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

**February 1, 2014**

**and**

**Day of Voting**

**MARCH 11, 2014**

**Town of Canaan, NH**

## REPORT OF TOWN MEETING DELIBERATIVE SESSION

February 1, 2014

The Deliberative Session of the Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Dale Barney at the Canaan Elementary School on Saturday, February 1, 2014, 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.

Scott Borthwick presented the Boston Globe Cane to Daniel Fleetham, Sr. who just turned 102 years young. We now have two Boston Globe Canes out: one to Mary Hazen and one to Daniel Fleetham.

Dale Barney mentioned that there is an open position on the ballot for Trustee of the Trust Funds, and Stephen Ward would like to be a write-in candidate.

### 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 Two Hundred Ten Thousand Nine hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$3,210,919.00).

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million One Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Fourteen Dollars (\$3,128,314.00), 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 7 No 2 **Recommends** this article

*A motion to open Article 2 for discussion was made by Denis Salvail, second by David McAlister. 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 Seven Hundred Forty Six Dollars (\$171,746.00) for Water and Sewer Operations for

the Town of Canaan with \$82,758.00 to be raised and appropriated for Water and \$88,988.00 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 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

*A motion to open Article 3 for discussion was made by David McAlister, second by Denis Salvail. Mike Samson gave a detailed explanation on what has happened in the past year with the rate increases, and that the rates should be going down this year. Milton Wilson spoke and told the Selectmen that they have done a good job getting the water and sewer under control. 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 the total sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand dollars (\$110,000.00) for the purchase of a loader to replace the 2001 Komatsu loader; and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, **with no additional amount to be raised by taxation.** Any trade in value or proceeds from the sale of the old loader is to be applied to reduce the purchase price to be within the appropriated \$110,000.

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 David Shinnlinger, second by Audrey Armstrong. No 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 total sum of Forty Thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) for the purchase of a new 4 wheel drive police vehicle to replace the 2006 Ford Explorer; and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, **with no additional amount to be raised by taxation.** Any trade in value or proceeds from the sale of the old cruiser is to be applied to reduce the purchase price to be within the appropriated \$40,000.

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 Milton Wilson, second by Audrey Armstrong. 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 accept a gift of the Autoware property located at 1172 US Route 4 in Canaan and development funding to encourage commercial activity in the Town and provide parking for the Library, the Mascoma Senior Center and the Town Office. The property will make a payment to the Town equal to current property taxes. **No additional tax revenue is to be used to acquire, maintain or develop the property.**

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

*A motion to open Article 6 for discussion was made by David McAlister, second by David Shinnlinger. Milton Wilson asked if this property was taken by tax deed. Mike Samson said yes. This article was put in the warrant to accelerate the process to develop the property. 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 authorize the sale of the former Town highway garage property located at 51 New Hampshire Route 118 in Canaan by public sale using a commercial realtor.

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

*A motion to open Article 7 for discussion was made by David Shinnlinger, second by Audrey Armstrong. Kimberly Depelteau asked what the Town would do with the funds from the sale. Mike Samson explained that the money would go into the undesignated fund balance. 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 authorize a payment of Thirteen Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Four Dollars (\$13,184.00) from the non-lapsing Transfer Station Special Revenue Account to the General Fund to reimburse the General Fund for the purchase and outfitting of a Freightliner tractor to be used to haul waste and recyclables at a cost of \$8,634.00 and for the purchase of a utility trailer to be used to store and haul household hazardous waste at a cost of \$4,550. **This account is funded from recycling revenue and no additional tax revenue is to be used or raised for this Article. The Article returns \$13,184 to the General 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 8 for discussion was made by David Shinnlinger, second by Al Posnanski. Al Posnanski spoke as a member of the Transfer Station Committee. He said that 25 percent of the recycling money goes to the special revenue account to allow purchases such as the Freightliner tractor. So it does pay to recycle. 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 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, 2013 (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 9 for discussion was made by Denis Salvail, second by Vicky McAlister. 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 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, 2013 (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 10 for discussion was made by Bill Bellion, second by Marcia Littlefield. Bill Bellion spoke in favor of this article. 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 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, 2013 (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 11 for discussion was made by Marcia Littlefield, second by Audrey Armstrong. Mike Samson explained that due to increased pricing for equipment, it is important to increase the amount going into the reserve accounts over the next two years. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 11 be placed on the ballot as written.*

