

**TOWN OF CANTON**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

August 14, 2018

5:00 pm

Minutes

Present: Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley, Deputy Supervisor Bob Washo, Councilmember's James Smith, Phil LaMarche and Tim Danehy

Also, in Attendance: Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lisa Hammond, Town Highway Superintendent Terry Billings, Town Attorney Eric Gustafson, Victor & Kathy Rycroft, Paul Mitchell and Tom Jenison

A. Call meeting to Order:

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley called the meeting to order

B. Assessor Search Timeline:

Discussion was held on the search process of retiring Assessor Steve Teele. Supervisor stated that Teele will return as a part time employee. Council Member Tim Danehy stated that he wants a posting prepared in hopes for approval at the September 12<sup>th</sup> regular monthly meeting. Danehy volunteered to be on search committee, noting that it has been made very clear that this position needs to be full time. Council Member Jim Smith suggested that a Canton Village board member also be involved. Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley will reach out to Mayor Mike Dalton. It was decided to advertise for a full time Assessors position.

C. Set Public Hearing to place Highway Superintendent position on the ballot to become an appointed position:

Discussion was held on the considering the Highway Superintendent position becoming appointed. The position is currently an Elected position. The Town Board wants to seek the public input on this possible change. Supervisor Mary Ann stated that there is a September 20, 2018 deadline for ballot propositions for the upcoming 2018 election. Town Attorney presented the board members with LL draft for review. After board members reviewed and discussed the LL draft was approved with modifications.

Council Member Jim Smith stated that he wants the voters to decide on Elected or Appointed Highway Superintendent. Smith added considering the push for shared services with the Village of Canton, this seems like the right time considering that the current Highway Superintendent will not be running for election again in three years.

D. Executive Session:

6:07 pm Council Member Tim Danehy made the motion to go into executive session under Public Officers Law 105 (H), Council Member Bob Washo seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

6:45 pm Council Member Bob Washo made the motion to come out of executive session, Council Member Phil LaMarche seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

6:50 pm Council Member Phil LaMarche made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Bob Washo. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Hammond Canton Town Clerk