

Canaan Budget Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 7, 2016
Canaan Fire Station, Canaan, NH

Attendees: Budget Committee members: John Bergeron, Scott Borthwick, William Crowther, Patty Duszynski, Ellie Davis, Al Posnanski, Martha Pusey, Denis Salvail, Philip Smith Jr. Sadie Wells. Canaan Town Administer Mike Samson; recorded by Roger Lohr, not in attendance.

Final Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Ellie Davis called the meeting of the Canaan Budget Committee to order at 7:01 PM.

2. Selectboard's Proposed Budget and CIP Changes

The Selectboard's 2016 budget bottom line is \$3,463,197.

Following the Committee's December meeting, John Bergeron had emailed changes in the CIP to the Canaan Budget Committee members. Some of the police vehicles were incorrectly listed. The Highway Mobile Equipment was increased by \$20,000 for 2016 with a rollover from the 2015 CIP. There was Transfer Station Mobile Equipment of \$25,000 that was delayed from 2018-19 to 2019-20. Lastly, there were math errors in the CIP that were corrected in the reserve values on a table of mobile equipment. The bottom line of the CIP did not change much taking into account all of the updated information.

A motion was made by Scott Borthwick and seconded by Bill Crowther to accept the 2016 Town of Canaan budget of \$3,463,197. The motion passed with 8 in favor and one opposed. (Ellie Davis).

3. Revenues

Town Administrator Mike Samson distributed the revenue document and explained the changes, which were positive by \$67,000. The current property tax increased by .5%. The motor vehicle income was \$667,200 and was \$10,000 less than anticipated so the actual motor vehicle number from 2015 will be incorporated in the 2016 revenue budget. The town took in about \$40,000 for motor vehicles during the last two weeks of December. The revenue budget left \$2,237,292 that needs to be raised by taxes.

Samson and Posnanski discussed transferring into the budget from the reserves.

4. Committee Assignments

Chair Ellie Davis announced that the Committee's budget presentation assignments for the Public Hearing scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2016 have been emailed to the Committee members.

Business Administrator Mike Samson stated that Committee members are welcome to contact him if they have any questions about the information that they will present in the Public Hearing.

5. Minutes Approval

A motion was made by Al Posnanski and seconded by Denis Salvail to approve the Canaan Budget Committee meeting minutes of November 19, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee minutes taker Roger Lohr was requested to send the final document to the Committee Chair to be posted on the town website. Additionally, the other meeting minutes draft documents will be sent to the Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

6. Next Meetings Schedule

The Budget Committee will meet to vote on the Warrant Articles on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 7:30 PM in the Canaan Fire Station. This is necessary because the final deadline to submit Warrant Articles is the prior day. The Committee's Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7:30 PM in the Canaan Fire Station. If the meeting is postponed the rain date is January 19.

The Deliberative Session is scheduled for Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the Canaan Elementary School.

Mike Samson commented that there have been new personnel hired for the Highway and Police departments.

7. Adjournment

Scott Borthwick made a motion which was seconded by Denis Salvail to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Next meeting of the Canaan Budget Committee is January 13, 2016 at 7:30 PM.