

**TOWN OF CANAAN  
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
October 18, 2012  
Canaan Fire Station  
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Members present: Chair Eleanor Davis, Dave Barney, John Bergeron, Bill Crowther, David McAlister, Al Posnanski, Martha Pusey, Denis Salvail, and Karen Wolk, and Selectman Scott Borthwick. Also present was Town Administrator Mike Samson; Library Trustees Denise Reitsma, Susan Remacle, Cindy Neily and Patsy Carter; Library Director, Amy Thurber. (Absent Library Trustee Valerie Fleisher)

Library Trustees and Library Director presented their 2013 proposed Library budget, which is increased from \$121,563 in 2012 to \$123,124. There are increases for computers, book purchase, and special programs and are offset partially by revenue increases from grants, fines, and contributions from other towns.

Trustees of the Trust Funds, represented by Cindy Neily, Clerk, reviewed level-funded budget for 2013 and answered questions regarding Cy Press petition for expanding water supply in the cemeteries.

Treasurer Kendra Withington was not present. Mike Samson reviewed 2013 level-funded budget.

CIP (Capital Improvement Program) Steve Ward was not present. Mike Samson reviewed the 2013 proposal with the consent of Bill Crowther, CIP representative from the Budget Committee. Details are available in the Planning Board Report dated Sept. 25, 2012. Mikes's summary as follows:

Mobile Assets –Vehicles

The Highway 2002 Freightliner should be replaced in 2013 at a cost of \$160,000 up from \$140,000 in 2012. \$80,000 from Capital Reserve in 2012 should be used towards this purchase.

A new Capital Reserve account is proposed in 2013 for Police cruisers. Capital expenses for water and sewer are self-funded and no reserve is needed to be set-up.

Non-mobile assets are funded through the 2013 operating budget. The Highway Dept. needs a shed-type addition to house vehicles in a heated area for repairs. Several bridges were mentioned in need of replacement or repair. \$100,000 more is needed in 2013 to maintain and re-construct roads, including paving, tree cutting and ditch widening.

Minutes of the 10/4/12 meeting

**MOTION** by Dave Barney, seconded by Dave McAlister to accept, amended by Dave McAlister, seconded by Scott Borthwick to include omission of reference to salaries etc. to read: "Mike Sampson noted that any salary increases will not exceed 2% for 2013 and will depend upon the level of increase in health insurance premiums."

**The motion was unanimously approved in the affirmative.**

New Minute Taker to replace Chrisie Berube.

**MOTION** by Dave Barney, seconded by Dave McAlister to advertise in Valley News and on Town website for position of Budget Committee minute taker.

**Motion passed 8-2** (Ellie and Scott opposed)

Seeing no other business or questions, Eleanor Davis requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

**MOTION** by Scott Borthwick, seconded by Dave McAlister to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

**The motion was unanimously approved in the affirmative.**

Respectfully submitted  
Eleanor J. Davis  
October 31, 2012