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MINUTES
of
Town Meeting
Deliberative
Session

January 30, 2010
and
Day of Voting
MARCH 9, 2010

Town of Canaan,
NH

**REPORT OF TOWN MEETING
DELIBERATIVE SESSION
January 30, 2010**

The Deliberative Session of the Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Dale Barney at the Canaan Elementary School on Saturday, January 30, 2010, at 9:05 am. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Moderator read the rules: 1) no smoking on the premises; 2) only legally registered voters from Canaan may exercise their voting rights; 3) a person must be recognized by the chair prior to speaking and then should direct all comments through the Moderator; 4) all discussion must be related to the article on the floor; 5) there can only be one amendment at a time on the floor; 6) amendments must be in writing; 7) negative motions will not be accepted; 8) the right to speak as well as the right to be heard will be respected; 9) comments should be limited to three minutes or less; and 10) five or more signatures will be required for a petition for a paper ballot on any article.

Article 2

Shall the Town of Canaan vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling the sum of Three Million Twenty One Thousand Fifty One Dollars (\$3021,051.00)?

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million Two Hundred Seven Thousand Eighty Eight Dollars (\$3,207,088.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustment required by previous action of the Town of Canaan or by law: or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

A motion to accept Article 2 was made by Russell Lester, second by Milton Wilson. David Barney brought forth a motion to amend Article 2 as follows, second by Charles Townsend:

"Shall the Town of Canaan vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth

therein, totaling the sum of Three Million Twenty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$3,028,480.00)?

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million Two Hundred Seven Thousand Eighty Eight Dollars (\$3,207,088.00) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustment required by previous action of the Town of Canaan or by law: or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only."

The increase of \$7,249 is the Advertising and Regional Section (01-4197). A detailed list is shown below:

01-4197.18-560	ACORN	\$500
01-4197.22-560	CASA	\$500
01-4197.23-560	Mascoma Health Initiative	\$2,489
01-4197.24-560	TRI-CAP	<u>\$3,760</u>

TOTAL: \$7,249

Dave Barney spoke on the reasons to add the increase of \$7,249 to the advertising and regional section of the budget. Brenda Sousa mentioned that the Selectmen did not pay out money to the regionals that had been added to last year's budget. After a lengthy discussion, Brenda Sousa asked to move the question, second by Charles Townsend. There was a vote, and the ayes have it for the amended budget.

Sam Frank made an amendment to increase his salary as follows, second by John Bergeron:

"To increase line # 01-4210.10-130 by \$8,175.00 to \$62,308.00; increase retirement line # 01-4210.10-230 by \$1,035.00 to \$42,915; increase FICA/Medicare line # 01-4210.10-225 by \$118.00 to \$10,163.00. This will make the PD bottom line \$474,058.00."

Sam Frank gave an explanation on why he wants the increase, and explained that he would like to keep up with his department

which is under a union contract. There was a vote, and the ayes have it.

So the total for Article 2 with amendments is:

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Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million Two Hundred Seven Thousand Eighty Eight Dollars (\$3,207,088.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustment required by previous action of the Town of Canaan or by law: or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

There was much discussion on behalf of the Budget Committee and Selectmen about having the recommendations on this article. It was decided that since this is not the budget that they voted on, the recommendations would be left off.

No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 2 be placed on the ballot as amended.

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$176,825.00) for Water and Sewer Operations for the Town of Canaan. These funds are raised by user fees and are not funded by property taxes.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article 3-0

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article 7-3

A motion to accept Article 3 was made by Russell Lester, second by Craig Lawler.

Milton Wilson expressed concern on whether the water/sewer department is charging enough money to pay for itself. Michael Capone gave an update on the current projects that are under way for the water/sewer department.

No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 3 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to Authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire or sell land and/or buildings in accordance with RSA 41:14-a. This authorization shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the Town meeting

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article 3-0

A motion to accept Article 4 was made by Vicky McAlister, second by Milton Wilson.

There was general discussion concerning why the Selectmen want this article in the warrant. The Attorney, Bernie Waugh, explained that the people of Canaan have ways of stopping the Selectmen from acquiring land if they so choose.

Patrick Andrew made a motion to take out the words "or sell", second by Shirley Packard. Voted on and the motion was defeated.

Dave Barney made a motion to amend Article 4 as follows, second by John Bergeron:

"To see if the Town will vote to study whether the Board of Selectmen can acquire or sell land and/or buildings in accordance with RSA 41:14-a."

Voted on the motion and the ayes have it. The Moderator declared that Article 4 be placed on the ballot as amended.

