

Canaan Budget Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 9, 2013
Canaan Fire Station, Canaan, NH

Attendees: Budget Committee members: Dave Barney, John Bergeron, William Crowther, Ellie Davis, Dave McAlister, Al Posnanski, Martha Pusey, Denis Salvail, Karen Wolk, Scott Borthwick (Select Board rep); Town administrator Michael Samson; recorded by Roger Lohr.

1. Call to Order

Chair Ellie Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and introduced Roger Lohr, who was hired to record the meeting minutes for the Canaan Budget Committee. He was informed that he would send the minutes to the committee's secretary and also be responsible to applying any changes to the meeting minutes before sending the approved version to the town administrator to post on the town website.

Various budget documents were distributed to the committee members.

2. Warrant Articles

Town Administrator Mike Samson explained that Warrant Article petitions were to include the phrase "to raise and appropriate." The committee then reviewed and voted on whether to recommend the individual articles.

Article 3 Water & Sewer – The Budget Committee recommends with 9 for and 1 against.

Article 4 Purchase dump truck – The Budget Committee recommends unanimously.

Article 5 Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund - The Budget Committee recommends unanimously.

Article 6 Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund - The Budget Committee recommends unanimously.

Article 7 Highway Equipment Reserve Fund - The Budget Committee recommends unanimously.

Article 8 Police Cruiser Reserve Fund - The Budget Committee recommends unanimously.

Article 10 Petitioned article for Mascoma Valley Health – The Budget Committee does not recommend with 4 for and 6 against.

Article 11 Petitioned article for Grafton Country Senior Citizens Council - The Budget Committee does not recommend with 5 for and 5 against.

Article 12 Petitioned article for Advance Transit - The Budget Committee does not recommend with 4 for and 6 against.

Article 13 Petitioned article for the Visiting Nurse Association - The Budget Committee does not recommend with 5 for and 5 against.

Article 14 Petitioned article for the West Central Behavioral Health - The Budget Committee does not recommend with 3 for and 7 against.

Article 15 Petitioned article for WISE - The Budget Committee does not recommend with 5 for and 5 against.

Article 9 did not have an amount for raise and appropriate, so the Budget Committee did not deal with it.

The Committee discussed how to word the notation on the Warrant Article document and a motion was made on the matter.

John Bergeron made a motion, which was seconded by Dave Barney to include the number of committee members for followed by the number of committee members against recommending the individual Warrant Articles. The motion passed 7 in favor and 3 opposed.

A document outlining the Committee assignments for the Public Hearing was distributed and Town Administrator Mike Samson invited Committee members to contact him if they need help with their assignment. It was also stated that questions at the Public Hearing could be diverted to the Town Administrator.

Mr. Samson sent out 800 email notices to the public about the Budget Committee's Public Hearing and there were also notices posted on the town bulletin board and town website.

3. Adjournment

Dave McAlister made a motion which was seconded by Scott Borthwick to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.