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MINUTES
of
Town Meeting
Deliberative Session

February 2, 2013

and

Day of Voting

MARCH 12, 2013

Town of Canaan, NH

REPORT OF TOWN MEETING DELIBERATIVE SESSION
February 2, 2013

The Deliberative Session of the Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Dale Barney at the Canaan Elementary School on Saturday, February 2, 2013, at 1:02 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 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 Three Million Eighty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Twenty One Dollars (\$3,088,521.00).

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million Thirty Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Eight Dollars (\$3,033,768.00), 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 Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article

The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 2 **Recommends** this article

A motion to open Article 2 for discussion was made by Audrey Armstrong, second by Ben Yamashita. 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 One Thousand One Hundred Nine Dollars (\$171,109.00) for Water and Sewer Operations for the Town of Canaan with \$83,532.00 to be raised and appropriated for Water and \$87,577.00 to be raised and appropriated for Sewer. **These funds are raised by user fees and are not funded by property taxes.**

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article

The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 1 **Recommends** this article

A motion to open Article 3 for discussion was made by Audrey Armstrong, second by Nelson Therriault. 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 the total sum of One Hundred Sixty Five Thousand dollars (\$165,000.00) for the purchase of a 6 wheel dump truck to replace the 2001 Freightliner; and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to One Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$165,000.00) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, **and with no amount to be raised by taxation.** Any trade in value or proceeds from the sale of the old truck is to be applied to the purchase price or returned to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article

The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

A motion to open Article 4 for discussion was made by Vicky McAlister, second by Marcia Littlefield. Malcolm Love asked how the money that is taken from Capital Reserve gets replaced. Mike Samson explained that there is an undesignated fund balance. That balance, which is similar to a surplus, is used to set aside funds for future purchases through the Capital Reserve accounts.

Bob Scott asked that the wording be changed to take out "6 wheel" so it would not limit the size of the truck to be purchased. Bob Scott made a motion to take out "6 wheel", second by Joe Frazier. Voted and the amendment passed so the article will read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of One Hundred Sixty Five Thousand dollars (\$165,000.00) for the purchase of a dump truck to replace the 2001 Freightliner; and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to One Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$165,000.00) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, **and with no amount to be raised by taxation.** Any trade in value or proceeds from the sale of the old truck is to be applied to the purchase price or returned to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article

The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

Ernest Schori asked if the purchase would be a new or used truck. Mike explained that it will be a new truck. No further discussion so 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 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, 2012 (surplus) and **will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.**

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article

The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

A motion to open Article 5 for discussion was made by Audrey Armstrong, second by Joe Frazier. 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 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, 2012 (surplus) and **will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.**

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

A motion to open Article 6 for discussion was made by Earl Smith, second by Sam Frank. 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 Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) 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, 2012 (surplus) and **will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.**

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

A motion to open Article 7 for discussion was made by Amy Thurber, second by Bob Scott. 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 Twenty Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) to be deposited in a new Capital Reserve Fund for Police Cruisers with the Legislative Body (the Voters) as Agents to Expend. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2012 (surplus) and **will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.**

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

A motion to open Article 8 for discussion was made by Audrey Armstrong, second by Lee Ann Wilson. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 8 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 9

To see if the voters will vote to require that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the governing body (Selectmen) shall contain a notation

stating the estimated impact of this article. The determination of the estimated tax impact shall be subject to approval by the governing body (Selectmen).

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article

A motion to open Article 9 for discussion was made by Marcia Littlefield, second by Nelson Therriault. There was a brief discussion concerning how the impact would appear; in dollars and cents or the actual impact on the tax rate. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 9 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 10 – 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 2013. 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.