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Forty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Nine Dollars (\$345,789.00) to pay the outstanding balance on two USDA loans. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance (surplus) and will require that no amount be raised from taxation.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article **9-1**

A motion to accept Article 5 was made by Russell Lester, second by Craig Lawler. There was discussion about how much money would be left in the surplus fund. Bob Reagan explained that the selectmen are trying to get the town to the point of being debt free.

No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 5 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be added to the previously established Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund and name the Governing Body (the Board of Selectmen) as Agents to Expend.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article **8-2**

A motion to accept Article 6 was made by Russell Lester, second by Nathan Deleault.

No discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 6 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund established in 1944 with said funds and accumulated interest to be transferred to the Water and Sewer Surplus account.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article **9-1**

A motion to accept Article 7 was made by Russell Lester, second by John Bergeron. Milton Wilson spoke in favor of this article.

Eleanor Davis said that she voted against this as a budget committee member, for she would like to see the money go into the general funds.

No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 7 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be added to the previously established Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund with the Legislative Body (the Voters) as Agents to Expend.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article **10-0**

A motion to accept Article 8 was made by John Bergeron, second by Bill Bellion.

No discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 8 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Equipment with the Legislative Body (the Voters) as Agents to Expend.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article **10-0**

A motion to accept Article 9 was made by Russell Lester, second by John Bergeron.

A motion by Dave Barney to amend the article, and replace \$30,000 with \$100,000, second by John Bergeron.

There was discussion on the condition of the highway vehicles, and the benefit of having a Capital Improvement Plan for the Town.

Voted on the amendment, and it was defeated.

No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 9 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for One Hundred Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$106,560.00) for the purpose of leasing a backhoe for the Highway Department to replace the existing 2004 JCB backhoe, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$21,312.00) for the first years payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **10-0**

A motion to accept Article 10 was made by Craig Lawler, second by John Bergeron.

Duane Mansur made a motion to accept an amendment to Article 10 as follows, second by Craig Lawler:

"To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a lease agreement for One Dollar (\$1.00) for the purpose of leasing a backhoe for the Highway Department to replace the existing 2004 JCB backhoe, and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) for the payment of that purpose."

There was discussion concerning the advantages to using a zero amount or putting in the dollar.

Brenda Sousa suggested leaving the article as it was originally printed so the voters could decide yes or no for the article.

Eleanor Davis was concerned about what would happen to the old equipment, and if this article is defeated will the town still be able to purchase new equipment? There was general discussion concerning the ability to purchase new equipment.

No further discussion, so a vote was taken and the amendment was defeated.

The Moderator declared that Article 10 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for Ninety Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$97,817.00) for the purpose of leasing a front end loader for the Highway Department to replace the existing 2001 Komatsu Loader, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Three Dollars and Thirty Six Cents (\$19,563.36) for the first years payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **10-0**

A motion to accept Article 11 was made by Russell Lester, second by Craig Lawler.

No discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 11 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 12

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for paving Roberts Road and a portion of Goose Pond Road.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **7-2** with one abstention

A motion to accept Article 12 was made by Vicky McAlister, second by John Bergeron.

Duane Mansur asked what specific work is going to be done with this money such as what portion of Goose Pond will be paved, etc. It was explained that the department would be in charge of that. No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 12 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 13

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Dollars (\$186,000.00) to purchase a new cab, chassis, sander body and plow equipment to replace the 2001 Freightliner dump truck and authorize the withdrawal of Sixty Six Thousand Dollars (\$66,000) from

the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of One Hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) is to come from general taxation.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **10-0**

A motion to accept Article 13 was made by John Bergeron, second by Dave Barney.

No discussion, so the Moderator declared that article 13 be place on the ballot as written.

Article 14

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Eight Thousand Dollars (\$98,000.00) for the replacement of the 2004 550 Ford one ton dump truck.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **10-0**

A motion to accept Article 14 was made by John Bergeron, second by Dave Barney.

There was discussion concerning whether we need to replace the vehicles included in the articles, and what this will do to the tax rate.

No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 14 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 15- Petitioned Article

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to give the hourly, non union paid employees a 3% raise.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **9-1**

A motion to accept Article 15 was made by Russell Lester, second by John Bergeron.

Duane Mansur wanted to know who is included in this? Michael Capone explained that since this is a petitioned article it has to go in as presented to the Selectmen, and that it would cover the employees included in the article.

No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 15 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 16 – Petitioned Article

Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$2,100.00) to help support the crisis intervention and support services and community outreach and violence prevention programs at WISE (Women’s Information Service) located in Lebanon, NH and serving the Town of Canaan as well as twelve additional towns in the Upper Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **8-2**

A motion to accept Article 16 was made by Russell Lester, second by John Bergeron.

No discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 16 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 17 – Petitioned Article

We request that Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) be appropriated to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services to Canaan residents in 2010. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, the town food pantry, transportation, adult in-home care, outreach support, Service Link support and more. In 2009, Grafton Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 316 Canaan residents (Service Link:73 Residents), and the cost of providing these services was \$186,091.65.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **8-2**

A motion to accept Article 17 was made by Brenda Souza, second by John Bergeron.

Brenda Souza asked if the Selectmen would stand behind this Article if voted yes? Tim Lewis said yes, let the voters decide for or against this.

Very heated discussion concerning the pros and cons of helping the agencies mentioned in the petitioned warrant articles. Patrick Andrew asked to move the question, second by Brenda Souza. Voted and the ayes have it.

No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 17 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 18 – Petitioned Article

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$7,600.00) to go to Advance Transit, Inc. for services to Canaan residents in 2010. These services include transportation for work, shopping and appointments. In 2008, 10856 passenger trips boarded Advanced Transit in Canaan. Advance Transit provided services to the Town of Canaan at a cost of \$93,000.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **7-2** with one abstention

A motion to accept Article 18 was made by John Bergeron, second by Dave Barney.

Heated debate again as to whether the town should fund the agencies. Nan Munsey asked to move the question, second by Ernest Schori. Voted and the ayes have it.

No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 18 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 19 – Petitioned Article

Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$9,700.00) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the **Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH**. In 2009, the VNA & Hospice of VT and NH made 1,969 homecare visits to 168 residents and provided approximately \$108,101 of uncompensated care to Canaan residents.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **8-2**

A motion to accept Article 19 was made by John Bergeron, second by Dave Barney.

No discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 19 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 20 – Petitioned Article

Shall the Town of Canaan raise and appropriate Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$3,300.00) for the support of West Central Behavioral Health. This appropriation will be used for uninsured and underinsured Canaan residents who use West Central Behavioral Health's psychological, psychiatric, case management, vocational, respite and emergency mental health services. Last year one hundred twenty one (121) Canaan residents were patients of West Central Behavioral Health. 61 of the 121 residents were children.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **8-2**

A motion to accept Article 20 was made by John Bergeron, second by Dave Barney.

John Bergeron and Candace Carter asked to please support this article.

No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 20 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 21 – Petitioned Article

To see if the Town will vote to designate Goose Pond Road from the Hanover town line to Talbert Hill Road as a low salt (Type 5) road as defined in NH Department of Transportation (DOT) policy. Winter maintenance shall follow DOT recommendation for Type 5 roads to use abrasives only. The use of sand mixed with a minimum amount of salt to keep it from freezing would satisfy this requirement.

The Town shall provide appropriate signage during the winter maintenance period to notify the public of this policy.

At the end of the winter maintenance period, the Town shall sweep up the sand on Goose Pond Road. Excess sand shall also be cleaned from culverts by the Town as necessary to keep sand from entering Goose Pond.

This will help to minimize the harmful effects to Goose Pond of the chloride and phosphorous contained in road salt.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article 3-0

A motion to accept Article 21 was made by Dave Barney, second by John Bergeron.

There was discussion about the funding to clean culverts, etc.

Dave Barney explained that a Road Salt Working Group had brought a winter maintenance policy before the Board of Selectmen in 2006 without success, so they wanted to try again.

Duane Mansur presented an amendment to change "vote to designate" to "vote to study", second by Gary Labelle.

Voted on the amendment, and it failed.

So the Moderator declared that Article 21 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 22 – Petitioned Article

To see if the Town will vote to continue to maintain and operate the bathhouse located at the Canaan Street beach. The Town may solicit and use volunteers or organizations to assist with labor and/or materials, but it shall be the Town's ultimate responsibility to maintain and operate the bathhouse. The bathhouse shall be open daily, at least eight hours per day, from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. The bathhouse shall not be demolished. A portable toilet shall not replace the bathhouse.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article 3-0

A motion to accept Article 22 was made by John Bergeron, second by Dave Barney. There was much discussion concerning the funding of this article, and who will be responsible for the care and maintenance.

No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 22 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 23 – Petitioned Article

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote pursuant to RSA 673 to establish a **Heritage Commission** to identify and promote preservation and appreciation of historic buildings and sites. The Commission will work to research, record, and inventory historic resources, assist the Planning Board as requested and advise local agencies and boards. This vote will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint five citizens as members of the Heritage Commission pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:4-a and RSA 673:5, and to appoint up to three additional citizens as alternate members, or take any other action relating thereto.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

A motion to accept Article 23 was made by John Bergeron, second by Craig Lawler.

