

Canaan Budget Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2015
Canaan Fire Station, Canaan, NH

Attendees: Budget Committee members: John Bergeron; Scott Borthwick, William Crowther, Ellie Davis, Patty Duszynski, Al Posnanski, Martha Pusey, Denis Salvail, Phillip Smith, Sadie Wells; Town administrator Michael Samson; recorded by Roger Lohr.

Final Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Ellie Davis called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Various budget documents were distributed to the committee members.

There was a change in the budget related to the cooperative association for prosecutions in Grafton County. The new budget expenditure to approve was \$3,336,035.

Scott Borthwick made a motion which was seconded by Sadie Wells to accept \$3,336,035 as the approved expense budget in the town of Canaan for 2015. The motion passed with 9 in favor and 1 opposed (Davis).

William Crowther made a motion which was seconded Scott Borthwick to accept \$3,358,857 as anticipated revenue in the town of Canaan for 2015. The motion passed with 9 in favor and 1 opposed (Davis).

2. Warrant Articles

Town Administrator Mike Samson explained the Warrant Articles with regard to tax impacts.

Article 3, which is the Canaan water and sewer appropriations was recommended by the Budget Committee; 9 Yes and 1.

Article 4, which is for the purchase of a truck from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund was recommended by the Budget Committee; 10 Yes and 0 No.

Article 5, which is for the purchase of a truck from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund was recommended by the Budget Committee; 9 Yes and 1 No.

Article 6, which is for the purchase of a police vehicle from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund was recommended by the Budget Committee; 10 Yes and 0 No.

Article 7, which is for the purchase of a live floor trailer from the Transfer Station Special Revenue Account was recommended by the Budget Committee; 10 Yes and 0 No.

Article 8, which is for adding \$10,000 to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund was recommended by the Budget Committee; 10 Yes and 0 No.

Article 9, which is for adding \$40,000 to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund if the funds are available from the Unreserved Fund Balance was recommended by the Budget Committee; 10 Yes and 0 No.

Article 10, which is for adding \$110,000 to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund if the funds are available from the Unreserved Fund Balance was recommended by the Budget Committee; 10 Yes and 0 No.

Article 11, which is for \$30,000 to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund if the funds are available from the Unreserved Fund Balance was recommended by the Budget Committee; 10 Yes and 0 No.

Town Administrator Mike Samson explained Article 12 about the town of Canaan's agreement with the police union. A \$1,000 cap had been added for Court-related call outs and the salary increases would be within the annual CPI if possible without raising property taxes. Article 12 was recommended by the Budget Committee; 10 Yes and 0 No.

Articles 13 and 14 did not require the Budget Committee's input and the petitioned articles included Articles 15-21 and the committee voted on each of them.

Article 15 Mascoma Health Initiative services: the Budget Committee Does Not Recommend; 4 Yes and 6 No.

Article 16 Grafton County Senior Citizens Council: the Budget Committee Does Not Recommend; 4 Yes and 6 No.

Article 17 Advance Transit: the Budget Committee Does Not Recommend; 4 Yes and 5 No and 1 abstention.

Article 18 Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice: the Budget Committee Does Not Recommend; 4 Yes and 5 No and 1 abstention.

Article 19 West Central Behavioral Health: the Budget Committee Does Not Recommend; 4 Yes and 6 No.

Article 20 WISE: the Budget Committee Does Not Recommend ;4 Yes and 6 No.

Article 21 Tri-County Cap: the Budget Committee Does Not Recommend; 2 Yes and 7 No and 1 abstention.

3. Other Business
Minutes Approval

A motion was made by Scott Borthwick and seconded by William Crowther to approve the Canaan Budget Committee meeting minutes of October 16, 2014 as submitted and amended. The motion passed unanimously. The change in item 4 was regarding the semantics about the source for the fees.

A motion was made by Scott Borthwick and seconded by William Crowther to approve the Canaan Budget Committee meeting minutes of December 18, 2014 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee assignments for the public hearing were distributed previously. The Canaan Budget Committee public hearing meeting is 7:30 PM on Thursday, January 15 at the Fire Station. The Deliberative Session is scheduled for February 7 at 9:00 AM at the Canaan Elementary School and was on a flyer notice. Town Administrator Mike Samson will provide support with the detailed budget information, if needed so questions at the Public Hearing could be diverted to the Town Administrator.

If there are any amendments to the town budget, the committee would have to vote on its recommendations on those amendments.

There are 4 seats for three-year terms that will be up including Ellie Davis, John Bergeron, Denis Salvail, and Phillip Smith who had filled a vacated committee seat.

4. Adjournment

Scott Borthwick made a motion which was seconded by Al Posnanski to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.