

Canaan Budget Committee Meeting & Public Hearing
Thursday, January 16, 2014
Canaan Fire Station, Canaan, NH

Attendees: Budget Committee members: John Bergeron, William Crowther, Ellie Davis, Patty Duszynski, Al Posnanski, Martha Pusey, Denis Salvail, Scott Borthwick, Sadie Wells; Town administrator Michael Samson; 2 public attendees: Selectman Bob Reagan, Donna Borthwick; recorded by Roger Lohr.

Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Ellie Davis called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 PM and introduced the members of the Canaan Budget Committee.

2. Proposed 2013 Canaan Budget

Various budget documents were distributed to the members of the public. The Canaan budget document and Warrant Articles can be found on line at the Canaan town website.

The Budget Committee members reviewed the line item sections announcing the amount of each section recommended by the committee and explaining any significant variances from the previous year's budget.

Borthwick reviewed executive, town administration, town clerk, and election expenses.

Davis reviewed printing, bookkeeping, budget committee, assessments, treasurer, and trustee expenses.

Duszynski reviewed legal, personnel, and government building expenses.

Bergeron reviewed cemetery, insurance, general government, police, ambulance, fire department, building inspector, and emergency management expenses.

Salvail reviewed mechanic, road agent, highway, bridge inspection, and street lighting expense.

Posnanski reviewed transfer station, health, and welfare expenses.

Pusey reviewed recreation, library, cultural, patriotic, and conservation accounts.

Wells reviewed debt service, capital equipment, and improvements.

Crowther reviewed sewer and water accounts.

The proposed 2014 Canaan operating budget is \$3,210,919 and if it is rejected by voters the default budget is \$3,128,314. The MS7 document, which reports town revenues, appropriations and the warrant articles was cited. Chair Davis reviewed the warrant

articles and corresponding fund amounts on the articles and whether the Select Board and Budget Committee recommended voting for the articles.

Appreciation was expressed by the committee chair to Town Administrator Samson and the committee members for work on the budget.

The public hearing was closed at 7:20 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes

Denis Salvail made a motion, which was seconded by Martha Pusey to approve the Canaan Budget Committee meeting minutes of December 5, 2013 as submitted.

Amendments were suggested and Al Posnanski made a motion, which was seconded by John Bergeron to approve the Canaan Budget Committee meeting minutes of December 5, 2013 as amended. The motion passed unanimously. The amendments included inserting the remainder of Article 8 and spelling of Denis Salvail.

The Budget Committee meeting minutes of January 15, 2014 were distributed and reviewed by the committee members.

Scott Borthwick made a motion, which was seconded by Denis Salvail to approve the Canaan Budget Committee meeting minutes of January 15, 2014 as submitted. The motion was passed unanimously.

3. Other

Recorder Roger Lohr was asked to send the corrected meeting minutes to Bill Crowther, Budget Committee secretary.

Chair Davis announced the open committee seats and that a tentative Budget Committee meeting to elect committee officers has been scheduled for April 3. The town's Deliberative Session will be held on February 1 at 1:00 PM at the Canaan Elementary School Gym and the Budget Committee members should attend that meeting.

4. Adjournment

Scott Borthwick made a motion which was seconded by John Bergeron to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.