Board of Selectmen Yes 1 No 2 **Does Not Recommend** this article

Budget Committee Yes 4 No 6 **Does Not Recommend** this article

A motion to open Article 10 for discussion was made by Charles Townsend, second by Marcia Littlefield. Caroline Morrison spoke in favor of all the petitioned articles. She believes that the petitioned articles are there to take care of folks that need the help. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 10 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 11 – Petitioned Article

Shall the voters raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services to Canaan residents in 2013. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, the town food pantry, transportation, outreach support, Service Link support and more. In 2012, Grafton Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 242 Canaan residents and Service Link provided services for 103 Residents. The cost of providing these services was \$152,431.26.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 2 No 1 **Recommends** this article

The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 5 **Does Not Recommend** this article

A motion to open Article 11 for discussion was made by Marcia Littlefield, second by Charles Townsend. Milton Wilson spoke in favor of all the petitioned articles, and expressed his disappointment with the fact that the Selectmen do not support the agencies unanimously. Malcolm Love asked why someone voted no. Scott Borthwick explained that these are not government programs and that he feels the tax payers should have a chance to vote on these articles. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 11 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 12 – Petitioned Article

Shall the voters in the Town of Canaan vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$8,530.00) to be allocated to Advance Transit, Inc. to help

support public transportation services in the Town of Canaan in 2013. In 2012, 9,830 passenger trips boarded Advanced Transit in Canaan. Advance Transit provided services to the Town of Canaan at a cost of \$104,000.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 2 No 1 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 4 No 6 **Does Not Recommend** this article

A motion to open Article 12 for discussion was made by Lee Ann Wilson, second by Nelson Therriault. Milton spoke in favor of this article and questioned again why it wasn't recommended. Mike Samson said that the public will decide yes or no. He noted that as a rule the public strongly supports the petitioned articles and that the town has a history of going beyond that support as evidenced by the town's expense to replace the elevator at the Senior Center. Alice Schori asked if the recommendations could be left off of the articles to take away some of the animosity. Mike explained that they were required to put the recommendations on any article that has a monetary value.

Martha Pusey and John Bergeron pointed out that there are openings on the Budget Committee and they would need two people to fill those positions if anyone is interested.

Michael Hardt asked if the amount for Advance Transit went up? No one was representing Advance Transit at the meeting. Wesley Mansur asked how many people that get on the bus in Canaan are actually Canaan residents and how many are from the surrounding towns? No one was at the meeting to answer that question. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 12 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 13 – Petitioned Article

Shall the Town of Canaan vote to 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..

The Board of Selectmen Yes 2 No 1 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 5 **Does Not Recommend** this article

A motion to open Article 13 for discussion was made by Charles Townsend, second by Lee Ann Wilson. Milton again spoke in favor of this article. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 13 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 14 – 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 123 Canaan residents with \$20,045 in charitable mental health care and \$8,917 in discounts for mental health care in fiscal year 2012 – from July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012. As a state designated nonprofit community mental health center, West Central Behavioral Health provides research based mental health services for many of the most vulnerable people in our region, including residents of Canaan.

Board of Selectmen Yes 1 No 2 **Does Not Recommend** this article
Budget Committee Yes 3 No 7 **Does Not Recommend** this article

A motion to open Article 14 for discussion was made by Audrey Armstrong, second by Marcia Littlefield. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 14 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 15 – Petitioned Article

Shall the voters 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 twelve additional towns in the Upper Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire.

Board of Selectmen Yes 1 No 2 **Does Not Recommend** this article

Budget Committee Yes 5 No 5 **Does Not Recommend** this article

A motion to open Article 15 for discussion was made by Charles Townsend, second by Audrey Armstrong. John Bergeron questioned how a tie like the Budget Committee has in Recommending/Not Recommending should appear on the ballot? Mike Samson explained that with a tie there is no majority to pass so it is declared as NOT recommending. There was much discussion on changing the wording.

Sharon Everett asked how many Canaan Residents use the services pertaining to the petitioned warrant articles? No representatives from the agencies were present so no real answers except what is written in the articles. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 15 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 16

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

Mike Samson introduced the new water/sewer superintendent, John Coffey.

Chuck Townsend said that the Planning Board is preparing a new Master Plan and that citizens can see the current Master Plan on the Canaan website so please check it out and make suggestions.

