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MINUTES
Of
Town Meeting
Deliberative Session

February 9, 2019

And

Day of Voting

MARCH 12, 2019

Town of Canaan, NH

REPORT OF TOWN MEETING DELIBERATIVE SESSION

February 9, 2019

The Deliberative Session of the Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Dale Barney at the Canaan Elementary School, February 9, 2019 at 9:01 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.

The Moderator asked for a moment of silence to honor the men and women in the military.

Article 2 General Fund Appropriation

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 \$3,829,554? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,666,706, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town 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. (Majority vote required.)

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

The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 1 Recommends this article.

A motion to open Article 2 for discussion was made by David McAlister, second by Stephen Ward. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 2 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 3 Water & Sewer

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Seven Dollars (\$194,837.00) for Water and Sewer Operations for the Town of Canaan with \$97,179 to be raised and appropriated for Water and \$97,658 to be raised and appropriated for Sewer. These funds are raised by water and sewer user fees with no amount to come from property taxes. (Majority vote required.)

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

The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 1 Recommends this article.

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 Karen Wolk, second by Amy Thurber. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 3 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 4 Purchase Asphalt Reclaimer Hotbox

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Thirty Eight Thousand dollars (\$38,000.00) for the purchase of a Asphalt Reclaimer Hotbox Trailer to replace the 2005 Ray Tech RC8000 Asphalt Reclaimer; and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to Thirty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$38,000.00) 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 Reclaimer is to be applied to reduce the purchase price to be within the appropriated \$38,000. (Majority vote required.)

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

The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 1 Recommends this article.

No additional property tax impact.

A motion to open Article 4 for discussion was made by Jim Rancore, second by David McAlister. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 4 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 5 Purchase Fire Command SUV

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purchase of a 4 wheel drive SUV Command Vehicle to replace the 2006 Chevrolet 1500 Command Vehicle; and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) from the Fire Department 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 truck is to be applied to reduce the purchase price to be within the appropriated \$30,000. (Majority vote required.)

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

The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 0 Recommends this article.

No additional property tax impact.

A motion to open Article 5 for discussion was made by Bill Bellion, second by David McAlister. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 5 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 6 Purchase a Fire Utility Truck for Forestry and Other Utility Functions

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) for the purchase of a new Fire Utility Truck with multifunction flat bed for wildfire fighting, equipment transport, water transport and other utility; and authorize the withdrawal of \$45,000 from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, with no additional amount to be raised

by taxes. (Majority vote required.)

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

The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 1 Recommends this article.

No additional property tax impact.

A motion to open Article 6 for discussion was made by Jim Rancore, second by Philip Neily. Bill Bellion spoke in favor of this article. Dan Collins asked where the funds come from. Mike Samson explained that every year we vote to appropriate money to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund so that the Town of Canaan is ready when we need equipment and we do not have to borrow money. Fire Department Capital Reserve funds are funded from taxes. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 6 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 7 Purchase Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Thirty Five Thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) for the purchase of a new 4 wheel drive police vehicle to replace the 2013 Ford Taurus Interceptor cruiser; and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) 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 \$35,000. (Majority vote required.)

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

The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 0 Recommends this article.

No property tax impact.

A motion to open Article 7 for discussion was made by David McAlister, second by Jim Rancore. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 7 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 8 Appropriate to Highway Equipment Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.00) 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 Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2018 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

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 8 for discussion was made by Stephen Ward, second by Bob Scott. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 8 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 9 Appropriate to Bridge Capital Reserve Account

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 Bridge Capital Reserve Fund with the Governing Body (the Selectmen) as Agents to Expend. This sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2018 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

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 9 for discussion was made by Bob Scott, second by David McAlister. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 9 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 10 Appropriate to Revaluation Capital Reserve

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 amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required.)

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

The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 0 Recommends this article.

This will increase the tax rate by \$.03 and will result in an additional tax of \$5.85 on a \$200,000 home.