## Article 12

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 the previously established 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, 2013 (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 12 for discussion was made by Marcia Littlefield, second by Audrey Armstrong. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 12 be placed on the ballot as written.*

## Article 13

Shall the Town modify the disabled exemption from the property tax in the Town of Canaan, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers defined as persons eligible for Social Security Act benefits to the disabled, to exempt the first \$85,000 of assessed valuation from property tax? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for a least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for a least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$24,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$36,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$70,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

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

*A motion to open Article 13 for discussion was made by David Shinnlinger, second by Marcia Littlefield. Milton Wilson asked for an explanation. Mike Samson said that with the tax rate going up every year, the current limits are too low. Milton thanked the board for their consideration of this matter. Janet Forbush said that the income levels should be the same for single and married, for they both have the same expenses. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 13 be placed on the ballot as written.*

## Article 14

Shall the town modify the elderly exemptions from the property tax in the Town of Canaan, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, an exemption of \$65,000 of value; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, an exemption of \$75,000 of value, and for a person 80 years of age or older, an exemption of \$85,000 of value. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for a least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$24,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$36,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$70,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

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

*A motion to open Article 14 for discussion was made by Denis Salvail, second by Marcia Littlefield. Kimberly Depelteau asked if more than one person is in the household, what age do you use to qualify for the exemption? Mike said the age of the oldest owner in household is used. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 14 be placed on the ballot as written.*

## **Article 15**

To see if the Town will vote to approve placing of an easement on the town forest along Route 4 to forever protect it and dedicate it for the purposes of conservation and recreation for the town and its citizens and further, to allow vehicular access only if approved by the Board of Selectmen after consultation with the Conservation Commission.

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

*A motion to open Article 15 for discussion was made by David McAlister, second by Marcia Littlefield. Marcia questioned where along Route 4 this article is pertaining to? Mike Samson said that he had the 9-1-1 location for this article. Marcia Littlefield made a motion to add the 9-1-1 address in, second by David McAlister. Voted and the ayes have it. So the article will read as follows:*

“To see if the Town will vote to approve placing of an easement on the town forest at 565 on the north side of Route 4 (Map 7 Lot 12) to forever protect it and dedicate it for the purposes of conservation and recreation for the town and its citizens and further, to allow vehicular access only if approved by the Board of Selectmen after consultation with the Conservation Commission.

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

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

## **Article 16**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve Dollars and Ninety Seven Cents (\$15,812.97) to fund additional legal representation and consultants for the Town of Canaan on tax assessment abatement appeals by New Hampshire Electric Cooperative and Liberty Utilities. This amount to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2013 (surplus) and represents the balance available from the \$40,000.00 appropriation previously approved in Article 11 of the 2012 Town Meeting for this purpose and **will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation. This Article is designed to allow the Town to continue to use the previous appropriation and to prevent it from lapsing.**

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article  
The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 0 **Recommends** this article

*A motion to open Article 16 for discussion was made by David Shinnlinger, second by Audrey Armstrong. Milton Wilson asked for an explanation. Mike Samson explained that the utilities have appealed the assessments on their properties and we are going through the court system to counter the appeals. We do not want to lose the funds appropriated in 2012 for this purpose. This is a year to year process and we would lose the right to expend this money unless it is re-appropriated by this article. It is important to continue the fight, for loss of utility funds would greatly impact the Town of Canaan. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 16 be placed on the ballot as written.*

### **Article 17 – 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 2014. Services include the Indian River Youth 2 Youth after school program, community substance abuse prevention, school based oral health support and public health program development.

Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 **Does Not Recommend** this article  
Budget Committee Yes 3 No 6 **Does Not Recommend** this article

*A motion to open Article 17 for discussion was made by Marcia Littlefield, second by Charles Townsend. CarolAnn Morrison, Marcia Littlefield, and Milton Wilson spoke in favor of this article. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 17 be placed on the ballot as written.*

### **Article 18 – 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 2014. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, the town food pantry, transportation, outreach support, Service Link support and more. In 2013, Grafton Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 232 Canaan residents and Service Link provided services for 96 Residents. The cost of providing these services was \$108,968.11.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 2 No 1 **Recommends** this article  
The Budget Committee Yes 4 No 5 **Does Not Recommend** this article

*A motion to open Article 18 for discussion was made by Marcia Littlefield, second by Candace Carter. Candace spoke in favor of this article. Mike Samson said that all services funded by federal funds will be required to be bid state wide to obtain the lowest cost for the service provided starting in July of 2014. This can include congregate dining, home delivered meals, transportation services and other home health services. This may result in the closure of certain community facilities (a few have already) and the elimination or major change of*

*many home based services. Samson asked that voters be vigilant in watching for these changes and speaking against changes that will deprive people of services, provide inferior services or eliminate volunteer work for our senior population.*

*Milton Wilson asked why the Selectmen do not recommend many of the petitioned articles? Mike said that the Board of Selectmen wants the voters to decide on these articles. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 18 be placed on the ballot as written.*

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

Shall the voters in the Town of Canaan vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$8,700.00) to be allocated to Advance Transit, Inc. to help support public transportation services in the Town of Canaan in 2014. In 2013, 9,994 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 0 No 3 **Does Not Recommend** this article

The Budget Committee Yes 3 No 6 **Does Not Recommend** this article

*A motion to open Article 19 for discussion was made by David Shinnlinger, second by CarolAnn Morrison. Candace Carter, Larry Gaudette and Kimberly Depelteau 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**

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 1 No 2 **Does Not Recommend** this article

The Budget Committee Yes 3 No 5 **Does Not Recommend** this article 1 Abstention

*A motion to open Article 20 for discussion was made by Marcia Littlefield, second by Charles Townsend. A Representative from the Visiting Nurse Association was at the meeting to speak in favor of this article. Candace Carter also spoke in favor of 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 raise and appropriate Two Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,150.00) for the support of West Central Behavioral Health. In fiscal year 2013 – from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 – West Central provided 131 Canaan residents with \$18,193 in charitable mental health care.

Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 **Does Not Recommend** this article

Budget Committee Yes 2 No 7 **Does Not Recommend** this article

*A motion to open Article 21 for discussion was made by Marcia Littlefield, second by Audrey Armstrong. Candace Carter spoke in favor of this article. She said that the United States is in a crisis situation concerning mental health, and organizations such as West Central are critically needed. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 21 be placed on the ballot as written.*

#### **Article 22 – 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 20 additional towns in the Upper Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire.

Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 **Does Not Recommend** this article

Budget Committee Yes 4 No 5 **Does Not Recommend** this article

*A motion to open Article 22 for discussion was made by Charles Townsend, second by Audrey Armstrong. Milton Wilson, CarolAnn Morrison, Kimberly Depelteau and Charles Townsend spoke in favor of this article. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 22 be placed on the ballot as written.*

#### **Article 23 – Petitioned Article**

Will the voters vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Six Dollars (\$3,996.00) for the support of Tri-County Cap. This is \$18 per household we assist with **Fuel and Electric Assistance**. This sum helps us keep our doors open so that we may continue to administer Federal & State Funds to assist the residents of Canaan. To be fair, **We ask all towns we assist for the same amount; \$18.00 for every household we help.**

Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 **Does Not Recommend** this article

Budget Committee Yes 2 No 5 **Does Not Recommend** this article 2 Abstentions

*A motion to open Article 23 for discussion was made by Denis Salvail, second by Audrey Armstrong. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 23 be placed on the ballot as written.*

*Carole Cushman asked folks to sign up for the Mascoma Community Healthcare.*

*Mike Samson wanted to thank everyone who has helped with the Healthcare program.*

*Dale Barney explained that the next meeting is March 11, 2014, 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 2:30 pm.*

A true copy attest:

Vicky J. McAlister  
Canaan Town Clerk

**Report of the Day of Voting**

**March 11, 2014**

The Day of Voting was called to order by Moderator Dale Barney at the Canaan Fire Station on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 8:00 am. The polls were declared open for the purpose of voting by ballots for Town Officials (Article 1), Articles 2 through 23, the Special State Election for Executive Councilor 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 Harry Lang were ballot clerks, and Bob Reagan was Gatekeeper. The absentee ballots were processed at 2:30 pm by the Moderator. The Moderator declared the polls closed at 7:00 pm. There were 2317 voters on the checklist, with 78 new registrations on March 11, 2014. Votes cast on the day of voting were 1197 with 84 absentee ballots for a total cast of 1281.

