

Canaan Budget Committee Organizational Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2013
Canaan Fire Station, Canaan, NH

Final Minutes

Attendees: Budget Committee members: Dave Barney, William Crowther, Ellie Davis, Patty Duszynski, Al Posnanski, Martha Pusey, Denis Salvail; Town Administrator Michael Samson; recorded by Roger Lohr.

1. Call to Order

Ellie Davis called the meeting of the Canaan Budget Committee to order at 7:03 PM and introduced Patty Duszynski as the new member on the Canaan Budget Committee. There currently is an empty seat on the Budget Committee and a new member will need to be appointed to fill the seat for one year. Mike Samson will place an advertisement in the newspaper and on the town website to seek residents interested in serving on the Budget Committee. Applications will be accepted through the end of April and the Committee will be able to ask questions of interested parties at the May 16 Budget Committee meeting. The Committee will vote to decide to appoint the new member at that meeting.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Al Posnanski made a motion, which was seconded by Bill Crowther to approve the Canaan Budget Committee meeting minutes of February 2, 2013 as submitted. The motion passed with 5 in favor and 2 abstentions (Davis, Duszynski).

3. Election of Officers

Ellie Davis opened nominations for Budget Committee Chair and Al Posnanski nominated Ellie Davis as Budget Committee Chair. The nomination was seconded by Dennis Salvail. There being no other nominations the committee voted and elected Ellie Davis as Budget Committee Chair unanimously.

Chair Ellie Davis then opened nominations for vice chair and Al Posnanski nominated John Bergeron as Budget Committee Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Dave Barney. There being no other nominations the committee voted and elected John Bergeron as Budget Committee Vice Chair unanimously.

Chair Ellie Davis then opened nominations for Budget Committee Secretary and Dennis Salvail nominated Bill Crowther as Budget Committee Secretary. The nomination was seconded by Martha Pusey. There being no other nominations the committee voted and elected Bill Crowther as Budget Committee Secretary unanimously.

3. Budget Committee Calendar and Other Discussion

The Committee members discussed the meeting schedule for the upcoming year. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16. Other Thursday meetings will be held on

September 5 and 19, October 3 and 17, November 7 and 21, and December 5 and 19. On Wednesday, January 8, 2014 the Budget Committee will meet to vote on the Warrant Articles and then on Thursday, January 9, 2014 the Budget Committee will hold a public hearing. The Deliberative Session will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2014.

At this time the committee is unaware of who will fill the Select Board liaison to the Budget Committee. A question was asked and answered about the Treasurer's Report balance on the Transfer Station account in the Annual Report.

Town Administrator Mike Samson spoke about the nonlapsing accounts for recreation, the police department, and the transfer station. These accounts are reviewed with the Select Board during the year. He also stated that the town will look at the tax exemptions for persons with disabilities and seniors, who have special circumstances with regard to their income, home ownership, and their ability to pay town taxes. Currently there are about 80 people who get an exemption.

The Committee expressed its appreciation to Mike Samson for organizing the dinner.

4. Adjournment

Bill Crowther made a motion which was seconded by Al Posnanski to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.