

Canaan Budget Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, January 13, 2016  
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; Public attendee: Dave McAlister; recorded by Roger Lohr.

Final Minutes

1. Call to Order

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

The Warrant Article document was distributed to the committee members.

2. Warrant Articles

Chair Ellie Davis read the Warrant Articles for the committee to consider and recommend.

Article 2, which is the Town of Canaan budget for 2016 of \$3,463,197 and default budget \$3,555,099, which was recommended by the Budget Committee; 9 Yes and 1 No.

Article 3, which is the Canaan water and sewer appropriations was recommended by the Budget Committee; 9 Yes and 1. A typo was discovered in the Water budget amount that was checked and was changed.

Article 4, which is for the purchase of a truck from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund was recommended by the Budget Committee; 9 Yes and 0 No and 1 abstention.

Article 5, which is for the purchase of a 4 wheel drive vehicle from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund was recommended by the Budget Committee; 10 Yes and 0 No.

Article 6, which is for adding \$40,000 to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund was recommended by the Budget Committee; 10 Yes and 0 No.

Article 7, which is for adding \$120,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Equipment was recommended by the Budget Committee; 10 Yes and 0 No.

Article 8, no vote.

Article 9, which is for re-characterizing an account for the Library; 10 Yes and 0 No.

Article 10, which is for closing the landfill account and re-characterizing it as the Economic Development Account, which was recommended by the Budget Committee; 10 Yes and 0 No.

Article 11, which is for appointing the voters as agents to expend the Historical Museum Fund was recommended by the Budget Committee; 10 Yes and 0 No.

Article 12, which is for changing the Library Renovation Trust Account to the Library Renovation Capital Reserve Account was recommended by the Budget Committee; 10 Yes and 0 No.

Articles 13 and 14 and 15 did not require the Budget Committee's input and there were no votes on those articles.

Article 16, which is for spend \$10,500 for Transfer Station bathroom installation, purchase of a shipping container and reimbursement for purchase of a skid steer in 2015 was recommended by the Budget Committee; 10 Yes and 0 No.

Article 17, which is for the 2016 Fifth Year Cyclical Revaluation was recommended by Budget Committee 10 Yes and 0 No.

#### PETITIONED ARTICLES

Article 18: Mascoma Valley Health Initiative: the Budget Committee Does Not Recommend; 5 Yes 5 No. Sadie Wells is involved with the Board of the Public Health Council. The vote on this article was not a majority, therefore the committee does not recommend this article.

Article 19: Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.: the Budget Committee Does Not Recommend; 4 Yes and 6 No.

Article 20: Advance Transit, Inc.: the Budget Committee Does Not Recommend; 3 Yes and 6 No and 1 abstention.

Article 21: Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice: the Budget Committee Does Not Recommend; 3 Yes and 7 No.

Article 22: West Central Behavioral Health: the Budget Committee Does Not Recommend; 2 Yes and 7 No and 1 abstention.

Article 23: WISE: the Budget Committee Does Not Recommend; 4 Yes and 6 No.

Article 24: Tri-County CAP: the Budget Committee Does Not Recommend; 3 Yes and 6 No and 1 abstention.

Article 25: Headrest, Inc.: the Budget Committee Does Not Recommend; 3 Yes and 7 No.

Article 26: no vote.

3. Other Business

Minutes Approval

**A motion was made by Philip Smith and seconded by Scott Borthwick to approve the Canaan Budget Committee meeting minutes of December 17, 2015 as submitted. The motion passed with 7 in favor and 3 abstentions (Wells, Pusey, Duszynski).**

**A motion was made by Philip Smith and seconded by Scott Borthwick to approve the Canaan Budget Committee meeting minutes of January 7, 2016 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Adjournment

**Scott Borthwick made a motion which was seconded by Philip Smith to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.**