

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2007

Canaan Fire Station

62 NH Route 118-Canaan

7:00 p.m.

Present: Robert Reagan
Kristina Burnett
Jay Waldner

Dana Hadley

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held to hear input from citizens relative to Town Warrant Article #18.

“Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2).” As adopted by the Town of Canaan on March 12, 1996. So that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other question for which the official ballot is required by state law?

The hearing was opened by Selectman Chairman, Robert Reagan at 7:00 p.m.

Selectman Jay Waldner, spoke in support of this warrant article. He said that he encouraged the Board to place this request on the Town Warrant. He supports the article for a traditional Town Meeting where the business of the Town is conducted on the Town Meeting floor.

In addition to Board members and staff the meeting was attended by seven residents.

David and Lena Bolton of Pheasant Lane spoke in favor of the current SB2 method. They agree that it is not a perfect system but they like the fact that everyone can vote on articles and is not dependent on a citizen attending a lengthy Town Meeting.

Eleanor Davis of Route 4, said that it is her feeling that generally people preferred the SB2 method over the traditional Town meeting.

Dave Barney, Goose Pond Road, said that SB 2 is more democratic which is why he likes it.

For this warrant article to be successful it requires a 3/5 majority vote in the affirmative of total votes cast on this article.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Burnett/Reagan to adjourn.

Vote in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana I. Hadley, Town Administrator

Minutes Accepted by the Board of Selectmen on April 3, 2007