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**MINUTES**  
**of**  
**Town Meeting**  
**Deliberative Session**

**February 5, 2011**

**and**

**Day of Voting**

**MARCH 8, 2011**

**Town of Canaan, NH**

**REPORT OF TOWN MEETING DELIBERATIVE SESSION**  
**February 5, 2011**

The Deliberative Session of the Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Dale Barney at the Canaan Elementary School on Saturday, February 5, 2011, at 1:04 pm. 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 Two Million Nine Hundred Ninety Three Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (\$2,993,996.00).

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million One Hundred and Ninety Five Dollars (\$3,000,195.00), 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 Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article 3-0

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article 7-2

***A motion to accept Article 2 was made by Audrey Armstrong, second by David Shinnlinger. No discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 2 be placed on the ballot as written.***

**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 8-1

***A motion to accept Article 3 was made by David McAlister, second by David Shinnlinger. No 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 raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Two Hundred Eighty Four Thousand Dollars (\$284,000.00) to purchase a fire engine to replace Engine 3 and authorize

the withdrawal of up to Two Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00) from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose and authorize the use of up to Nine Thousand (\$9,000.00) from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2010 (surplus). The use of the Capital Reserve and Unreserved Fund Balance will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

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

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article 8-1 abstention

***A motion to accept Article 4 was made by Bill Bellion, second by John Hennessey. Bill Bellion spoke on the need for this fire engine. No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 4 be placed on the ballot as written.***

#### Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) to purchase a plow/sanding truck to replace the 2004 Ford 550 and authorize the withdrawal of up to Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. This sum to come from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

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

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article 8-1

***A motion to accept Article 5 was made by Bob Scott, second by Phil Salvail. A question was asked about the no vote for the Budget Committee. Eleanor Davis spoke on this, and said that there are a number of reasons for the no vote. She believes that we have more trucks than people to drive them. She encouraged the public to attend Selectmen and Budget Committee meetings to better understand the votes. Bob Scott responded that each vehicle has a purpose. There was discussion about the amount of funds in the Capital Reserve accounts. 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 Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00) to purchase a police cruiser to replace the 2004 Chevrolet Impala and to be used as a patrol vehicle. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2010 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

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

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article 8-1 abstention

***A motion to accept Article 6 was made by Marcia Wilson, second by David Shinnlinger. Sam Frank gave the status on the current cruisers. Sharon Everts wanted to know how much money would be left in the Unreserved Funds if all the articles were approved. Mike Samson said that the balance would be just over one million dollars. No further***

**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 raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the previously established Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund and name the Governing Body (the Board of Selectmen) as Agents to Expend. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2010 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

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

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article 9-0

***A motion to accept Article 7 was made by David McAlister, second by Audrey Armstrong. No 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 Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be added to the previously established Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund with the Legislative Body (the Voters) as Agents to Expend. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2010 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

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

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article 9-0

***A motion to accept Article 8 was made by Bill Bellion, second by Bob Scott. 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 Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Equipment with the Legislative Body (the Voters) as Agents to Expend. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2010 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

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

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article 8-1

***A motion to accept Article 9 was made by Bob Scott, second by David Shinnlinger. No discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 9 be placed on the ballot as written.***

## Article 10

To see if the voters will allow the Selectmen to move the Soldiers' Monument approximately twenty five feet from its current location at no additional expense to the taxpayers and to completely discontinue Jog Road (the slip ramp on the southwest side of the monument) so as to connect the Monument to the Common and increase public access to the Monument, notwithstanding the action of the Town Meeting of February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1925, and pursuant to RSA 231:43. An affirmative vote will terminate the public's right to use Jog Road. Jog Road is approximately 120 feet long and connects Parker Street (aka Route 118) to On The Common (extension of High Street) with frontage only on the monument and the Common, both owned by the Town of Canaan. Notice of this article has been given to all owners of property abutting the road at least 14 days prior to town meeting.

