

SAMPLE BALLOT

* 10 New Voter Registrations

(568) Votes Cast

* Unofficial Results *

ABSENTEE BALLOT AND OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION CANAAN, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 9, 2021

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Richy 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 ☐

AL POSNANSKI 208 ☐

DAN COLLINS 244 ☒

AMI GAMMELL 51 ☐

DEREK HERRO 30 ☐

2 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

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

ANDREW VAN ABS 366 ☒

JOHN H. BERGERON 443 ☒

5 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

JOHN H. BERGERON 405 ☒

ELEANOR J. DAVIS 380 ☒

Denis Salvail 16 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

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

CYNTHIA J. NEILY 484 ☒

1 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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

ANN BERRY 435 ☒

ANGELIQUE ROBINSON 376 ☒

1 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

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

ANGELIQUE ROBINSON 450 ☒

2 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

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

THOMAS P. OPPEL 444 ☒

6 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

TREASURER

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

RUTH I. CONWELL 440 ☒

1 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR

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

NELSON THERRIAULT 461 ☒

3 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

ARTICLES

Article 02 Adoption of Proposed Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of the zoning ordinance proposed and approved by the Planning Board?

The Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 Does not recommend this article

204
YES ☐
NO ☒
327

Article 03 Authorize Bond or Note for Water Main Replacement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200,000 (gross budget) for the construction and installation of replacement water mains from Canaan Street Lake to the Canaan Water Treatment Plant (\$400,000) and thence to Bruce Road (\$550,000), and to construct and equip a high service booster station to supplement pressure (\$250,000) (the "Project"), and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$550,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the date, maturities, interest rate, and other details of such bonds or notes; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$150,000 from the Canaan Water and Sewer Account for the Project; with the balance of \$500,000 to be funded by grants; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town any federal, state, or private funds that may become available with respect to the Project. All payments related to the proposed bond or note shall be paid through user fees generated from the users of the Canaan Water and Sewer System. Payments for construction of the proposed improvements shall not be paid for by property taxes but shall be paid by bond/note proceeds, retained Canaan Water and Sewer revenues and grants for the construction of this project. This construction may be completed in phases provided that there is sufficient appropriated funding then available to complete the phase. (3/5 ballot vote required).

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

442
YES ☒
NO ☐
95

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 04 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 \$4,151,217? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,099,977, 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)

376
YES ☒
NO ☐
167

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 2 Recommends this article

Article 05 Water & Sewer Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Three Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-One Dollars (\$203,471) for Water and Sewer Operations for the Town of Canaan with \$115,748 to be raised and appropriated for Water and \$87,723 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.)

439
YES ☒
NO ☐
108

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 2 Recommends this article

No additional property tax impact. User fees fund these programs. A user fee increase will occur in the second quarter of the year.

Article 06 Purchase Police Cruiser

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 new 4 wheel drive police vehicle to replace the 2013 Ford Taurus Interceptor (#412); and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to Thirty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$38,000.00) 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 \$38,000. (Majority vote required)

371
YES ☒
NO ☐
175

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 1 Recommends this article

No additional property tax impact.

Article 07 Appropriate Flood Mitigation Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Nine Dollars (\$155,689) for partial funding of the flood mitigation improvements in Canaan that will replace three bridges (Transfer Station, Potato Road, and Grist Mill Hill), and two railroad trestles (behind Williams Field and Barney Residence). This sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2020 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation. Specifically, this sum equals FEMA flood reimbursement funds received in 2020 and are part of the Unassigned Fund Balance. This article is to be non-lapsing through December 31, 2025. (Majority vote required.)

451
YES ☒
NO ☐
98

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 1 Recommends this article

No additional property tax impact.

Article 08 Create Community Center Capital Reserve

To see if the town will vote to establish a Community Center Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the creation of a community center and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Legislative Body (voters) as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote Required)

405
YES ☒
NO ☐
140

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 1 Recommends this article

There will be no recognizable property tax impact.

Article 09 Authorize Sale of Cozy Corner

To see if the town will vote to authorize the sale of the Cozy Corner property located at 1202 US Route 4 and identified on Canaan's Tax Maps as Map 15A Lot 49 A, containing 0.18 acre and building that was acquired by deed of the Gene C. Davis Revocable Trust on May 30, 2002 and recorded in Book 2688 at Page 831 of the Grafton County Registry of Deeds. Passage of this Article shall ratify and amend Article 6 of the 2002 Annual Canaan Town Meeting to remove the following language "this property to be used exclusively for the location of a new community center"? If approved, the sale shall be conducted through a public listing for sale and using a commercial realtor. The proposed eventual use of the sale proceeds will be to create a community/youth center. (Majority Vote Required)

451
YES ☒
NO ☐
99

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article

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Article 10 Appropriate to Bridge Capital Reserve Account

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. (Majority vote required.)

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 Recommends this article

It is estimated that this sum will result in an increase of the tax rate by \$.10 and would add \$19.88 in taxes on a \$200,000 home.

372
YES ☒
NO ☐
172

Article 11 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. This sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2020 (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 10 No 0 Recommends this article

No additional property tax impact.

416
YES ☒
NO ☐
130

Article 12 Appropriate to Government Buildings Capital Reserve

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 Government Buildings Capital Reserve Fund.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 1 Recommends this article

It is estimated that this sum will result in an increase of the tax rate by \$.09 and would add \$17.04 in taxes on a \$200,000 home.

298
YES ☒
NO ☐
242

Article 13 Appropriate to Highway Equipment Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$155,000.00) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Equipment. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2020 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 Recommends this article

No additional property tax impact.