A motion to open Article 10 for discussion was made by David McAlister, second by Dan Collins. Dan Collins asked why we have to do this. Mike Samson explained that we are in a 5 year cycle for Revaluation per state requirements. Every year we have the assessors look at a quarter of the town and in the 5th year we have the completed Revaluation ready. In anticipation we create a capital reserve fund so the money will come out of the unassigned fund balance to fund this fifth year total valuation up-date. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 10 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 11 Appropriate to Government Buildings Capital Reserve

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 Government Buildings Capital Reserve Fund with the Legislative Body (the Voters) as Agents to Expend. This sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2018 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

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 11 for discussion was made by Charles Townsend, second by Stephen Ward. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 11 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 12 Appropriate to Fire Equipment Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to be added to the previously established Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund with the Legislative Body (the Voters) as Agents to Expend. This funding is needed to spread \$1,276,000 in equipment costs over 25 years rather than fund a \$300,000 payment in a single year. This will increase the tax rate by \$.18 and will result in an additional tax of \$35.10 on a \$200,000 home. (Majority vote required.)

The Board of Selectmen Yes 2 No 0 Recommends this article.

The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 0 Recommends this article.

A motion to open Article 12 for discussion was made by Bill Bellion, second by Bob Scott. John Bergeron questioned why the tax rate increase was not after the recommendations. Mike Samson explained that the ballot will have the correct sequence as follows:

“Article 12 Appropriate to Fire Equipment Capital Reserve

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The Board of Selectmen Yes 2 No 0 Recommends this article.

The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 0 Recommends this article

This will increase the tax rate by \$.18 and will result in an additional tax of \$35.10 on a \$200,000 home. (Majority vote required.)”

No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 12 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 13 Appropriate to Police Cruiser Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) 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 Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2018 (surplus). and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

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 13 for discussion was made by David McAlister, second by Bob Scott. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 13 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 14 Purchase of Land for Gravel Pit

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase 130 acres of land from Ruth Lazowski and Tania Langerman on Route 118 and identified in the Town's tax records as Tax Map 12, Lot 42, for the sum of \$185,000; and to raise and appropriate One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) of the purchase price to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2018 (surplus). Fifty Five Thousand of the purchase price is included in the general fund budget and needs no further appropriation. The purchase will not occur unless on-site testing confirms the presence of suitable sand and gravel for highway use. If the purchase is approved, the Board of Selectmen will advertise for sale 40 acres of land at the existing Canaan Gravel Pit bordering Orange Brook. This will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

The Board of Selectmen Yes 2 No 0 Recommends this article.

The Budget Committee Yes 7 No 1 Recommends this article.

No additional property tax impact.

A motion to open Article 14 for discussion was made by Stephen Ward, second by Bob Scott. Mike Samson explained that the Town of Canaan started looking for an alternative source for sand and gravel in 2011. They looked at the USDA soil conservation maps for areas that would have sand and gravel and discovered a piece of land on NH 118 that is a possibility. They have paid the sellers \$5,000 for an option to purchase this land and for the right to dig test pits on this property in April. If the tests are successful and this Article passes, the Selectmen will complete the purchase. Purchase would be out of the undesignated fund balance. The property has more than 90 acres that show the presence of sand and gravel. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 14 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 15 Sale of Portion of Existing Town Gravel Pit

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell by commercial listing 40 acres of land at the north east corner of the existing Canaan Gravel Pit and bordering Orange Brook to property owned by Dean Vanier, thence southwest along Vanier's northwest line; thence running in a line to the place of beginning on Orange Brook. The property to be sold is part of the 150 acre parcel owned by the Town of Canaan and identified in the Town's tax records as Tax Map 15, Lot 42. The proceeds from the sale will be deposited in the general fund. (Majority vote required.)

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

No additional property tax impact.

A motion to open Article 15 for discussion was made by David McAlister, second by Bob Scott. Mike Samson suggested that the wording should be “approximately 40-60” acres of land. So Mike made a motion to amend Article 15 to read as follows, second by Scott Borthwick:

“Article 15 Sale of Portion of Existing Town Gravel Pit

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell by commercial listing approximately 40-60 acres of land at the north east corner of the existing Canaan Gravel Pit and bordering Orange Brook to property owned by Dean Vanier, thence southwest along Vanier’s northwest line; thence running in a line to the place of beginning on Orange Brook. The property to be sold is part of the 150 acre parcel owned by the Town of Canaan and identified in the Town’s tax records as Tax Map 15, Lot 42. The proceeds from the sale will be deposited in the general fund. (Majority vote required.)

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article.
No additional property tax impact.”

Voted and ayes have it. Mark Wilson asked Mike Samson what the selling price would be. Mike explained that the town will have to get an appraisal and advertise but would only sell if the price was at least \$600.00 per acre. There is no access to the property so that will be an issue. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 15 be placed on the ballot as amended.