Dale Barney explained that the next meeting is March 12, 2013, at the Canaan Fire Station at 62 NH Route 118 starting at 8:00 am and closing at 7:00 pm.

No further business, so the Moderator adjourned the meeting at 1:56 pm.

A true copy attest:

Vicky J. McAlister
Canaan Town Clerk

Report of the Day of Voting

March 12, 2013

The Day of Voting was called to order by Moderator Dale Barney at the Canaan Fire Station on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 8:00 am. The polls were declared open for the purpose of voting by ballots for Town Officials (Article 1), Articles 2 through 15, and School District Officials and Articles. Supervisors of the Checklist Nancy Charbono-Ricard, Freda Washburn, and Carol Bergeron took their positions. Ben Yamashita, Martha Pusey, and Ed Morse were ballot clerks, and Bob Reagan was Gatekeeper. The absentee ballots were processed at 3:00 pm by the Moderator. The Moderator declared the polls closed at 7:00 pm. There were 2296 voters on the checklist, with 29 new registrations on March 12, 2013. Votes cast on the day of voting were 1018 with 60 absentee ballots for a total cast of 1078.

Results for Articles 1 through 15 are as follows:

SELECTMEN

For three years

Vote for not more than (1) one

David E. McAlister-----926*

------(write-ins)-----14

Trustees of the Trust Funds

For three years

Vote for not more than (1) one

Sadie Wells-----869*

------(write-in)-----1

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

For three years

Vote for not more than (1) one

Eleanor J. Davis-----861*

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

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

For three years

Vote for not more than (2) two

Charles L. Townsend-----851*

-----*(write-ins)*-----○

Tie: Joseph Frazier----4

Kathleen Meyerson--4

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For three years

Vote for not more than (2) two

Kathleen H. Peters -----744*

Cynthia J. Neily -----833*

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

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For two years

Vote for not more than (1) one

Valerie Fleisher-----873*

------(write-in)-----1

Budget Committee Members

For three years

Vote for not more than (3) three

Dave Barney-----868*

------(write-ins)*-----○

Patricia Duszynski-----77

Karen Wolk----- 3

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The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article

The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 2 **Recommends** this article

YES: 740*

NO: 306

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The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article

The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 1 **Recommends** this article

YES: 828*

NO: 220

Article 4

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The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article

The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

YES: 812*

NO: 245

Article 5

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The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

YES: 754*
NO: 238

Article 6

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The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

YES: 792*
NO: 206

Article 7

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The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

YES: 768*
NO: 221

Article 8

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The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

YES: 698*
NO: 300

Article 9

To see if the voters will vote to require that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the governing body (Selectmen) shall contain a notation stating the estimated impact of this article. The determination of the estimated tax impact shall be subject to approval by the governing body (Selectmen).

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YES: 774*
NO: 197

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Board of Selectmen Yes 1 No 2 **Does Not Recommend** this article

Budget Committee Yes 4 No 6 **Does Not Recommend** this article

YES: 658*
NO: 343

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The Board of Selectmen Yes 2 No 1 **Recommends** this article

The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 5 **Does Not Recommend** this article

YES: 770*
NO: 232

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The Board of Selectmen Yes 2 No 1 **Recommends** this article

The Budget Committee Yes 4 No 6 **Does Not Recommend** this article

YES: 685*
NO: 316

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The Board of Selectmen Yes 2 No 1 **Recommends** this article

The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 5 **Does Not Recommend** this article

YES: 745*

NO: 308

Article 14 – Petitioned Article

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Board of Selectmen Yes 1 No 2 **Does Not Recommend** this article

Budget Committee Yes 3 No 7 **Does Not Recommend** this article

YES: 575*

NO: 472

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Board of Selectmen Yes 1 No 2 **Does Not Recommend** this article

Budget Committee Yes 5 No 5 **Does Not Recommend** this article

YES: 618*

NO: 429

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Vicky J. McAlister
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