

Canaan Budget Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 11, 2018
Canaan Fire Station, Canaan, NH

Attendees: Budget Committee members: John Bergeron (arrived later), Ellie Davis, Jamie Jukosky, Al Posnanski, Mike Riese, Denis Salvail, Philip Smith Jr., Sadie Wells; Town Administrator: Mike Samson. Public attendees: Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister.
Committee member not attending: Patty Duszynski, Stephen Freese.
Recorded by Roger Lohr

Final Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Ellie Davis called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Updated budget documents including the MS-'13', Warrant Articles, and the proposed budget were distributed to the committee members.

The contract with the Canaan police department was incorporated in the Warrant Articles (#14) after the Canaan Budget Committee had approved the articles in the last committee meeting. This change altered the Warrant Articles and figures in the budget. The amount that was inserted in the budget to cover the police contract was \$2.00 because a dollar amount needed to be included in the Warrant Article.

The Budget Committee recommended the Police Contract Warrant Article 14 with 7 Yes and 0 No.

Philip Smith made a motion which was seconded by Denis Salvail to approve the revised 2018 Canaan Budget in the document dated 1/11/18. The motion passed 6-1-0 (Davis opposed, Bergeron did not vote on this motion).

Chair Davis opened the public hearing and the Committee members then proceeded to review the proposed 2018 Canaan budget.

Posnanski reviewed executive, town administration, town clerk, and election expenses.

Smith reviewed printing, bookkeeping, budget committee, assessments, treasurer, trustee expenses, and data processing.

Davis reviewed legal, personnel, planning board, government building expenses, cemetery, insurance, general government, police, ambulance, fire department, building inspection, and emergency management.

Salvail reviewed mechanic, road agent, highway, bridge inspection, and street lighting expense.

Posnanski reviewed transfer station, health, and welfare expenses.

Jukosky reviewed recreation, library, cultural, patriotic, and conservation accounts.

Wells reviewed debt service, capital equipment, and improvements.

Riese reviewed the sewer and water accounts.

Chair Davis then cited the default budget and revenues, and reviewed the Warrant Articles. The Committee requested that the Warrant Articles be consistent with the wording for the Select Board and Committee votes for recommendation. It was stated that the residents at Town Meeting can amend the Warrant Articles but can not go above the Budget Committee recommendations by more than 10%.

Town Administrator Samson will submit the budget information to the DRA and expects to receive the MS' for the Budget Committee to sign. He asked the members of the Budget Committee to stop by the town office to sign the MS' document on Wednesday.

The public hearing was closed at 7:55 PM.

Chair Davis expressed appreciation for the work done on the budget by the committee members, the chair and particularly the Town Administrator Samson.

2. Meeting Schedule

The Deliberative Session will be held on February 3rd at 1:00 PM at the Canaan Hall (Speedway).

The next Budget Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 7:00 PM for a reorganization meeting, to approve minutes, and share the annual committee schedule of meetings. The committee members who have terms that are up include Ellie Davis, Denis Salvail and John Bergeron.

3. Adjournment

Denis Salvail made a motion which was seconded by John Bergeron to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.