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

***A motion to accept Article 10 was made by Harold Armstrong, second by Judith Kushner. Carolyn Barney gave a brief outline of this project. Eleanor Davis asked if the State Highway Dept. had been notified. Carolyn said yes they had. No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 10 be placed on the ballot as written.***

## Article 11

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2 II. The money received from fees, charges and donations for recreation and park services and facilities shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the general fund unreserved fund balance. The treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Recreation Commission with the approval of the Board of Selectmen (no further legislative body approval required). These funds may be expended only for recreation purposes as stated in RSA 35-B, and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose.

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

***A motion to accept Article 11 was made by Audrey Armstrong, second by David McAlister. Stella Butterfield asked if this would have an impact on the Old Home Days Committee. Bob Reagan indicated that there is no impact as the Old Home Days Committee is a separate organization. Sharon Everts asked why this has to be a warrant article? Marcia Wilson said that the Recreation Committee is trying to reorganize, and when they receive money they have no place to put it. Right now money would just go into the general funds. No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 11 be placed on the ballot as written.***

## Article 12

Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to convey 1.88 acres owned by the Town of Canaan on Route 4 (Town Tax Map 17 Lot 92) to Zani Construction in exchange for 4.34 acres of land currently owned by Zani Construction and adjacent to the land to be conveyed to Zani Construction (Part of the lands shown in Town Tax Map 17 Lot 45) together with a right of way from Route 4 to the property to be conveyed to the Town of Canaan. The property to be conveyed to the Town of Canaan is the site of the former Canaan landfill for which the Town of Canaan has potential liability as the generator of the waste. The purpose of the land swap is to allow the Town to properly close the old landfill and monitor the site and seek state grants for those purposes. This land swap will

require no additional money to be raised and appropriated and the Town will not pay any money to Zani Construction.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0

***A motion to accept Article 12 was made by David Shinnlinger, second by Bob Scott. Wesley Mansur wanted to know why we are doing this? Bob Reagan explained that we are responsible for closing the landfill, and the only way that we can get State funding to do this is to be the owner of the property. Very heated discussion followed concerning this article. The Board was questioned why it was taking the liability owned by a private owner. Bob Reagan noted that we already have the liability by law and by prior deed covenants. Bob Reagan and Mike Samson reviewed the prior correspondence from NH Department of Environmental Services indicating the need for ownership of the landfill parcel. The Board was questioned whether we would lose tax revenue. Samson indicated that one parcel would go back onto the tax roles and the parcel that the Town would receive has very little current value. No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 12 be placed on the ballot as written.***

#### Article 13

To see if the voters will authorize the Selectmen to discontinue street lights, notwithstanding any Warrant Articles approved by the voters at prior regular or special Town Meetings, provided that they do so only after giving the voters at least 30 days notice and provide a public hearing within that thirty day notice period.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0

***A motion to accept Article 13 was made by Marcia Wilson, second by David McAlister. General discussion concerning what lights would be discontinued, and how it would be done. Karen Wolk pointed out that the wording was supposed to be changed to include “non-essential” after the discontinue. Motion to amend Article 13 made by Karen Wolk, second by David McAlister to read:***

#### Article 13

To see if the voters will authorize the Selectmen to discontinue non-essential street lights, notwithstanding any Warrant Articles approved by the voters at prior regular or special Town Meetings, provided that they do so only after giving the voters at least 30 days notice and provide a public hearing within that thirty day notice period.

***Vote on amendment, and the ayes have it.***

***No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 13 be placed on the ballot as amended.***

***Patrick Andrew made a motion to stop discussion on all previous articles, second by Marcia Wilson. Voted and the ayes have it.***

#### Article 14 – Petitioned Article

Shall the Town appropriate and raise the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) to Women’s Information Referral Service (WISE) to help defray the cost of their operating budget. In 2010, WISE provided services to over 43 residents in the Town of Canaan.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article 2-1

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article 6-3

***A motion to accept Article 14 was made by David Shinnlinger, second by Audrey Armstrong. No discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 14 be placed on the ballot as written***

#### Article 15 – Petitioned Article

We request that Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000.00) be raised and appropriated to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services to Canaan residents in 2011. 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 2010, Grafton Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 304 Canaan residents and Service Link provided services for 59 Residents. The cost of providing these services was \$180,398.45.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article 2-1

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article 6-3

***A motion to accept Article 15 was made by Harold Armstrong, second by David Shinnlinger. Carolyn Freese wanted to know why the Selectmen and Budget Committee are not recommending these articles? Bob Reagan explained that they felt it should be up to the voters to decide whether the town will appropriate money to the regional organizations. No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 15 be placed on the ballot as written***

#### Article 16 – 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. to help support public transportation services in the Town of Canaan in 2011. In 2010, 9,945 passenger trips boarded Advanced Transit in Canaan. Advance Transit provided services to the Town of Canaan at a cost of \$90,700.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article 2-1

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article 6-3

***A motion to accept Article 16 was made by Judith Kushner, second by Audrey Armstrong. Wayne Morrison spoke in favor of this article. No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 16 be placed on the ballot as written***

#### Article 17 – Petitioned Article

Shall the Town raise and 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**. Last year, the VNA & Hospice of VT and NH made 1,488 homecare visits to Canaan residents.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article 2-1

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article 6-3

***A motion to accept Article 17 was made by Harold Armstrong, second by David Shinnlinger. No discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 17 be placed on the ballot as written***

#### **Article 18 – 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, and emergency mental health and substance abuse services. Last year 114 Canaan residents were patients of West Central Behavioral Health. Of the 114 served, 52 were Canaan's children. West Central Behavioral Health provided 3,136 hours of treatment to Canaan residents.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article 2-1

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article 6-3

***A motion to accept Article 18 was made by Marcia Wilson, second by Audrey Armstrong. A representative from West Central spoke to support this article. No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 18 be placed on the ballot as written***

#### **Article 19 – Petitioned Article**

Will the voters raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Five Dollars (\$2,735.00) to support Mascoma Valley Health Initiative services to Canaan residents in 2011. Services include the Indian River Youth 2 Youth after school program, community substance abuse prevention, public and school influenza immunizations, rural health needs assessment and health program development. In 2010, the Mascoma Valley Health Initiative provided services to 75 students in two schools.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article 2-1

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article 6-3

***A motion to accept Article 19 was made by Bob Scott, second by David Shinnlinger. No discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 19 be placed on the ballot as written***

#### **Article 20 – Petitioned Article**

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,488 for the support of the Tri-County Community Action Program, Upper Valley Community Contact Office. Last year this office served 264 low-income households in Canaan with \$174,936 in direct client service dollars for fuel assistance, electric assistance, weatherization and eviction prevention. To be fair we ask all towns that we assist for the same amount; \$17 per household we help.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article 2-1

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article 6-3

***A motion to accept Article 20 was made by Bob Scott, second by Audrey Armstrong. Again, there was discussion concerning the***

**recommendations. Patrick Andrew suggested that if the board/committee member supported the organization, but wanted the voters to decide then abstain from voting on the article. The lawyer representing the town said that the Selectmen and Budget Committee had to vote by law. No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 20 be placed on the ballot as written**

**No other business to transact, the Moderator declared that the meeting was adjourned at 2:39 pm.**

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

## **Report of the Day of Voting**

**March 8, 2011**

The Day of Voting was called to order by Moderator Pro Tempore Ben Yamashita at the Canaan Fire Station on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 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 20, and School District Officials and Articles. Supervisors of the Checklist Freda Washburn, Nancy Charbono-Ricard and Jennifer Salvail took their positions. Joseph Frazier, Martha Pusey, and Margaret Godfrey were ballot clerks, and Scott Borthwick was Gatekeeper. The absentee ballots were processed at 2:00 p.m. by the Moderator Pro Tempore. The Moderator Pro Tempore declared the polls closed at 7:00 p.m. There were 2505 voters on the checklist, with 10 new registrations on March 8, 2011. Votes cast on the day of voting were 572, with 25 absentee ballots, for a total cast of 597.

