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MINUTES
of
Town Meeting
Deliberative Session

February 7, 2015

and

Day of Voting

MARCH 10, 2015

Town of Canaan, NH

REPORT OF TOWN MEETING DELIBERATIVE SESSION

February 7, 2015

The Deliberative Session of the Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Dale Barney at the Canaan Elementary School on Saturday, February 7, 2015, at 9:05 am. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Moderator read the rules: 1) no smoking on the premises; 2) only legally registered voters from Canaan may exercise their voting rights; 3) a person must be recognized by the chair prior to speaking and then should direct all comments through the Moderator; 4) all discussion must be related to the article on the floor; 5) there can only be one amendment at a time on the floor; 6) amendments must be in writing; 7) negative motions will not be accepted; 8) the right to speak as well as the right to be heard will be respected; 9) comments should be limited to three minutes or less; and 10) five or more signatures will be required for a petition for a paper ballot on any article.

Article 2

Shall the Town of Canaan vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, **not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately except as indicated**, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling the sum of Three Million Three Hundred Thirty Six Thousand and Thirty Five Dollars (\$3,336,035.00).

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million Two Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Three Dollars (\$3,282,073.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustment required by previous action of the Town of Canaan or by law: or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article

The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 1 **Recommends** this article

A motion to open Article 2 for discussion was made by Milton Wilson, second by Audrey Armstrong. Milton Wilson asked that people use the microphone. Eleanor Davis made a motion for an amendment to change the \$3,336,035.00 to \$3,340,343.00 to include \$4308.00 for hourly workers in the cemetery that do the mowing, second by Milton Wilson. Mike Samson (Canaan Town Administrator) explained that he already included that money in the stated budget. Voted and the nays have it. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 2 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Three Hundred Forty Four Dollars (\$154,344) for Water and Sewer Operations for the Town of Canaan with \$79,457.00 to be raised and appropriated for Water and \$74,887.00 to be raised and appropriated for Sewer. **These funds are raised by user fees and are not funded by property taxes.**

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 1 **Recommends** this article

No property tax impact. User fees fund these programs. No anticipated increase or decrease in user fees.

A motion to open Article 3 for discussion was made by David McAlister, second by Audrey Armstrong. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 3 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Eighty Thousand dollars (\$80,000.00) for the purchase of a 1 ton truck with stainless steel dump body, sander, plow and wing to replace the 2005 GMC 3500 Truck #705; and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, **with no additional amount to be raised by taxation.** Any trade in value or proceeds from the sale of the old truck is to be applied to reduce the purchase price to be within the appropriated \$80,000.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

No property tax impact.

A motion to open Article 4 for discussion was made by Bob Scott, second by Vicky McAlister. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 4 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00) for a new 6 wheel dump truck with sander body, plow and wing to replace the 2005 6-wheel International dump truck #505 for the Highway Department, and to authorize the withdrawal of up to One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, **with no additional amount to be raised by taxation.** The Town intends to make the payments during December of 2015 and January of 2016. This appropriation shall be non-lapsing through 2016. Any trade in value or proceeds from the sale of the old truck is to be applied to reduce the purchase price to be within the appropriated \$160,000.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 1 **Recommends** this article

No property tax impact.

A motion to open Article 5 for discussion was made by Bob Scott, second by David McAlister. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 5 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Thirty Five Thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) for the purchase of a new 4 wheel drive police vehicle to replace the 2010 Ford Crown Victoria cruiser; and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, **with no additional amount to be raised by taxation.** Any trade in value or proceeds from the sale of the old cruiser is to be applied to reduce the purchase price to be within the appropriated \$35,000.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article

The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

No property tax impact.

A motion to open Article 6 for discussion was made by Reginald Barney, second by Bob Scott. Milton Wilson asked who is in charge of the Capital Reserve Funds. Mike Samson explained that the Trustees of the Trust Funds are in charge, and if this article passes it will be their responsibility to take the monies out of Capital Reserve to pay for this. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 6 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a total of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) from the non-lapsing Transfer Station Special Revenue Account for the purchase of a live floor trailer to transport recyclables. **This account is funded from recycling revenue and no additional tax revenue is to be used or raised for this Article.**

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article

The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

A motion to open Article 7 for discussion was made by David McAlister, second by Al Posnanski. Al explained that the sale of recycled material funds improvements and promotes efficiency at the Transfer Station. He also explained how a live floor trailer works with a conveyer belt that loads a trailer which is then transported to the Lebanon Landfill or a recycling facility. Milton Wilson asked if the Town of Orange is participating in the recycling program. Mike Samson said no, they are not at this time and we do not know if they will in the future. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 7 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the previously established Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund and name the Governing Body (the Board of Selectmen) as Agents to Expend. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2014 (surplus) and **will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.**

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article

The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

No property tax impact.

A motion to open Article 8 for discussion was made by Audrey Armstrong, second by David McAlister. Milton Wilson asked if this is a state requirement and how often a revaluation needs to be done. Mike Samson said that yes, it is a state requirement and that a revaluation has to be completed every 5 years. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 8 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be added to the previously established Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund with the Legislative Body (the Voters) as Agents to Expend. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2014 (surplus) and **will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.**

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

No property tax impact.

A motion to open Article 9 for discussion was made by William Bellion, second by Vicky McAlister. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 9 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Equipment with the Legislative Body (the Voters) as Agents to Expend. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2014 (surplus) and **will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.**

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

No property tax impact.

A motion to open Article 10 for discussion was made by Bob Scott, second by Milton Wilson. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 10 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be deposited in the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for Police Cruisers with the Legislative Body (the Voters) as Agents to Expend. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2014 (surplus) and **will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.**

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

No property tax impact.

A motion to open Article 11 for discussion was made by Bob Scott, second by David McAlister. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 11 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 12

To see if the voters will approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Canaan and AFSCME Local 3657 Police Department Employees which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the projected staffing level:

Contract Year	Estimated Increase
2015	\$1,000 cap on Court related call-out CPI* increase if possible without raising property taxes
2016	CPI* increase if possible without raising property taxes
2017	CPI* increase if possible without raising property taxes

* Consumer Price Index – a common measure of inflation

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

The additional cost attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits is INCLUDED in Article 2 and no additional appropriation is required.

A motion to open Article 12 for discussion was made by Bob Scott, second by Audrey Armstrong. Milton Wilson questioned why the additional cost is included in the budget. Mike Samson explained that the Selectmen have the option to put it in the budget or warrant it as an addition to the budget. The Selectmen chose to include it in the budget, and put the contract as a separate warrant article. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 12 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 13

Shall the Town vote to adopt RSA 34:16 allowing municipalities to pay for investment services from capital reserve funds, if approved at Town Meeting, instead of including such fees in the annual town budget, to be paid by the town. If approved, such authority shall remain in effect

until rescinded by the governing body. No vote by the governing body to rescind such authority shall occur within 5 years of the original adoption of such article. Any professional fees incurred shall be reported in the annual report of the trustees of trust funds as expenditures out of capital reserve funds.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article

Passage of this article will not appropriate any new tax revenue and is self funded from earnings.

A motion to open Article 13 for discussion was made by Bob Scott, second by David McAlister. Scott Borthwick brought forth an amendment as follows, second by David McAlister:

“Shall the Town vote to adopt RSA 35:9-a II allowing municipalities to pay for investment services from capital reserve funds, if approved at Town Meeting, instead of including such fees in the annual town budget, to be paid by the town. If approved, such authority shall remain in effect until rescinded by Town Meeting. No vote by Town Meeting to rescind such authority shall occur within 5 years of the original adoption of such article. Any professional fees incurred shall be reported in the annual report of the trustees of trust funds as expenditures out of capital reserve funds.”

Milton Wilson asked for an explanation. Mike Samson said that the amendment was to correct the RSA involved, and to change governing body to Town Meeting. Cindy Neily explained that the Trustees of the Trust Funds asked for this article so they will be able to invest with Charter Trust to maximize the returns for the town. They invest with the State now, and are getting a very low interest rate. They have explored many different options, and will work to get the best and the safest company to invest in. Voted and the ayes have it. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 13 be placed on the ballot as amended.