**Results for Articles 1 through 23 are as follows:**

**SELECTMEN**

*For three years*

Vote for not more than (1) one

Scott R. Borthwick-----1017\*  
------(write-ins)-----25

**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR**

*For three years*

Vote for not more than (1) one

Vicky J. McAlister-----1183\*  
------(write-ins)-----5

**CEMETERY TRUSTEE**

*For three years*

Vote for not more than (1) one

Barbara Hayward-----1076\*  
------(write-ins)-----3

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

*For three years*

Vote for not more than (1) one

Susan A. Remacle-----1091\*  
------(write-ins)-----4

**MODERATOR**

*For two years*

Vote for not more than (1) one

Dale Barney-----1108\*  
------(write-ins)-----3

**Budget Committee Members**

*For three years*

Vote for not more than (3) three

William Crowther-----820\*  
Alfred Posnanski -----809\*  
Martha Pusey-----962\*  
------(write-ins)-----9

**SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST**

*For six years*

Vote for not more than (1) one

Nancy M. Charbono-Ricard-----1068\*  
------(write-ins)-----6

**PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS**

*For three years*

Vote for not more than (2) two

CarolAnn Morrison-----929\*  
Barbara L. Dolyak-----821\*  
------(write-ins)-----5

**PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS**

*For one year*

Vote for not more than (1) one

Arnold Song-----950\*  
------(write-ins)-----5

**Budget Committee Members**

*For two years*

Vote for not more than (1) one

Sadie M. Wells-----1015\*  
------(write-ins)-----4

**TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS**

*For three years*

Vote for not more than (1) one

Steve Ward------(write-ins)-----24\*

**ARTICLES**

**Article 2**

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Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million One Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Fourteen Dollars (\$3,128,314.00), 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 7 No 2 **Recommends** this article

**YES: 831\***  
**NO: 319**

### Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy One Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Six Dollars (\$171,746.00) for Water and Sewer Operations for the Town of Canaan with \$82,758.00 to be raised and appropriated for Water and \$88,988.00 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 10 No 0 **Recommends** this article

**YES: 930\***  
**NO: 262**

### Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand dollars (\$110,000.00) for the purchase of a loader to replace the 2001 Komatsu loader; and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, **with no additional amount to be raised by taxation.** Any trade in value or proceeds from the sale of the old loader is to be applied to reduce the purchase price to be within the appropriated \$110,000.

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

**YES: 882\***  
**NO: 322**

### Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Forty Thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) for the purchase of a new 4 wheel drive police vehicle to replace the 2006 Ford Explorer; and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, **with no additional amount to be raised by taxation.** Any trade in value or proceeds from the sale of the old cruiser is to be applied to reduce the purchase price to be within the appropriated \$40,000.

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

**YES: 798\***  
**NO: 406**

## Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift of the Autoware property located at 1172 US Route 4 in Canaan and development funding to encourage commercial activity in the Town and provide parking for the Library, the Mascoma Senior Center and the Town Office. The property will make a payment to the Town equal to current property taxes. **No additional tax revenue is to be used to acquire, maintain or develop the property.**

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

YES: 1058\*

NO: 141

## Article 7

To see if the Town will authorize the sale of the former Town highway garage property located at 51 New Hampshire Route 118 in Canaan by public sale using a commercial realtor.

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

YES: 1093\*

NO: 97

## Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a payment of Thirteen Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Four Dollars (\$13,184.00) from the non-lapsing Transfer Station Special Revenue Account to the General Fund to reimburse the General Fund for the purchase and outfitting of a Freightliner tractor to be used to haul waste and recyclables at a cost of \$8,634.00 and for the purchase of a utility trailer to be used to store and haul household hazardous waste at a cost of \$4,550. **This account is funded from recycling revenue and no additional tax revenue is to be used or raised for this Article. The Article returns \$13,184 to the General Fund.**

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

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

YES: 1008\*

NO: 190

## Article 9

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, 2013 (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

**YES: 886\***  
**NO: 295**

### **Article 10**

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, 2013 (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

**YES: 957\***  
**NO: 235**

### **Article 11**

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, 2013 (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

