

**TOWN OF NEW CANAAN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Public Hearing – Quiet Zone
Wednesday, June 10, 2009
6:30 P.M. – Auditorium of Town Hall**

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeb Walker, First Selectman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sally Hines and Rob Mallozzi, Selectmen

ALSO PRESENT:

Town Council: Ken Campbell, Kit Devereaux, Tucker Murphy and Penny Young
Jim Cole, Police Commissioner
Tiger Mann, Senior Engineer and Assistant Director of Public Works
Tom Stadler, Administrative Officer
Christopher Jarboe, Town Attorney
Rodney Chabot, Member - Metro North New Haven Rail Commuter Council
Vinti Singh, New Canaan News
About 30 residents

Mr. Walker convened the hearing at 6:35 P.M. noting that Ms. Hines and Mr. Mallozzi were not present. Mr. Walker explained that the purpose of this public hearing was to hear a presentation on a possible railroad Quiet Zone, and to invite public comment thereon. After a few brief introductory remarks, Mr. Walker introduced Messrs: Stadler and Mann.

Mr. Stadler presented a brief history of the process to-date to establish a Quiet Zone in New Canaan. Mr. Mann then made a presentation summarized as follows:

- What is a Quiet Zone?
- Federal Railway Administration (FRA) rule on horns.
- Who can establish a Quiet Zone?
- How are Quiet Zones created?
- Supplemental safety measures
- Wayside horns
- Four-quadrant gates
- Gates with medians or channelization devices
- Steps to implementation
- Next steps

At the conclusion of the presentation Mr. Walker opened the hearing to comments and questions from the public. There were many questions and comments about the concept of a Quiet Zone as well as complaints about the current sounding of train horns. Messrs: Walker, Stadler, Mann and Jarboe responded.

The public hearing was closed at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Stadler, Secretary