Article 14

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to execute a deed to effect a land swap with David Zani in which the Town would convey to David Zani a triangular parcel of Town land 40' by 200' or 4,000 square feet in exchange for a parcel of land 150' by 200' or 30,000 square feet owned by Zani and conveyed to the Town. Both parcels are adjacent to or part of Town property at the Fire Station/Highway Garage. There would be no financial consideration for this land swap. Zani would like to use the property from the Town for parking and the Town would like to use the land from Zani for Highway Garage storage.

Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article

A motion to open Article 14 for discussion was made by David McAlister, second by Bob Scott. Milton asked if the Attorney present, Bernie Waugh, was comfortable with the way this warrant article was written. Bernie said yes, and that all of the technical aspects of this swap will be handled after the vote. Mike Samson said that the town will draft the deeds so there will be minimal cost for doing the swap. Bill Bellion said that the flag pole will be moved and there will be more parking in back of the fire station. John Bergeron asked if Smokey the

Bear will be moved. Bill said that as far as he knows Smokey will remain where he is. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 14 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 15 – Petitioned Article

Will the voters raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$2,935.00) to support Mascoma Valley Health Initiative services to Canaan residents in 2015. Services include the Indian River Youth 2 Youth after school program, community substance abuse prevention, school based oral health support and public health program development.

Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 **Does Not Recommend** this article
Budget Committee Yes 4 No 6 **Does Not Recommend** this article

Passage of this article will not increase the tax rate.

A motion to open Article 15 for discussion was made by Audrey Armstrong, second by Charles Townsend. Milton questioned why the Select Board and the Budget Committee do not recommend the petitioned warrant articles? David McAlister explained that the Select Board would like the voters to decide where the money goes. Eleanor Davis explained that the wording is a little confusing when it says that passage of this article will not increase the tax rate. What this means is that the organization is not asking for additional money over last year's appropriation. We still have to fund the article if it is voted in. Milton wanted it known that he supports all of the petitioned articles. There was a lengthy discussion concerning the recommendations and funding to the organizations that have petitioned for money. Eleanor Davis made a motion to move the question. No second so the motion failed for lack of a second. Carol Bergeron pointed out that Bob Reagan said that the voters approve the articles every year. Martha Pusey said that she is in favor of the articles. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 15 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 16 – Petitioned Article

Shall the voters raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$10,500.00) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services to Canaan residents in 2015. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, the town food pantry, transportation, outreach support, Service Link support and more. In 2015, Grafton Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 218 Canaan residents and Service Link provided services for 117 Residents. The cost of providing these services was \$119,584.85.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 2 No 1 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 4 No 6 **Does Not Recommend** this article

Passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.002 per thousand or \$.40 on a home worth \$200,000.

A motion to open Article 16 for discussion was made by Milton Wilson, second by Jim Rancore. Milton wanted to re-enforce that he is in favor of this article. Eleanor Davis said that we do not have control of how this money gets distributed. It goes to the Council and they decide where it goes in the county. There was a lengthy discussion concerning this article. Sam Frank made a motion to move the question, second by Eleanor Davis. Voted and the ayes have it. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 16 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 17 – Petitioned Article

Shall the voters in the Town of Canaan vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$8,870.00) to be allocated to Advance Transit, Inc. to help support public transportation services in the Town of Canaan in 2015. In 2014, 10,443 passenger trips boarded Advanced Transit in Canaan. Advance Transit provided services to the Town of Canaan at a cost of \$104,000.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 **Does Not Recommend** this article

The Budget Committee Yes 3 No 6 Abstention 1 **Does Not Recommend** this article

Passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.001 per thousand or \$.20 on a home worth \$200,000.

A motion to open Article 17 for discussion was made by Alan Ricard, second by Audrey Armstrong. Milton Wilson spoke in favor of this article. Jean Townsend said that it would cost the town more money if we did not support these agencies. Ernst Schori spoke in favor of this article, and asked if the money could come out of the surplus money. Mike Samson explained that the money in the Unreserved Fund Balance (surplus) is already committed to other warrant articles and should not be used for this; the money from the articles concerning the Highway, Police, Fire will come out of this fund and there would not be enough money available. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 17 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 18 – Petitioned Article

Shall the Town of Canaan vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$9,700.00) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 1 No 2 **Does Not Recommend** this article

The Budget Committee Yes 4 No 5 Abstention 1 **Does Not Recommend** this article

Passage of this article will not increase the tax rate.