Charles Townsend gave a brief explanation on why this article was petitioned. No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 23 be placed on the ballot as written.

No other business to transact, the Moderator declared that the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

A true copy attest: Vicky J. McAlister, Canaan Town Clerk

Report of the Day of Voting March 9, 2010

The Day of Voting was called to order by Moderator Dale Barney at the Canaan Fire Station on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. The polls were declared open for the purpose of voting by ballots for Town Officials (Article 1), Articles 2 through 23, and School District Officials and Articles. Supervisors of the Checklist Carole Cushman, Nancy Charbono-Ricard and Jennifer Salvail took their positions. Ben Yamashita, Martha Pusey, and Margaret Godfrey were ballot clerks, and Scott Borthwick was Gatekeeper. The absentee ballots were processed at 3:00 p.m. by the Moderator. The Moderator declared the polls closed at 7:00 p.m. There were 2527 voters on the checklist, with 15 new registrations on March 9, 2010. Votes cast on the day of voting were 661, with 28 absentee ballots, for a total cast of 689.

Results for Articles 1 through 23 are as follows:

Article 1: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

SELECTMEN

For three years

Vote for not more than (1) one

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

For three years

Vote for not more than (2) two

Clifford L. Rudder-----73

Marcia Wilson-----382*

Timothy G. Lewis-----188

Charles L. Townsend-----486*

Joseph Frazier-----478*

MODERATOR

For two years

Vote for not more than (1) one

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For three years

Vote for not more than (2) two

Dale Barney-----607*

Cynthia J. Neily-----562*

Patricia Carter-----524*

Trustees of the Trust Funds

For three years

Vote for not more than (1) one

Budget Committee Member

For three years

Vote for not more than (3) three

Sadie McKinney-----44*

Supervisor of the Checklist

For six years

Vote for not more than (1) one

Al Posnanski-----260

Karen P. Wolk-----367*

Dave Barney-----426*

David E. McAlister-----524*

Freda Washburn-----32*

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

For three years

Vote for not more than (1) one

Eleanor J. Davis-----557*

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meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

YES: 490* NO: 165

The Moderator declared Article 2 passed.

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$176,825.00) for Water and Sewer Operations for the Town of Canaan. These funds are raised by user fees and are not funded by property taxes.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article **7-3**

YES: 526* NO: 140

The Moderator declared Article 3 passed.

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to study whether the Board of Selectmen can acquire or sell land and/or buildings in accordance with RSA 41:14-a.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**

YES: 414* NO: 247

The Moderator declared Article 4 passed.

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Forty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Nine Dollars (\$345,789.00) to pay the outstanding balance on two USDA loans. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance (surplus) and will require that no amount be raised from taxation.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article **9-1**

YES: 541* NO: 125

The Moderator declared Article 5 passed.

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be added to the previously established Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund and name the Governing Body (the Board of Selectmen) as Agents to Expend.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article **8-2**

YES: 372* NO: 276

The Moderator declared Article 6 passed.

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund established in 1944 with said funds and accumulated interest to be transferred to the Water and Sewer Surplus account.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article **9-1**

YES: 564* NO: 101

The Moderator declared Article 7 passed.

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be added to the previously established Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund with the Legislative Body (the Voters) as Agents to Expend.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article **10-0**

YES: 479* NO: 191

The Moderator declared Article 8 passed.

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Equipment with the Legislative Body (the Voters) as Agents to Expend.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article **10-0**

YES: 466* NO: 205

The Moderator declared Article 9 passed.

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for One Hundred Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$106,560.00) for the purpose of leasing a backhoe for the Highway Department to replace the existing 2004 JCB backhoe, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$21,312.00) for the first years payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **10-0**

YES: 158 NO: 499*

The Moderator declared Article 10 defeated.

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for Ninety Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$97,817.00) for the purpose of leasing a front end loader for the Highway Department to replace the existing 2001 Komatsu Loader, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Three Dollars and Thirty Six Cents (\$19,563.36) for the first years payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **10-0**

YES: 154 **NO: 505***

The Moderator declared Article 11 defeated.

Article 12

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for paving Roberts Road and a portion of Goose Pond Road.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **7-2** with one abstention

YES: 207 **NO: 466***

The Moderator declared Article 12 defeated.

