle K. Charlie cannot find anything in his jurisdiction to enforce a solution to the garbage problem.

B) Fire

Ben has completed the Grant Match Application for \$15,000.00 match which was mailed out April 7, 2025.

C) Recycle

Land use bids need to be posted. Land bids will be out for sealed bids until the next Select Board meeting on April 28, 2025 at 6pm. The Select Board will open the bids and award at that same meeting.

Road Commissioner

The new Plow Truck is in Maine. The total cost of the truck is **\$257,348.50**. Our lease will be for 3 years not 4 years as the truck has come in cheaper than the original quote.

The Road committee will start meetings again once the roads are no longer posted. Ken Richardson would like to be involved with the meeting over road issues. Dan will have communications with Ken when the meeting is set.

Tax Collector

Dan Harriman motioned to sign the Monthly Tax Collectors report, seconded by Tammy Hey. All in favor

Dan Harriman motioned to sign the Weekly Financial Reports (4), seconded by Jeff Clarke. All in favor.

Dan Harriman motioned to sign the Journal Entry, seconded by Tammy Hey. All in favor.

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Animal Control Officer

Don has started the process to issue a search warrant on the Hinckley Road. He just needs a few more witness statements.

Lake George

Lake George would like to encourage more community use of the Park. June 14, 2025 they will offer a free weekend for all. The Park also is planning to start on the first Wednesday of the month children get in free.

Jeff Clarke motioned to amended Vanessa Bean and Mark Philbrick's appointments the end in 2027 to match Lake George staggered terms, seconded by Tammy Hey. All in favor.

Planning Board

The planning Board has worked on the Cannabis Applications. Charlie will receive the application to review.

Dan Harriman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:18pm, seconded by Tammy Hey. All in favor.