

**TOWN OF CANAAN
Budget Committee
January 13, 2011
Canaan Fire Station
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Members present: Eleanor Davis; Denis Salvail; Dave Barney; Nathan Deleault; Chair David McAlister; Al Posnanski; John Bergeron; Karen Wolk; Selectman Scott Borthwick; Selectman Bob Reagan; and members of the public. Also present was Town Administrator Mike Samson.

David McAlister called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. after the closing of the Public Hearing.

Mike Samson summarized that he has updated the MS-7 form for review and signature. It was explained that the maximum allowable appropriation for the 2011 operating budget is \$4,013,488, which includes ten percent of the Budget Committee's recommended budget minus the long term debt service, principal, and interest. Discussion ensued regarding how and why the maximum allowable appropriation figure is calculated.

David McAlister clarified that a Budget Committee meeting will be posted in case committee action is needed directly after the Deliberative Session.

Eleanor Davis commented that she is not comfortable with including the costs of the highway truck and the fire truck in the calculation for the maximum allowable appropriation.

Scott Borthwick noted that the MS-7 form mistakenly does not include the \$9,000 balance for the proposed new fire truck. Mike Samson agreed that this error needs to be corrected. Mike Samson informed committee members that they will need to stop into the town office before March 7th to sign a revised MS-7 form.

Seeing no further questions or comments, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION by Scott Borthwick and seconded by Nathan Deleault to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 P.M.

The motion was unanimously approved.