A motion to open Article 18 for discussion was made by Audrey Armstrong, second by Milton Wilson. Milton Wilson spoke in favor of this article. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 18 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 19 – Petitioned Article

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,150.00) for the support of West Central Behavioral Health. In fiscal year 2014 – from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 – West Central provided 125 Canaan residents with \$26,977 in charitable mental health care - a 44% increase over fiscal year 2013.

Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 **Does Not Recommend** this article
Budget Committee Yes 4 No 6 **Does Not Recommend** this article

Passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.007 per thousand or \$1.33 on a home worth \$200,000.

A motion to open Article 19 for discussion was made by Charles Townsend, second by Tom Hudgens. Milton Wilson said that the Government just cut funding to West Central, and he spoke in favor of this article. Jean Townsend made a motion to amend article 19 to increase the dollar amount from \$2,150.00 to \$10,000, second by Milton Wilson. Voted and the nays have it, so the article will stay as written. Bill Bellion had a question about the budget paperwork that was handed out. Eleanor Davis explained that the Selectmen and Budget Committee like to look at last year's budget and the new year's budget. She also said that the new budget that is voted on does not include the petitioned warrant articles. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 19 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 20 – Petitioned Article

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) to help support advocacy, crisis services and community education for those affected by domestic and sexual violence and stalking, services provided by WISE in Lebanon, NH and serving the Town of Canaan as well as 20 additional towns in the Upper Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire.

Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 **Does Not Recommend** this article
Budget Committee Yes 4 No 6 **Does Not Recommend** this article

Passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.006 per thousand or \$1.33 on a home worth \$200,000.

A motion to open Article 20 for discussion was made by Jim Rancore, second by Charles Townsend. Milton Wilson thanked everyone for the hard work that they do, and spoke in favor of this article. Jan Forbush asked about the increase in tax rate. Mike Samson explained that the tax rate that is listed is just the amount that is requested OVER last year. The actual tax rate is more than \$0.006 for this service. That is just for the increase. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 20 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 21 – Petitioned Article

Will the voters vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen Dollars (\$3,819.00) for the support of Tri-County Cap. This is \$19 per household we assist with **Fuel and Electric Assistance**. This sum helps us keep our doors open so that we may continue to administer Federal & State Funds to assist the residents of Canaan. To be fair, **we ask all towns we assist for the same amount; \$19.00 for every household we help.**

Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 **Does Not Recommend** this article
Budget Committee Yes 2 No 7 Abstention 1 **Does Not Recommend** this article

Passage of this article will not increase the tax rate.

A motion to open Article 21 for discussion was made by Audrey Armstrong, second by Bob Scott. Milton Wilson again spoke in favor of this article. Jean and Charles Townsend spoke in favor of this article. John Bergeron asked why the bold type in the article?? Mike Samson said that he would check into why there is bold type, but thought it was the way the article was presented. Nelson Therriault said that as Human Services Director he utilizes these services at the town level and he supports this article. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 21 be placed on the ballot as written.

Alice Schori thanked everyone for their hours of work to put all of this together.

No further business, so the Moderator adjourned the meeting at 11:07 am.

A true copy attest:

Vicky J. McAlister
Canaan Town Clerk

Report of the Day of Voting

March 10, 2015

The Day of Voting was called to order by Moderator Dale Barney at the Canaan Fire Station on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 8:00 am. The polls were declared open for the purpose of voting by ballots for Town Officials (Article 1), Articles 2 through 21. Supervisors of the Checklist Nancy Charbono-Ricard, Freda Washburn, and Carol Bergeron took their positions. Ben Yamashita, Carole Cushman and Harry Lang were ballot clerks, and Scott Borthwick was Gatekeeper. The absentee ballots were processed at 2:45 pm by the Moderator. The Moderator declared the polls closed at 7:00 pm. There were 2317 voters on the checklist, with 4 new registrations on March 10, 2015. Votes cast on the day of voting were 539 with 36 absentee ballots for a total cast of 575.

