

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING – JULY 13TH, 2015

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Supervisor Richard Keaveney
Councilperson Alan Miller
Councilperson Brenda Adams
Councilperson David Patzwahl
Superintendent of Highways, Bernhard Meyer
Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Charlotte Cowan

ABSENT:

AUDIENCE: 8

MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion with second by Councilperson Alan Miller, to accept the minutes of the June 8th, 2015, as amended.

Roll call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Motion carried.

BILLS:

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Richard Keaveney, to approve the payment of the General Fund Bills: #181-#229 in the amount of \$13348.36 and the Highway Fund, #67-#80 in the amount of \$76,119.10.

Roll call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Carrie Bither – yes;
Councilperson David Patzwahl – - abstained from bill #207 – yes - on all other bills.

Motion carried.

Supervisor's Monthly Finance Report

Town Clerk	\$ 435.33
Highway Fund:	\$384,928.97
Highway Fund – Capital:	\$233,524.88
Lighting Districts:	\$ 3,019.82
Ambulance Districts	
And Fire District:	\$.59
Building Inspector:	\$ 1,519.00
Planning Board:	\$ 75.00
Recreation:	\$ 7,775.63
General Fund Balance:	\$353,976.61
Court Revenues:	\$ 5,795.00 (May-2015)
Zoning Board of Appeals:	\$ 0
Tax Collector:	\$ 10.00

RESOLUTION #62– Re-Appointment of Paul Deres to the Town of Canaan Board of Assessment Review for a five year term.

MOTION: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adopt resolution #62.

Roll call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Resolution #62 adopted.

Board Discussion

- 1 Town Council 2015 Replacement? – Supervisor Richard Keaveney asked if the Board felt the need to appoint a replacement to fill prior Councilperson Carrie Bither’s seat? Councilperson Brenda Adams and Councilperson David Patzwahl felt that the Board is working well and that all attend unless a sudden illness occurs.

MOTION: Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to let the Democratic process decide. 4-ayes, Motion Carried.

- 2 County Route 5 Speed Limit – the speed limit on the North side of County Route 5 to State Route 20 was approved and is posted as 45 MPH. The Town of Canaan and New Lebanon requested this.
- 3 Street Light Town Hall – the past project manager retired and the new manager is now addressing the Town’s request for the street light at the crossing at the Town Hall on County Route 5, south.
- 4 Flat Brook Cemetery Sign – John Reilly’s sign company will look at where to put the sign and give the Town his opinion. Highway Superintendent, Bernhard Meyer, said that the Highway Department has installed the new 25 foot pole with a 4x6 foot flag at the cemetery. Mr. Gary Flaherty asked that Mr. Mike Slattery, owner of All Around the Yard, mow the upper part of the Flat Brook Cemetery.

ASSESSOR REPORT

Final Roll – Final Roll was filed with Town Clerk on July 1. Listed on the website and on the Town Bulletin board.

Scar Hearings – At the time of writing this report there were no scar hearings filed.

Data verification – Maps/routes and cards for the field review are still being created. Actual verification is going slower than expected. I am completing Queechy Lake area myself with some help from my clerk.

Around the office – With data verification comes much more data entry and photo uploads, etc. As files are being “refiled” we are also cleaning the files, relabeling. We ordered a new scanner and will also start to scan all files.

HIGHWAY REPORT – Superintendent of Highways, Bernhard Meyer, read the monthly report.

ACTIVITIES:

The weather cooperated and we paved Frisbee Street as planned. We should be able to apply for CHIPS reimbursement in August which means a September payment date.

The crew attended safety training day.

The large truck & trailer inspections were done.

Love's Truck Stop construction crew moved Peaceful Valley Road on Saturday the 27th. I had requested they not do the transition on "dump day" but it was the only time they could coordinate with the paving company. I

spent the day on site overseeing the move. The road was closed, and a work zone was set up with the first line of defense being barrels and a loader placed across the road. Imagine our surprise when someone came driving through. An individual who didn't want to be inconvenienced moved the loader and drove through the work zone!!

Highway superintendent, Bernhard Meyer, reminded everyone to call 811 before digging to avoid existing buried lines, etc..

Public Discussion:

1. Councilperson Brenda Adams has received complaints about burning barrel at the Backwater, the parking issue and the noise. Councilperson David Patzwahl said that the residents are trying to address these issues with the owner and the violation issues.
Councilperson David Patzwahl is also concerned about the number of boats and the liability. Restaurant vs Night Club vs Marina issues.
2. Ms. Vivian Vispo asked about the installation of the cross-walk street light, at the Town Hall. Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that he has contacted the electric company but has not received any word on a time.
3. Mrs. Marion Lathrop asked about the Love's project and what was going to be there. Supervisor Keaveney said that a large convenience store, Dunkin doughnuts, Sub-way, showers for truckers, and Columbia County Tourism. Across State Route 22 is the installation of the facilities septic system.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilperson Brenda Adams, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. 4-eyes

Roll call: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte L. Cowan, MMC/RMC