

**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
CANAAN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2017**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Vicky J. McAlister
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice (s) like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p align="center">SELECTMEN</p> <p align="center">Vote for not For three years more than (1) one</p> <p>SCOTT R. BORTHWICK 403</p> <p>JASON LAMBERT 301</p> <p>_____ (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">CEMETERY TRUSTEES</p> <p align="center">Vote for not For three years more than (1) one</p> <p>BJ Hayward 13 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS</p> <p align="center">Vote for not For three years more than (3) three</p> <p>MICHAEL RIESE 489 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>STEPHEN FREESE 516 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JAMES JUKOSKY 505 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">SELECTMEN</p> <p align="center">Vote for not For one year more than (1) one</p> <p>ALFRED POSNANSKI 418 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DAVID SHINNLINGER 309 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS</p> <p align="center">Vote for not For three years more than (1) one</p> <p>STEPHEN T. WARD 607 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS</p> <p align="center">Vote for not For three years more than (2) two</p> <p>JONATHAN GARTHWAITE 521 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CLAUDE LEMOI 479 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR</p> <p align="center">Vote for not For three years more than (1) one</p> <p>VICKY J. McALISTER 716 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">LIBRARY TRUSTEES</p> <p align="center">Vote for not For three years more than (1) one</p> <p>SUSAN A. REMACLE 646 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS</p> <p align="center">Vote for not For two years more than (1) one</p> <p>CHRISTOPHER D. WADSWORTH 564 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>

**SAMPLE
BALLOT**

ARTICLES

Article 2

Shall the Town of Canaan raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$3,569,830? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,463,197, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Selectmen 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.

445
YES
NO
235

The Board of Selectmen **Recommends** this article 3-0
The Budget Committee **Recommends** this article 7-1

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty Three Thousand One Hundred and One Dollars (\$183,101) for Water and Sewer Operations for the Town of Canaan with \$87,846.00 to be raised and appropriated for Water and \$95,255 to be raised and appropriated for Sewer. These funds are raised by user fees and are not funded by property taxes. **584**
YES
NO

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

150

No additional property tax impact. User fees fund these programs. No anticipated increase or decrease in user fees.

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand dollars (\$160,000.00) for the purchase of a 6 wheel dump truck with plow and wing to replace the 2005 Sterling Truck 605; and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, with no additional amount to be raised by taxation. The Town intends to make payments during December of 2017 and January of 2018. This appropriation shall be non-lapsing through 2018. Any trade in value or proceeds from the sale of the old truck is to be applied to reduce the purchase price to be within the appropriated \$160,000. **543**
YES
NO

The Board of Selectmen **Recommends** this article 3-0
The Budget Committee **Recommends** this article 7-1

196

No additional property tax impact.

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be added to the previously established Police Cruiser 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, 2016 (surplus) and **will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.** **511**
YES
NO

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

232

No additional property tax impact.

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) 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, 2016 (surplus) and **will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.** **558**
YES
NO

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

182

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) 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, 2016 (surplus) and **will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.** **548**
YES
NO

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

192

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to be added to the previously established Bridge Capital Reserve Fund with the Governing Body (the Selectmen) as Agents to Expend. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2016 (surplus) and **will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.** **568**
YES
NO

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

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Article 9

500

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 with the Governing Body (the Selectmen) as Agents to Expend. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2016 (surplus) and **will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.**

YES

NO

244

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

Article 10

512

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be added to the previously established Government Buildings 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, 2016 (surplus) and **will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.**

YES

NO

229

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

Article 11

583

To see if the town will vote to establish a Library Building Renovation Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for renovations to the building housing the Library and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$265 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Legislative Body (voters) as agents to expend from said fund. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2016 (surplus) and **will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.** (Majority Vote Required)

YES

NO

160

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

Article 12

591

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a total of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) from the non-lapsing Transfer Station Special Revenue Account for the purchase of a live floor trash/recycling transfer trailer. This account is funded from recycling revenue and **no additional tax revenue is to be used or raised for this Article.**

YES

NO

152

The Board of Selectmen **Recommends** this article 3-0
The Budget Committee **Recommends** this article 7-0

Article 13 – Petitioned Article

Will the voters raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty One Dollars (\$2,931.00) to support Public Health Council of the Upper Valley services to Canaan Residents in 2017. Services include flu vaccine programs, community based substance abuse and suicide prevention, oral health programs and more. The voters of Canaan have long approved annual funding for the Mascoma Valley Health Initiative (MVHI). In 2016, MVHI changed its name to the Public Health Council of the Upper Valley. We are the same organization, with the same mission, and the same focus on addressing the health needs of our rural communities. Canaan voters present at the Deliberative Session on February 11, 2017 favored passage of this article.

457

YES

NO

293

The Board of Selectmen **Does Not Recommend** this article 3-0
The Budget Committee **Does Not Recommend** this article 4-3

Passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.009 per thousand or \$1.74 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 14 – Petitioned Article

Shall the voters raise and appropriate Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services to Canaan residents in 2017. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, the town food pantry, transportation, outreach support, Service Link support and more. In FY 2016, Grafton Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 210 Canaan residents and Service Link provided services for 70 Residents. The cost of providing these services was \$150,034.53. Canaan voters present at the Deliberative Session on February 11, 2017 favored passage of this article.

494

YES

NO

252

The Board of Selectmen **Does Not Recommend** this article 3-0
The Budget Committee **Does Not Recommend** this article 4-3

Passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.037 per thousand or \$7.40 on a home worth \$200,000.

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 15 – Petitioned Article

Shall the voters in the Town of Canaan vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000.00) to be allocated to Advance Transit, Inc. to help support public transportation services in the Town of Canaan in 2017. In 2016, 8,443 passenger trips boarded Advanced Transit in Canaan. Advance Transit provided services to the Town of Canaan at a cost of \$106,560.

416
YES
NO

The Board of Selectmen **Does Not Recommend** this article 3-0
The Budget Committee **Does Not Recommend** this article 5-3

305

Passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.027 per thousand or \$5.33 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 16 – 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 & Hospice of VT and NH.

431
YES
NO

The Board of Selectmen **Does Not Recommend** this article 3-0
The Budget Committee **Does Not Recommend** this article 5-3

305

Passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.029 per thousand or \$5.74 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 17 – Petitioned Article

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$2,200.00) for the support of West Central Behavioral Health. In fiscal year 2016 – from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 – West Central provided 87 Canaan residents with \$6,732 in charitable mental health care.

368
YES
NO

As the region's nonprofit community mental health center, West Central Behavioral Health provides mental health services for many of the most vulnerable residents, including adults, children and elders in Canaan. Support from the Town of Canaan will help us sustain our commitment to provide affordable mental health services to area residents.

353

The Board of Selectmen **Does Not Recommend** this article 3-0
The Budget Committee **Does Not Recommend** this article 5-2-1 Abstention

Passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.007 per thousand or \$1.30 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 18 – Petitioned Article

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$2,100.00) to support the mission of WISE (Women's Information Service). Inc. providing free crisis, intervention and support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence, training to community members and professionals, and prevention education.

375
YES
NO

The Board of Selectmen **Does Not Recommend** this article 3-0
The Budget Committee **Does Not Recommend** this article 5-3

349

Passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.006 per thousand or \$1.24 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 19 – Petitioned Article

Will the voters vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen Dollars (\$3,819.00) for the support of Tri-County Community Action Grafton County for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Canaan.

414
YES
NO

The Board of Selectmen **Does Not Recommend** this article 3-0
The Budget Committee **Does Not Recommend** this article 5-3

309

Passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.011 per thousand or \$2.26 on a home worth \$200,000.

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YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT