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**TOWN OF CANAAN
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
January 13, 2010
Canaan Senior Center
Approved with corrections March 4, 2010
By
Russell Lester Secretary**

Members Present: Chair David McAlister, Eleanor Davis, Denis Salvail, Dave Barney, Russell Lester, Nathan Deleault, Al Posnanski, Craig Lawler, John Bergeron, Selectman Scott Borthwick, and Michael Capone—Town Administrator.

David McAlister called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. and took attendance. David explained that the Budget Committee would be discussing the articles in the warrant. Everyone had an updated warrant article list and a new spreadsheet updated on January 13, 2010. There were a few adjustments that Michael Capone explained:

The Selectmen made salary adjustments to a few transfer station line items. With Glenn Carey no longer employed by the Town of Canaan, the Selectmen discussed what to do with his position and line items that correspond. They decided to fund the salary line item and related lines at half the original cost so they will have money available at a future point if changes are needed at the transfer station. That will also change the FICA/Medicare and Retirement lines.

There is also change to the C&D Hauling Services line. The Budget Committee had voted for \$0.00 funding for that line item. After discussion with Hammonds about moving the containers to their site, they asked if the Town would wait until the spring to move them. Hammonds offered an incentive to wait, and lowered their price. So the Selectmen added \$2000.00 to that line, upon approval of the Budget Committee. After all adjustments to the line items mentioned are added up the bottom number for the Transfer Station would be \$195,500.

Scott Borthwick made a motion to accept the changes to the budget as follows:

- Line item 01-4323.10-110 would be \$19,000
- Line item 01-4323.10-225 would be \$ 4,210
- Line item 01-4323.10-230 would be \$ 1,830
- Line item 01-4324.40-390 would be \$ 2,000

For a total budget for the Transfer Station of \$195,500, second by Denis Salvail. After a brief discussion about having enough money to fund building repairs in the town, the Budget Committee voted, with 1 no and 9 yes so the ayes have it.

David **McAlister** also pointed out that in the Police Department section of the budget, the 2009 Encumbrances were added under line item 01-4210.10-740 in the amount of \$1558.00, and under line item 01-4210.10-750 in the amount of \$850.00.

Next on the agenda was voting on the warrant articles. Any articles that have a monetary figure the Budget Committee will vote to either recommend or not recommend.