Article 16 Establishment of Ambulance Service Revolving Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of providing ambulance services. All revenues received for ambulance services from fees, charges or other income derived from such services will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town’s general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen and no further approval is required by the town meeting to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (Majority vote required.)

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

A motion to open Article 16 for discussion was made by David McAlister, second by Stephen Ward. Stephen Ward asked what the current legal structure looks like. Mike Samson explained that this has been a 501 (c)(3) and gave a short history of why this happened. In April of 2018 Canaan Fast Squad made a proposal to increase funds to \$225,000 over 3 years. That was a significant increase over the previous year. The Town consulted with the providers and started discussion about whether the ambulance service should become part of the Town government. The majority of the ambulance providers voted to support joining the Town. Effective January 1, 2019, the Town officially took over the ambulance service and now has 25 people on the provider roster. Mike said that the ambulance will be run similar to the fire

department with the providers electing a Chief that must be ratified by the Board of Selectmen. The funding comes from insurance, Town contributions from four area towns, and donations. This revolving account will allow the ambulance service to receive and spend these funds within an approved budget. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 16 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 17 Public Health Council by Petition

Will the voters raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Dollars (\$2,940.00) to support Public Health Council of the Upper Valley services to Canaan Residents in 2019. Services include flu vaccine programs, community based substance abuse and suicide prevention, oral health programs and more. (Majority vote required.)

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

The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 4 Recommends this article.

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.01 per thousand or \$1.72 on a home worth \$200,000.

A motion to open Article 17 for discussion was made by Charles Townsend, second by Amy Thurber. Charles Townsend asked that we support the series of petitioned warrant articles submitted by organizations that provide services to the Town of Canaan. Mark Wilson also asked that we support these articles. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 17 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 18 Grafton County Senior Citizens by Petition

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 2019. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, the town food pantry, transportation, outreach support, Service Link support and more. In FY 2018, Grafton Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 209 Canaan residents and Service Link provided services for 114 Residents. The cost of providing these services was \$138,954.15. (Majority vote required.)

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

The Budget Committee Yes 6 No 3 Recommends this article.

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.04 per thousand or \$7.32 on a home worth \$200,000.

A motion to open Article 18 for discussion was made by Jim Rancore, second by Stephen Ward. Dan Collins asked if this was asking for more than what we provide to the Senior Center for use and maintenance of the Senior Center. Mike Samson said yes. No further discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 18 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 19 Advance Transit by Petition

Shall the voters in the Town of Canaan vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand

Two Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$9,270.00) to be allocated to Advance Transit, Inc. to help support public transportation services in the Town of Canaan in 2019? In 2018, 7,938 passenger trips boarded Advanced Transit in Canaan. Advance Transit provided services to the Town of Canaan at a cost of \$132,000. (Majority vote required.)

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

The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 4 Recommends this article.

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate

\$.03 per thousand or \$5.43 on a home worth \$200,000.

A motion to open Article 19 for discussion was made by Jim Rancore, second by Bob Scott. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 19 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 20 VNH by Petition

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 for VT and NH. (Majority vote required.)

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

The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 4 Recommends this article.

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate

\$.03 per thousand or \$5.68 on a home worth \$200,000.

A motion to open Article 20 for discussion was made by Karen Wolk, second by Stephen Ward. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 20 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 21 West Central by petition

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 2018 – from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 – West Central provided 109 Canaan residents with a total of \$19,579 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. (Majority vote required.)

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

Budget Committee Yes 4 No 4 Abstention 1 Does Not Recommend this article.

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate

\$.01 per thousand or \$1.29 on a home worth \$200,000.

A motion to open Article 21 for discussion was made by Stephen Ward, second by Charles Townsend. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 21 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 22 WISE by petition

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 crises, intervention and support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence, training to community members and professionals; and prevention education in our schools.

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

Budget Committee Yes 3 No 1 Abstention 2 Recommends this article.

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.006 per thousand or \$1.23 on a home worth \$200,000.

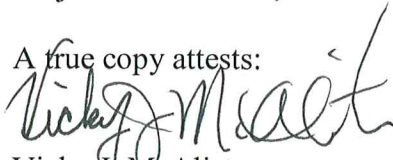
A motion to open Article 22 for discussion was made by Bob Scott, second by David McAlister. No discussion so the Moderator declared that Article 22 be placed on the ballot as written.

