



Town of Canaan

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

MINUTES
of
Town Meeting
Deliberative Session
February 11, 2017
and
Day of Voting
MARCH 14, 2017

REPORT OF TOWN MEETING DELIBERATIVE SESSION

February 11, 2017

The Deliberative Session of the Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Dale Barney at the Canaan Hall at 18 Orange Road on Saturday, February 11, 2017, at 9:11 am. 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 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.

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

The Budget Committee **Recommends** this article 7-1

A motion to open Article 2 for discussion was made by David Shinnlinger, second by Russell Lester. 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 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.

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

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

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

A motion to open Article 3 for discussion was made by Alice Schori, second by Russell Lester. 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 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.

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

The Budget Committee **Recommends** this article 7-1

No additional property tax impact.

A motion to open Article 4 for discussion was made by David Shinnlinger, second by Russell Lester. 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 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.**

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

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

No additional property tax impact.

A motion to open Article 5 for discussion was made by Charles Townsend, second by Russell Lester. 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 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.**

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

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

A motion to open Article 6 for discussion was made by William Bellion, second by Russell Lester. No 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 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.**

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

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

A motion to open Article 7 for discussion was made by David Shinnlinger, second by Russell Lester. 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 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.**

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

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

A motion to open Article 8 for discussion was made by David McAlister, second by Helen Skeist. Helen Skeist asked for an explanation on what the Unreserved Fund balance is. Mike Samson explained that when there are funds left over every year, the extra goes into the Unreserved Funds. There has to be a vote to take money out. There is a 20 year plan for the

Unreserved Funds. 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 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.**

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

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

A motion to open Article 9 for discussion was made by David Shinnlinger, second by Russell Lester. 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 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.**

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

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

A motion to open Article 10 for discussion was made by Charles Townsend, second by Russell Lester. No 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 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)

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

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

A motion to open Article 11 for discussion was made by Stephen Freese, second by David Shinnlinger. Mike Samson explained that this is a house keeping article to get into compliance with the Department of Revenue Administration. Claude Lemoi commented that this is his first year participating in the Capital Improvement process for Canaan and that credit should go to Mike Samson and the Boards that are involved for making this such a successful process. Sharon Everts asked if the Library has a renovation plan at this time. Amy Thurber, Town Librarian, said no. There is no plan in place at this time, just discussion. The Library Trustees are investigating whether the third floor of the library might be utilized. Samson noted that this article creates a capital reserve account that allows the Town to create a savings system to fund future needs. 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 a total of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) from the non-lapsing Transfer Station Special Revenue Account for the purchase of a 100 yard 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.**

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

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

A motion to open Article 12 for discussion was made by Alfred Posnanski, second by Russell Lester. John Bergeron questioned the 100 yard live floor trailer, and if it will be exactly 100 yards? Mike Samson said that it might vary a little. John Bergeron made a motion to amend article 12 to strike the "100 yard" and leave the rest of the article alone, Eleanor Davis seconded it. Voted and the ayes have it. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 12 be placed on the ballot as amended.

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.

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

The Budget Committee **Does Not Recommend** this article 4-4

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

A motion to open Article 13 for discussion was made by Charles Townsend, second by Amy Thurber. Charles Townsend spoke in favor of this article and said that the program was started in Canaan and we should be proud of this. Mike Samson spoke in favor of the Public Health Council. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 13 be placed on the ballot as written.

After discussion on Article 14, Helen Skeist made a motion to reconsider Article 13, second by Caroline Freese. Charles Townsend made a motion to amend Article 13 as follows, second by Helen Skeist:

“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.*”

Voted with a hand count: yes—29, no—26. So the ayes have it. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 13 be placed on the ballot as amended.

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.

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

The Budget Committee **Does Not Recommend** this article 4-4

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

A motion to open Article 14 for discussion was made by Amy Thurber, second by Russell Lester. Mike Samson spoke in favor of this article. He said that State and Federal funding is decreasing and he feels that this is a valuable program. Stephen Freese said that the voters are getting mixed messages when the Selectmen and Budget committee do not recommend these programs. Mike explained that the Selectmen want the voters to decide where the money goes, and they feel that it is not up to them to tell people what programs to fund. Caroline Freese said that the recommendations are important because they are influential to the voters.

Scott Borthwick explained that the town does contribute quite a lot to the Senior Center already. We maintain the building, supply water/sewer, etc. The money that is in the article does not go directly to our Senior Center; it goes to the Council so we do not have control where it goes. Caroline stated that the Selectmen should put that in the article. Phil Smith stated that the body of voters at the Deliberative Session would be able to add what they wanted to the article as long as they do not change the intent of the article. Carole Cushman asked what affect this would have on our local Senior Center. Mike Samson said that we could not determine that because we do not know how much of that would actually go to Canaan from the Council. Claude Lemoi made a motion to amend Article as follows, second by Russell Lester:

“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.”

There was discussion concerning the amendment. Patrick Andrew said that the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee could re-vote on the recommendations if we approve the amendment. Voted with a hand count: yes—34, no—13. So the ayes have it. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 14 be placed on the ballot as amended.

Helen Skeist asked if the voters would reconsider Article 13 to amend it like Article 14. She made a motion to reconsider Article 13, second by Caroline Freese. Voted with a hand count: yes—29, no—26. So the ayes have it. See Article 13 for the results.

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.