### **Results for Articles 1 through 20 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

Anthony J. Poirier-----270

Scott Borthwick-----280\*

**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR**

*For three years*

Vote for not more than (1) one

Vicky McAlister-----576\*

**Trustees of the Trust Funds**

*For three years*

Vote for not more than (1) one

David Webster(write-in)-----11\*

**Supervisor of the Checklist**

*For six years*

Vote for not more than (1) one

Erin Darrow(write-in)-----11\*

**CEMETERY TRUSTEE**

*For three years*

Vote for not more than (1) one

Barbara Hayward-----505\*

**PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS**

*For three years*

Vote for not more than (2) two

Stephen Ward-----465\*

Martha Pusey(write-in)-----3\*

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

*For three years*

Vote for not more than (2) two

Beth Wolf-----464\*

Thomas Guillette-----391\*

**Budget Committee Member**

*For three years*

Vote for not more than (3) three

Al Posnanski-----420\*

Martha Pusey(write-in)-----155\*

William Crowther(write-in)—139\*

**ROAD AGENT**

*For three years*

Vote for not more than (1) one

Robert Scott-----387\*

Terrence M. Bishop-----100

Timothy G. Lewis-----89

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

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article 7-2

**YES: 499\* NO: 65**

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 8-1

**YES: 475\*                      NO: 88**

The Moderator declared Article 3 passed.

**Article 4**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Two Hundred Eighty Four Thousand Dollars (\$284,000.00) to purchase a fire engine to replace Engine 3 and authorize the withdrawal of up to Two Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00) from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose and authorize the use of up to Nine Thousand (\$9,000.00) from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2010 (surplus). The use of the Capital Reserve and Unreserved Fund Balance will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

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

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article 8-1 abstention

**YES: 476\*                      NO: 106**

The Moderator declared Article 4 passed.

**Article 5**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) to purchase a plow/sanding truck to replace the 2004 Ford 550 and authorize the withdrawal of up to Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. This sum to come from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

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

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article 8-1

**YES: 440\*                      NO: 138**

The Moderator declared Article 5 passed.

**Article 6**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00) to purchase a police cruiser to replace the 2004 Chevrolet Impala and to be used as a patrol vehicle. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2010 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**  
The Budget Committee **recommends** this article 8-1 abstention

**YES: 388\***                      **NO: 185**

The Moderator declared Article 6 passed.

**Article 7**

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The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**  
The Budget Committee **recommends** this article 9-0

**YES: 412\***                      **NO: 154**

The Moderator declared Article 7 passed.

**Article 8**

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 Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund with the Legislative Body (the Voters) as Agents to Expend. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2010 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**  
The Budget Committee **recommends** this article 9-0

**YES: 450\***                      **NO: 119**

The Moderator declared Article 8 passed.

**Article 9**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Equipment with the Legislative Body (the Voters) as Agents to Expend. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2010 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**  
The Budget Committee **recommends** this article 8-1

**YES: 439\*                      NO: 128**

The Moderator declared Article 9 passed.

**Article 10**

To see if the voters will allow the Selectmen to move the Soldiers' Monument approximately twenty five feet from its current location at no additional expense to the taxpayers and to completely discontinue Jog Road (the slip ramp on the southwest side of the monument) so as to connect the Monument to the Common and increase public access to the Monument, notwithstanding the action of the Town Meeting of February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1925, and pursuant to RSA 231:43. An affirmative vote will terminate the public's right to use Jog Road. Jog Road is approximately 120 feet long and connects Parker Street (aka Route 118) to On The Common (extension of High Street) with frontage only on the monument and the Common, both owned by the Town of Canaan. Notice of this article has been given to all owners of property abutting the road at least 14 days prior to town meeting.

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

**YES: 475\*                      NO: 95**

The Moderator declared Article 10 passed.

**Article 11**

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2 II. The money received from fees, charges and donations for recreation and park services and facilities shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the general fund unreserved fund balance. The treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Recreation Commission with the approval of the Board of Selectmen (no further legislative body approval required). These funds may be expended only for recreation purposes as stated in RSA 35-B, and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose.

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

**YES: 453\*                      NO: 126**

The Moderator declared Article 11 passed.