Al Posnanski wanted to thank the Fire Department, Police Department, Highway crew and all the people that helped during his recent shop fire.

Dan Collins extended a thank you to all the people that work for the Town.

No further business, so the Moderator adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am.

A true copy attests:



Vicky J. McAlister

Canaan Town Clerk

Report of the Day of Voting

March 12, 2019

The Day of Voting was called to order by Moderator Dale Barney at the Canaan Fire Station on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 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 22. Supervisors of the Checklist Nancy Charbono-Ricard, Barbara Hayward and Stella Butterfield took their positions. Carole Cushman, Terri Purcell and Harry Lang were ballot clerks, and Al Posnanski was Gatekeeper. The absentee ballots were processed at 1:15 pm by the Moderator. The Moderator declared the polls closed at 7:00 pm. There were 2776 voters on the checklist, with 8 new registrations on March 12, 2019. Votes cast on the day of voting were 489 with 28 absentee ballots for a total cast of 517.

Results for Articles 1 through 22 are as follows:

OFFICIAL RESULTS

517
Ballots
Cast

BALLOT 1 OF 3

OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION CANAAN, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 12, 2019

Nicky 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

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

ANTHONY S. BISHOP 181 ☐

DAVID E. McALISTER 313 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

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

STELLA BUTTERFIELD 456 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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

ANGELIQUE J. ROBINSON 429 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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

LAURA McDERMOTT 405 ☒

KATHLEEN H. PETERS 370 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

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

CHARLES L. TOWNSEND 387 ☒

CHRISTOPHER D. WADSWORTH 356 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

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

Andrew Van Abs 170 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

NATHAN R. DELEAULT 338 ☒

SADIE WELLS 398 ☒

KAREN P. WOLK 360 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

ARTICLES

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323 ☒
YES ☐
NO ☐
176

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 1 **Recommends** this article

Article 3 Water & Sewer

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386 ☒
YES ☐
NO ☐
109

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 1 **Recommends** this article

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

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

OFFICIAL RESULTS

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 4 Purchase Asphalt Reclaimer Hotbox

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376
YES ☒
NO ☐
129

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 1 **Recommends** this article

No additional property tax impact.

Article 5 Purchase Fire Command SUV

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purchase of a 4 wheel drive SUV Command Vehicle to replace the 2006 Chevrolet 1500 Command Vehicle; and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) from the Fire Department 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 truck is to be applied to reduce the purchase price to be within the appropriated \$30,000. (Majority vote required.)

374
YES ☒
NO ☐
134

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

No additional property tax impact.

Article 6 Purchase a Fire Utility Truck for Forestry and Other Utility Functions

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) for the purchase of a new Fire Utility Truck with multifunction flat bed for wildfire fighting, equipment transport, water transport and other utility; and authorize the withdrawal of \$45,000 from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, with no additional amount to be raised by taxes. (Majority vote required.)

370
YES ☒
NO ☐
138

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 1 **Recommends** this article

No additional property tax impact.

Article 7 Purchase Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Thirty Five Thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) for the purchase of a new 4 wheel drive police vehicle to replace the 2013 Ford Taurus Interceptor cruiser; and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) 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 \$35,000. (Majority vote required.)

342
YES ☒
NO ☐
166

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

No additional property tax impact

Article 8 Appropriate to Highway Equipment Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.00) 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 Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2018 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

383
YES ☒
NO ☐
123

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

Article 9 Appropriate to Bridge Capital Reserve Account

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 Bridge Capital Reserve Fund with the Governing Body (the Selectmen) as Agents to Expend. This sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2018 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

398
YES ☒
NO ☐
110

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

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TOWN CLERK

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Article 10 Appropriate to Revaluation Capital Reserve

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 amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required.)

290
YES ☒
NO ☐
215

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

This will increase the tax rate by \$.03 and will result in an additional tax of \$5.85 on a \$200,000 home.

Article 11 Appropriate to Government Buildings Capital Reserve

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 Government Buildings Capital Reserve Fund with the Legislative Body (the Voters) as Agents to Expend. This sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2018 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

363
YES ☒
NO ☐
144

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

Article 12 Appropriate to Fire Equipment Capital Reserver

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to be added to the previously established Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund with the Legislative Body (the Voters) as Agents to Expend. This funding is needed to spread \$1,276,000 in equipment costs over 25 years rather than fund a \$300,000 payment in a single year. (Majority vote required.)

