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MINUTES
of
Town Meeting
Deliberative Session

February 4, 2012

and

Day of Voting

MARCH 13, 2012

Town of Canaan, NH

REPORT OF TOWN MEETING DELIBERATIVE SESSION
February 4, 2012

The Deliberative Session of the Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Pro Tempore Ben Yamashita at the Canaan Elementary School on Saturday, February 4, 2012, at 1:00 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; and 9) five or more signatures will be required for a petition for a paper ballot on any article. Ben asked permission for Mike Samson, Town Administrator and Bernie Waugh, Town Attorney to speak.

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 except as indicated, 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 Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Three Dollars (\$2,990,693.00).

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Two Million Nine Hundred and Ninety Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Seven Dollars (\$2,999,237.00), 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 8-2

A motion to accept Article 2 was made by Milton Wilson, second by Brenda Souza. Milton asked that people use the microphone to speak to help the hearing impaired. No further 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 One Thousand One Hundred Nine Dollars (\$171,109.00) 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 8-0

A motion to accept Article 3 was made by Milton Wilson, second by Audrey Armstrong. Milton Wilson asked when the rate increase for water/sewer will take effect. Mike Samson explained that the new rates will begin with the first billing in 2012. Our financial reserves are depleted leaving us with little money for emergencies, so we need to build that back up.

The users will be rewarded for conserving water, and the large users will be penalized. After work was completed in 2011 at the sewer plant there was a 36% increase in capacity, adding 75 residential units to the system. 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 raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to purchase a used crew cab truck and cap to replace the 2003 Ford Explorer used as a command and quick response vehicle and authorize the withdrawal of up to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The use of the Capital Reserve 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 8-0

A motion to accept Article 4 was made by Bill Bellion, second by Karen Ricard. Bill Bellion spoke about the advantages to replacing this vehicle. Bill said the vehicle was not a Ford Explorer that they were replacing. Eleanor Davis made a motion to take out the word Explorer, and leave it as 2003 Ford, second by Bill Bellion. Voted and the ayes have it. No further discussion, so the Moderator declared that Article 4 be place on the ballot as amended.

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand, Two Hundred Seventy-five dollars (\$111,275.00) for the purchase of two items of equipment: a Backhoe Loader with 4WD, buckets, a thumb and multiple function hydraulics to replace the 2004 JCB Backhoe, and a 25 ton equipment trailer to replace the 1989 20 ton Eager Beaver Trailer; and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to One Hundred Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$107,275.00) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, with the remaining Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to come from the sale of the older Trailer, and with no amount to be raised by taxation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this article 8-0

A motion to accept Article 5 was made by Robert Scott, second by Karen Ricard. No 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 discontinue the position of elected Road Agent and to designate the position of appointed Road Agent as Highway Supervisor. If this article passes, then under state law (RSA 669:17-b) the existing elective position will remain in effect until Town Meeting of 2013, at which time the Selectmen will appoint a duly qualified Highway Department Supervisor.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0

A motion to accept Article 6 was made by Marcia Wilson, second by Sam Frank. Milton Wilson said that he would like to see the Road Agent remain an elected position. He said that it was nothing personal, and that Bob Scott is doing a fine job. Bob Reagan explained that the highway department is a large department with 100 miles of roads and they need to plan more than 3 years ahead to be effective. 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, 2011 (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 8-0

A motion to accept Article 7 was made by Vicky McAlister, second by Marcia Wilson. 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, 2011 (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 8-0

A motion to accept Article 8 was made by Bill Bellion, second by George Lazarus. Bill Bellion reinforced how important it is to continue the process to build up funds for future big ticket items such as a fire truck. No further 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, 2011 (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 8-0

A motion to accept Article 9 was made by Bob Scott, second by Bob Goerke. No 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 raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) to purchase a Ford Taurus AWD police cruiser to replace the 2006 Crown Victoria and to be used as a patrol vehicle. Twenty Four Thousand Dollars of this amount to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2011 (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 8-0

A motion to accept Article 10 was made by Sam Frank, second by George Lazarus. Sam Frank spoke in favor of this article. Mike Samson explained that there is a replacement structure set up for the cruisers. Shirley Packard asked how much money is in the unreserved fund balance? Mike Samson explained that after the voting, if all articles pass, the fund would be left with just over one million dollars. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 10 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to fund additional legal representation and consultants for the Town of Canaan on a tax assessment abatement appeal by New Hampshire Electric Cooperative. Forty Thousand Dollars of this amount to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2011 (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 8-0

A motion to accept Article 11 was made by Marcia Wilson, second by Audrey Armstrong. Milton Wilson asked for an explanation concerning this article. Mike Samson explained that NH Electric Cooperative wants to use the book value instead of fair market value for assessing property tax valuations. We will lose approximately \$50,000 a year if they are successful, and will set a precedent for future taxation. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 11 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 12