435
YES ☒
NO ☐
110

Article 14 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 added to the previously established Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2020 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 1 Recommends this article

No additional property tax impact.

381
YES ☒
NO ☐
164

Article 15 Fire Truck Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00) to be added to the previously established Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 Recommends this article

It is estimated that this sum will result in an increase of the tax rate by \$.16 and would add \$31.25 in taxes on a \$200,000 home.

348
YES ☒
NO ☐
200

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Article 16 Appropriate to Highway Equipment Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$44,970) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Equipment. This sum to come from anticipated insurance proceeds related to the loss of the Town 2011 Dodge 1 ton truck and plows, Highway Truck #411, in a fire on January 2, 2021 and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

419
YES ☒
NO ☐
105

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 10 No 0 Recommends this article

No additional impact on property tax.

Article 17 Withdraw Funds from Transfer Station Special Revenue Account

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a payment of Ten Thousand One Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$10,117.00) from the non-lapsing Transfer Station Special Revenue Account to the 2021 General Fund to partially reimburse the General Fund for the purchase and outfitting of a live floor haul trailer to replace the 2011 East Live Floor Trailer. This account is funded from recycling revenue and no additional tax revenue is to be used or raised for this Article. The Article returns \$10,117 to the General Fund. (Majority vote required).

433
YES ☒
NO ☐
92

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 1 Recommends this article

There is no additional impact on property taxes.

Article 18 Police Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the town will vote to approve the cost items included in the three year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Canaan and the AFSCME Local 3657 Police Department Employees Union which calls for an increase in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level of \$1,560 in 2022 and \$1,560 in 2023. Majority vote required.

366
YES ☒
NO ☐
157

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 1 Recommends this article

No additional property tax impact.

Article 19 Grafton County Senior Citizens - By Petition

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. through the Mascoma Area Senior Center and the ServiceLink Resource Center for services for Canaan residents in 2021. From July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, the Mascoma Area Senior Center provided services for 281 Canaan residents and Service Link provided services for 95 Residents. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support and more. The cost of providing these services was \$115,458.31. (Majority vote required.) By Petition.

337
YES ☒
NO ☐
190

The Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 Does Not Recommend this article
The Budget Committee Yes 6 No 3 Abstain 1 Recommends this article

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.04 per thousand or \$7.39 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 20 Mascoma Community Health Center By Petition

Shall the voters vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) to support Mascoma Community Health Center? This appropriation will be used to offset part of the \$76,139 donated by the Center to provide care for uninsured and under insured Canaan Residents over the past three and a half years or about \$21,754 in donated care each year. In spite of significantly lower visits due to Covid-19, Mascoma Community Health Center served 1,209 medical and dental patients from Canaan during the past 12 months, representing about 24% of the Town's population. Canaan residents made 2,922 visits to the Center last year. (Majority vote required). By Petition.

301
YES ☒
NO ☐
226

The Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 Does Not Recommend this article
The Budget Committee Yes 6 No 3 Abstain 1 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.

Article 21 Advance Transit By Petition

Shall the voters in the Town of Canaan vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$9,550.00) to be allocated to Advance Transit, Inc. to help support public transportation services in the Town of Canaan in 2021. (Majority vote required.) By Petition.

307
YES ☒
NO ☐
219

The Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 Does Not Recommend this article
The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 3 Abstain 2 Recommends this article

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Article 22 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.) By Petition.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 Does Not Recommend this article
The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 3 Abstain 2 Recommends this article

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.03 per thousand or \$5.51 on a home worth \$200,000.

314
YES ☒
NO ☐
235

Article 23 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 2020 – from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – West Central provided 73 Canaan residents including 30 children, totaling \$23,360 in charitable mental health care. As the region's non-profit community mental health center, West Central Behavioral Health provides mental health services and substance use disorder treatment for many of the most vulnerable residents, including adults, children, and elders. Support from the Town of Canaan will help us sustain our commitment to provide mental health services to area residents. By Petition.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 Does Not Recommend this article
Budget Committee Yes 5 No 3 Abstain 2 Recommends this article

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.01 per thousand or \$1.25 on a home worth \$200,000.

288
YES ☒
NO ☐
260

Article 24 Support 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 in providing free 24-hour crisis support services and advocacy to victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking. By Petition.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 Does Not Recommend this article
The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 3 Abstain 2 Recommends this article

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.01 per thousand or \$1.19 on a home worth \$200,000.

302
YES ☒
NO ☐
245

Article 25 Public Health Council By Petition

Will the voters raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars (\$2,957.00) to support Public Health Council of the Upper Valley services to Canaan Residents in 2021. Services include flu vaccine programs, childhood lead poisoning prevention, community based substance abuse and suicide prevention, and more. (Majority vote required.) By Petition.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 Does Not Recommend this article
The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 3 Abstain 2 Recommends this article

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.01 per thousand or \$1.68 on a home worth \$200,000.

309
YES ☒
NO ☐
235

Article 26 Support for Tri-County Community Action Program By Petition

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,825 for the operation of Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. service programs in Canaan: Transportation, Energy Assistance, Weatherization, Guardianship, Head Start, Homeless Intervention and Prevention, RSVP, Tamworth Dental Center. (Majority Vote Required.) By Petition

The Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 2 Does Not Recommend this article
The Budget Committee Yes 4 No 4 Abstain 2 Does Not Recommend this article

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.03 per thousand or \$5.01 on a home worth \$200,000.

265
YES ☐
NO ☒
279