Results for Articles 1 through 21 are as follows:

**OFFICIAL RESULTS
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
CANAAN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2015**

Dicky J. McAlister
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice (s) like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p align="center">SELECTMEN</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Vote for not For three years more than (1) one</p> <p>ROBERT E. REAGAN 467 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">LIBRARY TRUSTEES</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Vote for not For three years more than (2) two</p> <p>DENISE REITSMA 409 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>KIMBERLY McQUAID 431 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">TOWN TREASURER</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Vote for not For three years more than (1) one</p> <p>JOSEPH FRAZIER 471 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Vote for not For three years more than (1) one</p> <p>CYNTHIA J. NEILY 502 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Vote for not For one year more than (1) one</p> <p>PHILIP SMITH, JR. 413 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">12 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Vote for not For three years more than (1) one</p> <p>NELSON P. THERRIault 490 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">CEMETERY TRUSTEES</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Vote for not For three years more than (1) one</p> <p>PHILIP CARTER 494 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Vote for not For three years more than (3) three</p> <p>DENIS SALVAIL 377 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JOHN H. BERGERON 419 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ELEANOR J. DAVIS 385 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">5 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Write-in)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">CHIEF OF POLICE</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Vote for not For three years more than (1) one</p> <p>SAMUEL W. FRANK 477 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">16 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Vote for not For three years more than (2) two</p> <p>ARNOLD SONG 378 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JOHN H. BERGERON 435 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Write-in)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>		

ARTICLES

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The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 1 **Recommends** this article

363
YES
NO
176

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 3

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The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 1 **Recommends** this article

445
YES
NO
112

No property tax impact. User fees fund these programs. No anticipated increase or decrease in user fees.

Article 4

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The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

427
YES
NO
135

No property tax impact.

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00) for a new 6 wheel dump truck with sander body, plow and wing to replace the 2005 6-wheel International dump truck #505 for the Highway Department, and to authorize the withdrawal of up to One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, **with no additional amount to be raised by taxation.** The Town intends to make the payments during December of 2015 and January of 2016. This appropriation shall be non-lapsing through 2016. Any trade in value or proceeds from the sale of the old truck is to be applied to reduce the purchase price to be within the appropriated \$160,000.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 1 **Recommends** this article

404
YES
NO
160

No property tax impact.

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Thirty Five Thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) for the purchase of a new 4 wheel drive police vehicle to replace the 2010 Ford Crown Victoria cruiser; and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, **with no additional amount to be raised by taxation.** Any trade in value or proceeds from the sale of the old cruiser is to be applied to reduce the purchase price to be within the appropriated \$35,000.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

400
YES
NO
162

No property tax impact.

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a total of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) from the non-lapsing Transfer Station Special Revenue Account for the purchase of a live floor trailer to transport recyclables. **This account is funded from recycling revenue and no additional tax revenue is to be used or raised for this Article.**

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

452
YES
NO
111

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the previously established Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund and name the Governing Body (the Board of Selectmen) as Agents to Expend. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2014 (surplus) and **will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.**

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article
No property tax impact.

405
YES
NO
154

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TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be added to the previously established Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund with the Legislative Body (the Voters) as Agents to Expend. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2014 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article
No property tax impact.

449
YES
NO
121

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Equipment with the Legislative Body (the Voters) as Agents to Expend. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2014 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article
No property tax impact.

419
YES
NO
147

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be deposited in the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for Police Cruisers with the Legislative Body (the Voters) as Agents to Expend. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2014 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article
No property tax impact.

409
YES
NO
158

Article 12

To see if the voters will approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Canaan and AFSCME Local 3657 Police Department Employees which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the projected staffing level:

Contract Year	Estimated Increase
2015	\$1,000 cap on Court related call-out CPI* increase if possible without raising property taxes
2016	CPI* increase if possible without raising property taxes
2017	CPI* increase if possible without raising property taxes
	* Consumer Price Index – a common measure of inflation

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

The additional cost attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits is INCLUDED in Article 2 and no additional appropriation is required.