**YES: 952\***  
**NO: 248**

### **Article 12**

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 the previously established 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, 2013 (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

**YES: 845\***  
**NO: 356**

**Article 13**

Shall the Town modify the disabled exemption from the property tax in the Town of Canaan, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers defined as persons eligible for Social Security Act benefits to the disabled, to exempt the first \$85,000 of assessed valuation from property tax? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for a least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for a least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$24,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$36,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$70,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

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

**YES: 975\***  
**NO: 226**

**Article 14**

Shall the town modify the elderly exemptions from the property tax in the Town of Canaan, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, an exemption of \$65,000 of value; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, an exemption of \$75,000 of value, and for a person 80 years of age or older, an exemption of \$85,000 of value. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for a least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$24,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$36,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$70,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

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

**YES: 1002\***  
**NO: 195**

**Article 15**

To see if the Town will vote to approve placing of an easement on the town forest at 565 on the north side of Route 4 (Map 7 Lot 12) to forever protect it and dedicate it for the purposes of conservation and recreation for the town and its citizens and further, to allow vehicular access only if approved by the Board of Selectmen after consultation with the Conservation Commission.

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

**YES: 1011\***  
**NO: 191**

## Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve Dollars and Ninety Seven Cents (\$15,812.97) to fund additional legal representation and consultants for the Town of Canaan on tax assessment abatement appeals by New Hampshire Electric Cooperative and Liberty Utilities. This amount to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2013 (surplus) and represents the balance available from the \$40,000.00 appropriation previously approved in Article 11 of the 2012 Town Meeting for this purpose and **will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation. This Article is designed to allow the Town to continue to use the previous appropriation and to prevent it from lapsing.**

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

The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 0 **Recommends** this article

**YES: 940\***

**NO: 253**

## Article 17 – 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 2014. Services include the Indian River Youth 2 Youth after school program, community substance abuse prevention, school based oral health support and public health program development.

Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 **Does Not Recommend** this article

Budget Committee Yes 3 No 6 **Does Not Recommend** this article

**YES: 742\***

**NO: 411**

## Article 18 – 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 2014. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, the town food pantry, transportation, outreach support, Service Link support and more. In 2013, Grafton Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 232 Canaan residents and Service Link provided services for 96 Residents. The cost of providing these services was \$108,968.11.

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

The Budget Committee Yes 4 No 5 **Does Not Recommend** this article

**YES: 858\***

**NO: 296**

**Article 19 – Petitioned Article**

Shall the voters in the Town of Canaan vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$8,700.00) to be allocated to Advance Transit, Inc. to help support public transportation services in the Town of Canaan in 2014. In 2013, 9,994 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 0 No 3 **Does Not Recommend** this article  
The Budget Committee Yes 3 No 6 **Does Not Recommend** this article

**YES: 740\***  
**NO: 413**

**Article 20 – 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 1 No 2 **Does Not Recommend** this article  
The Budget Committee Yes 3 No 5 **Does Not Recommend** this article    1 Abstention

**YES: 726\***  
**NO: 421**

**Article 21 – 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. In fiscal year 2013 – from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 – West Central provided 131 Canaan residents with \$18,193 in charitable mental health care.

Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 **Does Not Recommend** this article  
Budget Committee Yes 2 No 7 **Does Not Recommend** this article

**YES: 576\***  
**NO: 570**

**Article 22 – 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 20 additional towns in the Upper Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire.

Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 **Does Not Recommend** this article  
Budget Committee Yes 4 No 5 **Does Not Recommend** this article

**YES: 636\***  
**NO: 514**

**Article 23 – Petitioned Article**

Will the voters vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Six Dollars (\$3,996.00) for the support of Tri-County Cap. This is \$18 per household we assist with **Fuel and Electric Assistance**. This sum helps us keep our doors open so that we may continue to administer Federal & State Funds to assist the residents of Canaan. To be fair, **We ask all towns we assist for the same amount; \$18.00 for every household we help.**

Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 **Does Not Recommend** this article  
Budget Committee Yes 2 No 5 **Does Not Recommend** this article 2 Abstentions

**YES: 642\***  
**NO: 504**

A True Copy Attest:

Vicky J. McAlister  
Canaan Town Clerk