**Article 12**

Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to convey 1.88 acres owned by the Town of Canaan on Route 4 (Town Tax Map 17 Lot 92) to Zani Construction in exchange for 4.34 acres of land currently owned by Zani Construction and adjacent to the land to be conveyed to Zani Construction (Part of the lands shown in Town Tax Map 17 Lot 45) together with a right of way from Route 4 to the property to be conveyed to the Town of Canaan. The property to be conveyed to the Town of Canaan is the site of the former Canaan landfill for which the Town of Canaan has potential liability as the generator of the waste. The purpose of the land swap is to allow the Town to properly close the old landfill and monitor the site and seek state grants for those purposes. This land swap will require no additional money to be raised and appropriated and the Town will not pay any money to Zani Construction.

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

**YES: 495\*                      NO: 87**

The Moderator declared Article 12 passed.

**Article 13**

To see if the voters will authorize the Selectmen to discontinue non-essential street lights, notwithstanding any Warrant Articles approved by the voters at prior regular or special Town Meetings, provided that they do so only after giving the voters at least 30 days notice and provide a public hearing within that thirty day notice period.

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

**YES: 422\*                      NO: 149**

The Moderator declared Article 13 passed.

**Article 14 – Petitioned Article**

Shall the Town appropriate and raise the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) to Women’s Information Referral Service (WISE) to help defray the cost of their operating budget. In 2010, WISE provided services to over 43 residents in the Town of Canaan.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article 2-1

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article 6-3

**YES: 326\*                      NO: 250**

The Moderator declared Article 14 passed.

**Article 15 – Petitioned Article**

We request that Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000.00) be raised and appropriated to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services to Canaan residents in 2011. 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 2010, Grafton Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 304 Canaan residents and Service Link provided services for 59 Residents. The cost of providing these services was \$180,398.45.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article 2-1

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article 6-3

**YES: 448\*                      NO: 134**

The Moderator declared Article 15 passed.

**Article 16 – 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. to help support public transportation

services in the Town of Canaan in 2011. In 2010, 9,945 passenger trips boarded Advanced Transit in Canaan. Advance Transit provided services to the Town of Canaan at a cost of \$90,700.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article 2-1

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article 6-3

**YES: 402\*                      NO: 179**

The Moderator declared Article 16 passed.

**Article 17 – Petitioned Article**

Shall the Town raise and 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**. Last year, the VNA & Hospice of VT and NH made 1,488 homecare visits to Canaan residents.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article 2-1

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article 6-3

**YES: 420\*                      NO: 134**

The Moderator declared Article 17 passed.

**Article 18 – 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, and emergency mental health and substance abuse services. Last year 114 Canaan residents were patients of West Central Behavioral Health. Of the 114 served, 52 were Canaan's children. West Central Behavioral Health provided 3,136 hours of treatment to Canaan residents.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article 2-1

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article 6-3

**YES: 300\*                      NO: 251**

The Moderator declared Article 18 passed.

**Article 19 – Petitioned Article**

Will the voters raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Five Dollars (\$2,735.00) to support Mascoma Valley Health Initiative services to Canaan residents in 2011. Services include the Indian River Youth 2 Youth after school program, community substance abuse prevention, public and school influenza immunizations, rural health needs assessment and health program development. In 2010, the Mascoma Valley Health Initiative provided services to 75 students in two schools.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article 2-1

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article 6-3

**YES: 326\*                      NO: 224**

The Moderator declared Article 19 passed.

**Article 20 – Petitioned Article**

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,488 for the support of the Tri-County Community Action Program, Upper Valley Community Contact Office. Last year this office served 264 low-income households in Canaan with \$174,936 in direct client service dollars for fuel assistance, electric assistance, weatherization and eviction prevention. To be fair we ask all towns that we assist for the same amount; \$17 per household we help.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article 2-1  
The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article 6-3

**YES: 334\*                      NO: 214**

The Moderator declared Article 20 passed.

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

No other business transacted.

A true copy attest:

Vicky J. McAlister  
Canaan Town Clerk