Article 13

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Dollars (\$186,000.00) to purchase a new cab, chassis, sander body and plow equipment to replace the 2001 Freightliner dump truck and authorize the withdrawal of Sixty Six Thousand Dollars (\$66,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of One Hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) is to come from general taxation.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **10-0**

YES: 127 **NO: 542***

The Moderator declared Article 13 defeated.

Article 14

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Eight Thousand Dollars (\$98,000.00) for the replacement of the 2004 550 Ford one ton dump truck.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **10-0**

YES: 98 **NO: 570***

The Moderator declared Article 14 defeated.

Article 15- Petitioned Article

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to give the hourly, non union paid employees a 3% raise.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **9-1**

YES: 244 **NO: 429***

The Moderator declared Article 15 defeated.

Article 16 – Petitioned Article

Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$2,100.00) to help support the crisis intervention and support services and community outreach and violence prevention programs at WISE (Women’s Information Service) located in Lebanon, NH and serving the Town of Canaan as well as twelve additional towns in the Upper Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **8-2**

YES: 370* **NO: 308**

The Moderator declared Article 16 passed.

Article 17 – Petitioned Article

We request that Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) be appropriated to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services to Canaan residents in 2010. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, the town food pantry, transportation, adult in-home care, outreach support, Service

Link support and more. In 2009, Grafton Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 316 Canaan residents (Service Link:73 Residents), and the cost of providing these services was \$186,091.65.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **8-2**

YES: 503* **NO: 176**

The Moderator declared Article 17 passed.

Article 18 – Petitioned Article

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$7,600.00) to go to Advance Transit, Inc. for services to Canaan residents in 2010. These services include transportation for work, shopping and appointments. In 2008, 10856 passenger trips boarded Advanced Transit in Canaan. Advance Transit provided services to the Town of Canaan at a cost of \$93,000.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **7-2** with one abstention

YES: 444* **NO: 235**

The Moderator declared Article 18 passed.

Article 19 – Petitioned Article

Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$9,700.00) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the **Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH**. In 2009, the VNA & Hospice of VT and NH made 1,969 homecare visits to 168 residents and provided approximately \$108,101 of uncompensated care to Canaan residents.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **8-2**

YES: 436* NO: 231

The Moderator declared Article 19 passed.

Article 20 – Petitioned Article

Shall the Town of Canaan raise and appropriate Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$3,300.00) for the support of West Central Behavioral Health. This appropriation will be used for uninsured and underinsured Canaan residents who use West Central Behavioral Health's psychological, psychiatric, case management, vocational, respite and emergency mental health services. Last year one hundred twenty one (121) Canaan residents were patients of West Central Behavioral Health. 61 of the 121 residents were children.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **8-2**

YES: 343* NO: 325

The Moderator declared Article 20 passed.

Article 21 – Petitioned Article

To see if the Town will vote to designate Goose Pond Road from the Hanover town line to Talbert Hill Road as a low salt (Type 5) road as defined in NH Department of Transportation (DOT) policy. Winter maintenance shall follow DOT recommendation for Type 5 roads to use abrasives only. The use of sand mixed with a minimum amount of salt to keep it from freezing would satisfy this requirement.

The Town shall provide appropriate signage during the winter maintenance period to notify the public of this policy.

At the end of the winter maintenance period, the Town shall sweep up the sand on Goose Pond Road. Excess sand shall also be cleaned from culverts by the Town as necessary to keep sand from entering Goose Pond.

This will help to minimize the harmful effects to Goose Pond of the chloride and phosphorous contained in road salt.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

YES: 397* NO: 268

The Moderator declared Article 21 passed.

Article 22 – Petitioned Article

To see if the Town will vote to continue to maintain and operate the bathhouse located at the Canaan Street beach. The Town may solicit and use volunteers or organizations to assist with labor and/or materials, but it shall be the Town’s ultimate responsibility to maintain and operate the bathhouse. The bathhouse shall be open daily, at least eight hours per day, from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. The bathhouse shall not be demolished. A portable toilet shall not replace the bathhouse.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

YES: 470* NO: 195

The Moderator declared Article 22 passed.

Article 23 – Petitioned Article

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote pursuant to RSA 673 to establish a **Heritage Commission** to identify and promote preservation and appreciation of historic buildings and sites. The Commission will work to research, record, and inventory historic resources, assist the Planning Board as requested and advise local agencies and boards. This vote will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint five citizens as members of the Heritage Commission pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:4-a and RSA 673:5, and to appoint up to three additional citizens as alternate members, or take any other action relating thereto.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

YES: 317 NO: 345*

The Moderator declared Article 23 defeated.

No other business transacted.

A true copy attest:

Vicky J. McAlister
Canaan Town Clerk