332
YES ☒
NO ☐
174

The Board of Selectmen Yes 2 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 0 **Recommends** this article

This will increase the tax rate by \$.18 and will result in an additional tax of \$35.10 on a \$200,000 home.

Article 13 Appropriate to Police Cruiser Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) 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 Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2018 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

346
YES ☒
NO ☐
160

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

Article 14 Purchase of Land for Gravel Pit

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase 130 acres of land from Ruth Lazowski and Tania Langerman on Route 118 and identified in the Town's tax records as Tax Map 12, Lot 42, for the sum of \$185,000; and to raise and appropriate One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) of the purchase price to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2018 (surplus). Fifty Five Thousand of the purchase price is included in the general fund budget and needs no further appropriation. The purchase will not occur unless on-site testing confirms the presence of suitable sand and gravel for highway use. If the purchase is approved, the Board of Selectmen will advertise for sale 40 acres of land at the existing Canaan Gravel Pit bordering Orange Brook. This will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

367
YES ☒
NO ☐
142

The Board of Selectmen Yes 2 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 7 No 1 **Recommends** this article

No additional property tax impact.

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 15 Sale of Portion of Existing Town Gravel Pit

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell by commercial listing approximately 40 to 60 acres of land at the north east corner of the existing Canaan Gravel Pit and bordering Orange Brook to property owned by Dean Vanier, thence southwest along Vanier's northwest line; thence running in a line to the place of beginning on Orange Brook. The property to be sold is part of the 150 acre parcel owned by the Town of Canaan and identified in the Town's tax records as Tax Map 15, Lot 42. The proceeds from the sale will be deposited in the general fund. (Majority vote required.)

399
YES ☒
NO ☐
91

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

No additional property tax impact.

Article 16 Establishment of Ambulance Service Revolving Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of providing ambulance services. All revenues received for ambulance services from fees, charges or other income derived from such services will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen and no further approval is required by the town meeting to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (Majority vote required.)

392
YES ☒
NO ☐
98

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

Article 17 Public Health Council by Petition

Will the voters raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Dollars (\$2,940.00) to support Public Health Council of the Upper Valley services to Canaan Residents in 2019. Services include flu vaccine programs, community based substance abuse and suicide prevention, oral health programs and more. (Majority vote required.)

288
YES ☒
NO ☐
203

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

The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 4 **Recommends** this article

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.01 per thousand or \$1.72 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 18 Grafton County Senior Citizens by Petition

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 2019. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, the town food pantry, transportation, outreach support, Service Link support and more. In FY 2018, Grafton Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 209 Canaan residents and Service Link provided services for 114 Residents. The cost of providing these services was \$138,954.15. (Majority vote required.)

348
YES ☒
NO ☐
142

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

The Budget Committee Yes 6 No 3 **Recommends** this article

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.04 per thousand or \$7.32 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 19 Advance Transit by Petition

Shall the voters in the Town of Canaan vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$9,270.00) to be allocated to Advance Transit, Inc. to help support public transportation services in the Town of Canaan in 2019? In 2018, 7,938 passenger trips boarded Advanced Transit in Canaan. Advance Transit provided services to the Town of Canaan at a cost of \$132,000. (Majority vote required.)

309
YES ☒
NO ☐
183

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

The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 4 **Recommends** this article

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.03 per thousand or \$5.43 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 20 VNH by Petition

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 for VT and NH. (Majority vote required.)

307
YES ☒
NO ☐
184

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

The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 4 **Recommends** this article

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.03 per thousand or \$5.68 on a home worth \$200,000.

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Article 21 West Central by petition

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 2018 – from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 – West Central provided 109 Canaan residents with a total of \$19,579 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. (Majority vote required.)

270
YES ☒
NO ☐
235

The Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 **Does Not Recommend** this article
Budget Committee Yes 4 No 4 Abstention 1 **Does Not Recommend** this article.

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.01 per thousand or \$1.29 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 22 WISE by petition

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 in our schools.

282
YES ☒
NO ☐
223

The Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 **Does Not Recommend** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 3 No 1 Abstain 2 **Recommends** this article

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.006 per thousand or \$1.23 on a home worth \$200,000.

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