400
YES
NO
165

Article 13

Shall the Town vote to adopt RSA 35:9-a II allowing municipalities to pay for investment services from capital reserve funds, if approved at Town Meeting, instead of including such fees in the annual town budget, to be paid by the town. If approved, such authority shall remain in effect until rescinded by Town Meeting. No vote by Town Meeting to rescind such authority shall occur within 5 years of the original adoption of such article. Any professional fees incurred shall be reported in the annual report of the trustees of trust funds as expenditures out of capital reserve funds.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article

Passage of this article will not appropriate any new tax revenue and is self funded from earnings.

396
YES
NO
159

Article 14

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to execute a deed to effect a land swap with David Zani in which the Town would convey to David Zani a triangular parcel of Town land 40' by 200' or 4,000 square feet in exchange for a parcel of land 150' by 200' or 30,000 square feet owned by Zani and conveyed to the Town. Both parcels are adjacent to or part of Town property at the Fire Station/Highway Garage. There would be no financial consideration for this land swap. Zani would like to use the property from the Town for parking and the Town would like to use the land from Zani for Highway Garage storage.

Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article

482
YES
NO
85

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 15 – Petitioned Article

Will the voters raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$2,935.00) to support Mascoma Valley Health Initiative services to Canaan residents in 2015. Services include the Indian River Youth 2 Youth after school program, community substance abuse prevention, school based oral health support and public health program development.

Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 Does Not Recommend this article
Budget Committee Yes 4 No 6 Does Not Recommend this article

358
YES
NO
207

Passage of this article will not increase the tax rate.

Article 16 – Petitioned Article

Shall the voters raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$10,500.00) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services to Canaan residents in 2015. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, the town food pantry, transportation, outreach support, Service Link support and more. In 2015, Grafton Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 218 Canaan residents and Service Link provided services for 117 Residents. The cost of providing these services was \$119,584.85.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 2 No 1 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 4 No 6 Does Not Recommend this article

426
YES
NO
140

Passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.002 per thousand or \$.40 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 17 – Petitioned Article

Shall the voters in the Town of Canaan vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$8,870.00) to be allocated to Advance Transit, Inc. to help support public transportation services in the Town of Canaan in 2015. In 2014, 10,443 passenger trips boarded Advanced Transit in Canaan. Advance Transit provided services to the Town of Canaan at a cost of \$104,000.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 Does Not Recommend this article
The Budget Committee Yes 3 No 6 Abstention 1 Does Not Recommend this article

362
YES
NO
202

Passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.001 per thousand or \$.20 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 18 – Petitioned Article

Shall the Town of Canaan vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$9,700.00) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 1 No 2 Does Not Recommend this article
The Budget Committee Yes 4 No 5 Abstention 1 Does Not Recommend this article

389
YES
NO
174

Passage of this article will not increase the tax rate.

Article 19 – Petitioned Article

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,150.00) for the support of West Central Behavioral Health. In fiscal year 2014 – from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 – West Central provided 125 Canaan residents with \$26,977 in charitable mental health care - a 44% increase over fiscal year 2013.

Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 Does Not Recommend this article
Budget Committee Yes 4 No 6 Does Not Recommend this article

279
YES
NO
285

Passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.007 per thousand or \$1.33 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 20 – Petitioned Article

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) to help support advocacy, crisis services and community education for those affected by domestic and sexual violence and stalking, services provided by WISE in Lebanon, NH and serving the Town of Canaan as well as 20 additional towns in the Upper Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire.

Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 Does Not Recommend this article
Budget Committee Yes 4 No 6 Does Not Recommend this article

304
YES
NO
260

Passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.006 per thousand or \$1.33 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 21 – Petitioned Article

Will the voters vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen Dollars (\$3,819.00) for the support of Tri-County Cap. This is \$19 per household we assist with Fuel and Electric Assistance. This sum helps us keep our doors open so that we may continue to administer Federal & State Funds to assist the residents of Canaan. To be fair, we ask all towns we assist for the same amount; \$19.00 for every household we help.

Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 Does Not Recommend this article
Budget Committee Yes 2 No 7 Abstention 1 Does Not Recommend this article

321
YES
NO
244

Passage of this article will not increase the tax rate.

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

A True Copy Attest:

Vicky J. McAlister
Canaan Town Clerk