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

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

A motion to open Article 15 for discussion was made by Russell Lester, second by David McAlister. Russell Lester said that he will not support this until the bus riders have to pay a fee for use. John Bergeron made a motion to add the words, “Canaan voters present at the Deliberative Session on February 11, 2017, favored passage of this article”, second by Charles

Townsend. Voted with a hand count: yes—19, no—32. So it was defeated. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 15 be placed on the ballot as written.

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.

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

The Budget Committee **Does Not Recommend** this article 5-3

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

A motion to open Article 16 for discussion was made by Stephen Freese, second by David Shinnlinger. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 16 be placed on the ballot as written.

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.

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.

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.

A motion to open Article 17 for discussion was made by David Shinnlinger, second by Russell Lester. Charles Townsend spoke in support of this article. Charles Townsend made a motion to add the words, "Canaan voters present at the Deliberative Session on February 11, 2017, favored passage of this article", second by Stephen Freese. Jessica Longley said that West Central did not help her when she needed help. Ron Michaud who works for West Central spoke in favor of this article. Voted and the amendment was defeated. 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 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.

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

The Budget Committee **Does Not Recommend** this article 5-3

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

A motion to open Article 18 for discussion was made by Amy Thurber, second by David Shinnlinger. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 18 be placed on the ballot as written.

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.

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

The Budget Committee **Does Not Recommend** this article 5-3

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

A motion to open Article 19 for discussion was made by Amy Thurber, second by Russell Lester. Mike Samson explained that in the past there was miss-management in this organization and they received bad press. He indicated that the organization has been restructured and has been stable for several years. The town relies on Tri-Cap for fuel assistance, so Mike 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

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

Russell Lester thanked the Selectmen for having the Town Deliberative Session on a different day than the School Deliberative Session. It is hard to get to both when they are on the same day.

*Claude Lemoi wanted to say thank you to everyone involved in town government.
Helen Skeist put out a plea for everyone to go to the School Deliberative Session.
No further business, so the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 10:28 AM.*

A true copy attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vicky J. McAlister". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Vicky" and last name "McAlister" clearly distinguishable.

Vicky J. McAlister

Canaan Town Clerk

Report of the Day of Voting

March 14, 2017

The Day of Voting was called to order by Moderator Dale Barney at the Canaan Hall, 18 Orange Road, on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 8:00 am. The polls were declared open for the purpose of voting by ballots for Town Officials (Article 1), and Articles 2 through 19. Supervisors of the Checklist Nancy Charbono-Ricard, Barbara Hayward and Therese Samson took their positions. Ben Yamashita, Carole Cushman, Harry Lang, and Margaret Godfrey were ballot clerks, and Alfred Posnanski, Scott Borthwick and David McAlister were Gatekeepers. The absentee ballots were processed at 1:00 pm by the Moderator. The Moderator declared the polls closed at 7:00 pm. There were 2734 voters on the checklist, with 10 new registrations on March 14, 2017. Votes cast on the day of voting were 692 with 63 absentee ballots for a total cast of 755.

Results for Articles 1 through 19 are as follows, A true copy attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Vicky J. McAlister". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vicky J. McAlister

Canaan Town Clerk

755 VOTERS

BALLOT 1 OF 2

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

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.

SELECTMEN

For three years ☐ Vote for not more than (1) one ☐

SCOTT R. BORTHWICK 403*

JASON LAMBERT 301 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

SELECTMEN

For one year ☐ Vote for not more than (1) one ☐

ALFRED POSNANSKI 418*

DAVID SHINNLINGER 309 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**TOWN CLERK /
TAX COLLECTOR**

For three years ☐ Vote for not more than (1) one ☐

VICKY J. McALISTER 716*

(Write-in) ☐

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

For three years ☐ Vote for not more than (1) one ☐

Barbara Hayward 13 ☐

(Write-in)

**TRUSTEES OF THE
TRUST FUNDS**

For three years ☐ Vote for not more than (1) one ☐

STEPHEN T. WARD 607*

(Write-in) ☐

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For three years ☐ Vote for not more than (1) one ☐

SUSAN A. REMACLE 646*

(Write-in) ☐

**BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEMBERS**

For three years ☐ Vote for not more than (3) three ☐

MICHAEL RIESE 489*

STEPHEN FREESE 516*

JAMES JUKOSKY 505*

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**PLANNING BOARD
MEMBERS**

For three years ☐ Vote for not more than (2) two ☐

JONATHAN GARTHWAITE 521*

CLAUDE LEMOI 479*

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**PLANNING BOARD
MEMBERS**

For two years ☐ Vote for not more than (1) one ☐

CHRISTOPHER D. WADSWORTH 564*

(Write-in) ☐

ARTICLES

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

445
YES *
NO ☐
235

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

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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

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543
YES ☒
NO ☐
196

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

No additional property tax impact.

Article 5

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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

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558
YES ☒
NO ☐
182

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

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 ☐
192

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

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 ☐
169

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

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
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CANAAAN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2017**

Nicky J. McAlister
TOWN CLERK

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

500
YES ☒
NO ☐
244

Article 10

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

512
YES ☒
NO ☐
229

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

583
YES ☒
NO ☐
160

Article 12

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.

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

591
YES ☒
NO ☐
152

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.

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.

457
YES ☒
NO ☐
293

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.

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.

494
YES ☒
NO ☐
252

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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 ☐
305

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

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 ☐
291

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

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 ☐
353

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.

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 ☐
349

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

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 ☐
309

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

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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