To see if the voters will approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Canaan and AFSCME Local 3657 Police Department Employees which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

| Contract Year | Estimated Increase |
|---------------|--|
| 2012 | \$8,782 |
| 2013 | CPI* increase if possible without raising property taxes |
| 2014 | CPI* increase if possible without raising property taxes |

* Consumer Price Index – a common measure of inflation

The additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits are INCLUDED in Article 2 and no additional appropriation is required.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this article 8-0

A motion to accept Article 12 was made by Sam Frank, second by Brenda Souza. Milton Wilson asked if the bargaining is finished? Mike Samson said yes, the agreement was signed in November and the employees were extremely cooperative. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 12 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 13

Are you in favor of the adoption of the Drinking Water Protection Ordinance as proposed by the planning board?

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 2-1

A motion to accept Article 13 was made by John Bergeron, second by Marcia Wilson. John Bergeron gave a presentation concerning this article. There is a statement in the Ordinance that the Fire Chief may do inspections. Bill Bellion had an issue with this, and said that he would like to have been involved before the ordinance was put together. John Bergeron pointed out that it said may, not shall, so it was not mandatory that the Fire Chief do inspections. It is there in case he is needed. Milton Wilson asked about the building permit process. Mike Samson explained that we have a building inspector that does the permits and he has the requirements for drinking water protection. Craig Lawler wanted to know who on the planning board was qualified to put this ordinance together? John told him that there were public hearings in 2011 to put the ordinance together. Eleanor Davis wanted to know who voted no on the Board of Selectmen? Scott Borthwick said that he did. He believes that we have enough regulations in place. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 13 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to accept by deed the property owned by the estate of Catherine Bates at 49 NH Route 118, Tax Map 15A-67-00 in payment of deferred taxes and further authorize the Selectmen to sell said property by public sale.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0

A motion to accept Article 14 was made by Philip Carter, second by Audrey Armstrong. Mike Samson explained that this property will be listed and made available to the public for purchase. Eleanor Davis wanted to know what will happen to the adjacent lot that the Town of Canaan owns next to the Bates property? Mike said that there are no plans at this time for that property. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 14 be placed on the ballot as written.

The Moderator asked for a 10 minute break

Article 15 – 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 fourteen additional towns in the Upper Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire.

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

The Budget Committee does not recommend this article 5-3

A motion to accept Article 15 was made by Charles Townsend, second by Karen Ricard. Chuck pointed out that one of the advantages of having the Regional requests as separate articles is that it lets citizens get acquainted with the functions of the individual organizations. Chuck asked that the citizens of Canaan support WISE. Karen Wolk brought forth an amendment to add "raise and" appropriate, second by Vicky McAlister. Voted and the ayes have it, so the article will be printed as follows:

Shall the Town *raise and 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 fourteen additional towns in the Upper Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire.

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

Article 16 – Petitioned Article

We request that Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) be appropriated to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services to Canaan residents in 2012. 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 2011, Grafton Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 252 Canaan residents and Service Link provided services for 89 Residents. The cost of providing these services was \$200,993.58.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 2-1

The Budget Committee does not recommend this article 5-3

A motion to accept Article 16 was made by Brenda Souza, second by Karen Ricard. Karen Wolk brought forth an amendment to add "raised and" appropriated, second by Brenda Souza. Voted and the ayes have it, so the article will be printed as follows:

We request that Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) be *raised and appropriated* to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services to Canaan residents in 2012. 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 2011, Grafton Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 252 Canaan residents and Service Link provided services for 89 Residents. The cost of providing these services was \$200,993.58.

Brenda Souza and Milton Wilson spoke in favor of this article. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 16 be placed on the ballot as amended.

Article 17 – Petitioned Article

We request that Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$8,360.00) be allocated to Advance Transit, Inc. to help support public transportation services in the Town of Canaan in 2012. In 2011, 10,021 passenger trips boarded Advanced Transit in Canaan. Advance Transit provided services to the Town of Canaan at a cost of \$100,700.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 2-1

The Budget Committee does not recommend this article 5-3

A motion to accept Article 17 was made by Marcia Wilson, second by Charles Townsend. Karen Wolk brought forth an amendment to add “raised and appropriated” and strike allocated, second by Marcia Wilson. Voted and the ayes have it, so the article will be printed as follows:

We request that Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$8,360.00) be *raised and appropriated* to Advance Transit, Inc. to help support public transportation services in the Town of Canaan in 2012. In 2011, 10,021 passenger trips boarded Advanced Transit in Canaan. Advance Transit provided services to the Town of Canaan at a cost of \$100,700.

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

Article 18 – 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. 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 5-3

A motion to accept Article 18 was made by Marcia Wilson, second by Philip Carter. Karen Wolk brought forth an amendment to add “raise and” appropriate, second by Karen Ricard. Voted and the ayes have it, so the article will be printed as follows:

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.

Martha Pusey spoke in favor of this article. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 18 be placed on the ballot as amended.

Article 19 – Petitioned Article

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,150.00) for the support of West Central Behavioral Health which provided 128 Canaan residents with \$16,167 in free or discounted mental health care in FY 2011 – July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011. As a state designated nonprofit community mental health center, West Central Behavioral Health provides high quality, research based mental health services for many of the most vulnerable people in our region, including residents of Canaan.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 2-1

The Budget Committee does not recommend this article 5-2 and 1 abstention

A motion to accept Article 19 was made by Marcia Wilson, second by Audrey Armstrong. Milton Wilson spoke in favor of this article. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 19 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 20 – Petitioned Article

Will the voters raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Two Dollars (\$2,932.00) to support Mascoma Valley Health Initiative services to Canaan residents in 2012. Services include the Indian River Youth 2 Youth after school program, community substance abuse prevention, school based oral health programs and public health program development. In 2011, the Mascoma Valley Health Initiative provided services to 170 students in two schools.

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

The Budget Committee does not recommend this article 5-2 and 1 abstention

A motion to accept Article 20 was made by Marcia Wilson, second by Carolyn Barney. Pat Danielson serves on the Board for Mascoma Valley Health Initiative, and spoke in favor of this organization. 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 of Canaan will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,606 for the support of the Tri-County Community Action Program – Upper Valley Contact Office. This represents a flat rate of \$18.75 per 299 Canaan households we assisted with Fuel Assistance, Electric Discount and Homeless Outreach in the fiscal year of 2010-2011. The total dollars directly spent on residents of the Town of Canaan during this same period is \$204,037 or an average of \$682 per household SAVINGS to the Town of Canaan.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 2-1

The Budget Committee does not recommend this article 5-3

A motion to accept Article 21 was made by Marcia Wilson, second by Pat Danielson. Pat Danielson and Milton Wilson and Nelson Therriault spoke in favor of this organization. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 21 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 22

To transact any other business that may be legally brought before this Town Meeting.

Al Posnanski, who is a member of the Transfer/Recycling Station Committee, spoke about the new changes at the transfer station and said that they will lower our costs and increase efficiency. He pointed out how important it is to recycle.

No other business transacted. The Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

A true copy attest:

Vicky J. McAlister
Canaan Town Clerk

Report of the Day of Voting

March 13, 2012

The Day of Voting was called to order by Moderator Dale Barney at the Canaan Fire Station on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 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 21, and School District Officials and Articles. Supervisors of the Checklist Freda Washburn and Nancy Charbono-Ricard took their positions. Joseph Frazier, Martha Pusey, and Ben Yamashita were ballot clerks, and Bob Reagan was Gatekeeper. The absentee ballots were processed at 2:30 p.m. by the Moderator. The Moderator declared the polls closed at 7:00 p.m. There were 1994 voters on the checklist, with 70 new registrations on March 13, 2012. Votes cast on the day of voting were 917, with 47 absentee ballots, for a total cast of 964.

Results for Articles 1 through 21 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

Robert Reagan-----785*

-----*(write-ins)* 15

Treasurer

For three years

Vote for not more than (1) one

Kendra Withington----810*

-----*(write-ins)*-----5

Police Chief

For three years

Vote for not more than (1) one

Samuel W. Frank-----782*

-----*(write-ins)*--24

Human Services Director

For three years

Vote for not more than (1) one

Nelson Therriault-----799*

-----*(write-ins)*---5

Moderator

For Two Years

Vote for not more than (1) one

Write-ins:

Dale Barney-----71*

PLANNING BOARD

MEMBER

For three years

Vote for not more than (2) two

Andrew Musz-----648*

John Bergeron -----674*

-----*(write-ins)*-----10

PLANNING BOARD

MEMBER

For Two Years

Vote for not more than (1) one

Barbara L. Dolyak-----736*

-----*(write-ins)*-----5

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For Two Years

Vote for not more than (1) one

Susan A. Remacle-----803*

-----*(write-ins)*-----5

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For three years

Vote for not more than (1) one

Denise Reitsma-----785*

-----*(write-ins)*-----6

Supervisor of the

Checklist

For six years

Vote for not more than (1) one

Carol Bergeron-----797*

-----*(write-ins)*-----4

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

For three years

Vote for not more than (1) one

Philip Carter-----816*

-----*(write-ins)*---6

Trustees of the Trust

Funds

For three years

Vote for not more than (1) one

Cynthia J. Neily-----809*

-----*(write-ins)*-----3

Budget Committee

Members

For three years

Vote for not more than (3) three

Denis Salvail-----618*

John H. Bergeron -----652*

Eleanor J. Davis -----644*

-----*(write-ins)*---31

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

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

YES: 674* NO: 165

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

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article 8-0

YES: 737* NO: 168

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to purchase a used crew cab truck and cap to replace the 2003 Ford used as a command and quick response vehicle and authorize the withdrawal of up to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. **The use of the Capital Reserve 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 8-0

YES: 671* NO: 244

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand, Two Hundred Seventy-five dollars (\$111,275.00) for the purchase of two items of equipment: a Backhoe Loader with 4WD, buckets, a thumb and multiple function hydraulics to replace the 2004 JCB Backhoe, and a 25 ton equipment trailer to replace the 1989 20 ton Eager

Beaver Trailer; and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to One Hundred Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$107,275.00) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, with the remaining Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to come from the sale of the older Trailer, **and with no amount to be raised by taxation.**

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

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article 8-0

YES: 648* NO: 264

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the position of elected Road Agent and to designate the position of appointed Road Agent as Highway Supervisor. If this article passes, then under state law (RSA 669:17-b) the existing elective position will remain in effect until Town Meeting of 2013, at which time the Selectmen will appoint a duly qualified Highway Department Supervisor.

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

YES: 520* NO: 379

Article 7

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

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article 8-0

YES: 638* NO: 263

Article 8

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

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article 8-0

YES: 698* NO: 211

Article 9

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

YES: 657* NO: 249

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) to purchase a Ford Taurus AWD police cruiser to replace the 2006 Crown Victoria and to be used as a patrol vehicle. Twenty Four Thousand Dollars of this amount to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2011 (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 8-0

YES: 620* NO: 320

Article 11

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

YES: 623* NO: 306

Article 12

To see if the voters will approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Canaan and AFSCME Local 3657 Police Department Employees which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

| Contract Year | Estimated Increase |
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| 2012 | \$8,782 |
| 2013 | CPI* increase if possible without raising property taxes |
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* Consumer Price Index – a common measure of inflation

The additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits are INCLUDED in Article 2 and no additional appropriation is required.

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

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article 8-0

YES: 599* NO: 338

Article 13

Are you in favor of the adoption of the Drinking Water Protection Ordinance as proposed by the planning board?

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

YES: 670* NO: 260

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to accept by deed the property owned by the estate of Catherine Bates at 49 NH Route 118, Tax Map 15A-67-00 in payment of deferred taxes and further authorize the Selectmen to sell said property by public sale.

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

YES: 807* NO: 121

Article 15 – Petitioned Article

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

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article 5-3

YES: 587* NO: 356

Article 16 – Petitioned Article

We request that Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) be raised and appropriated to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services to Canaan residents in 2012. 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 2011, Grafton Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 252 Canaan residents and Service Link provided services for 89 Residents. The cost of providing these services was \$200,993.58.

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

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article 5-3

YES: 708* NO: 189

Article 17 – Petitioned Article

We request that Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$8,360.00) be raised and appropriated to Advance Transit, Inc. to help support public transportation services in the Town of Canaan in 2012. In 2011, 10,021 passenger trips boarded Advanced Transit in Canaan. Advance Transit provided services to the Town of Canaan at a cost of \$100,700.

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

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article 5-3

YES: 638* NO: 260

Article 18 – 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 5-3

YES: 648* NO: 247

Article 19 – Petitioned Article

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,150.00) for the support of West Central Behavioral Health which provided 128 Canaan residents with \$16,167 in free or discounted mental health care in FY 2011 – July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011. As a state designated nonprofit community mental health center, West Central Behavioral Health provides high quality, research based mental health services for many of the most vulnerable people in our region, including residents of Canaan.

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

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article 5-2 and 1 abstention

YES: 526* NO: 368

Article 20 – Petitioned Article

Will the voters raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Two Dollars (\$2,932.00) to support Mascoma Valley Health Initiative services to Canaan residents in 2012. Services include the Indian River Youth 2 Youth after school program, community substance abuse prevention, school based oral health programs and public health program development. In 2011, the Mascoma Valley Health Initiative provided services to 170 students in two schools.

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

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article 5-2 and 1 abstention

YES: 552* NO: 344

Article 21 – Petitioned Article

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,606 for the support of the Tri-County Community Action Program – Upper Valley Contact Office. This represents a flat rate of \$18.75 per 299 Canaan households we assisted with Fuel Assistance, Electric Discount and Homeless Outreach in the fiscal year of 2010-2011. The total dollars directly spent on residents of the Town of Canaan during this same period is \$204,037 or an average of \$682 per household SAVINGS to the Town of Canaan.

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

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article 5-3

YES: 566* NO: 328

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