

**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
CANAAN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2020**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

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.

<p align="center">SELECTMEN</p> <p align="center">Vote for not For three years more than (1) one</p> <p>SCOTT R. BORTHWICK 351 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>25 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">MODERATOR</p> <p align="center">Vote for not For two years more than (1) one</p> <p>DALE BARNEY 401 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>1 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS</p> <p align="center">Vote for not For three years more than (2) two</p> <p>LARRY FRANKS 333 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CLAUDE LEMOI 314 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>8 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR</p> <p align="center">Vote for not For three years more than (1) one</p> <p>VICKY J. MCALISTER 416 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>1 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="center">Vote for not For three years more than (1) one</p> <p>SUSAN MILLER NERO 376 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</p> <p align="center">Vote for not For six years more than (1) one</p> <p>SANDRA ANN HUMMER 364 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS</p> <p align="center">Vote for not For three years more than (1) one</p> <p>STEPHEN WARD 361 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS</p> <p align="center">Vote for not For three years more than (3) three</p> <p>MICHAEL G. RIESE 352 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>90 Steve Freese <input type="radio"/></p> <p>5 Cindy Neily <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	

ARTICLES

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 \$4,036,477, with \$50,000 to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2019? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,902,604, 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)

293
YES
NO
141

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 7 No 1 **Recommends** this article

Article 3 Water & Sewer

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety Four Thousand Six Hundred and Seventeen Dollars (\$194,617) for Water and Sewer Operations for the Town of Canaan with \$97,348 to be raised and appropriated for Water and \$97,269 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.)

345
YES
NO
86

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 7 No 1 **Recommends** this article

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

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 4 Purchase 10 Wheel Dump Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of One Hundred Eighty Thousand dollars (\$180,000.00) for the purchase of a 10 Wheel Dump Truck to replace the 2005 International 10 Wheel Dump Truck #104; and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to One Hundred Eighty Thousand dollars (\$180,000.00) 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 truck is to be applied to reduce the purchase price to be within the appropriated \$180,000. (Majority vote required)

320
YES —
NO —
111

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 7 No 0 **Recommends** this article

No property tax impact.

Article 5 Purchase Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Thirty Seven Thousand dollars (\$37,000.00) for the purchase of a new 4 wheel drive police vehicle to replace the 2013 Ford Taurus Interceptor; and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$37,000.00) 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 \$37,000. (Majority vote required)

303
YES —
NO —
126

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

No property tax impact.

Article 6 Appropriate NH Municipal Aid Money for Paving

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy One Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Seven Dollars (\$71,357.00) to be used for paving in 2020 and shall be in addition to money budgeted in the General Fund Road Construction Budget. The amount to be raised shall be appropriated from the 2019 HB 4 Municipal Aid that is received from the State of New Hampshire in 2020 and is budgeted in the 2020 Revenue Budget. No additional taxes will be raised to support this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

362
YES —
NO —
70

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 7 No 1 **Recommends** this article

No property tax impact.

Article 7 Appropriate Flood Mitigation Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Seven Million Five Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$7,510,000). This appropriation will be used for flood mitigation improvements in Canaan that will replace two bridges (Transfer Station & Potato Road), two railroad trestles (Behind Williams Field and Barney Residence), a sewer pump station and install a new bridge on Potato Road. One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000.00) of this appropriation will come from the Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2019 (surplus). The balance of this amount will come from a US Economic Development Administration grant of \$6,008,000 and \$1,387,000 in NH DOT funding. The funding for this article will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation. This appropriation is conditioned on receipt of sufficient State and Federal funding. This article is to be non-lapsing through 2022. (Majority vote required.)

349
YES —
NO —
84

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 **Recommends** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 7 No 1 **Recommends** this article

No property tax impact.

Article 8 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, 2019 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

337
YES —
NO —
92

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

No property tax impact.

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Article 9 Appropriate to Revaluation Capital Reserve

322

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 Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2019 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

YES

NO

113

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

No Property tax impact

Article 10 Adopt All Veterans Tax Credit

370

Shall the voters of Canaan vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$200, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Canaan under RSA 72:28.

YES

NO

65

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

Article 11 Exemption for Wind, Solar, Wood Energy By Petition

195

To see if the town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:72 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems, wind powered energy systems or woodheating energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of the qualifying equipment under these statutes. (Majority vote required) By Petition.

YES

NO

239

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

Article 12 Support of Tri County CAP By Petition

229

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,960.00 to support Tri County CAP's Homeless Intervention and Prevention Program, a community service program provided by Tri County Community Action Program, Inc. (Majority vote required) By Petition.

YES

NO

206

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

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.01 per thousand or \$1.15 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 13 Grafton County Senior Citizens By Petition

291

Shall the voters raise and appropriate 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 2020. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support and more. In FY 2019, Grafton Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 223 Canaan residents and Service Link provided services for 117 Residents. The cost of providing these services was \$135,256.30. (Majority vote required.) By Petition.

YES

NO

144

The Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 **Does Not Recommend** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 2 Abstain 1 **Recommends** this article

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.04 per thousand or \$7.61 on a home worth \$200,000.

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 14 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 in 2020? This appropriation will be used to offset some of the \$20,539 donated by the Center to provide care for uninsured and under insured Canaan Residents. Mascoma Community Health Center served 1,031 medical and dental patients from Canaan in the past 12 months, representing about 27% of the Town's population. Canaan Residents made 4,701 visits to the Center in 2019. By Petition.

227

YES
NO

The Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 **Does Not Recommend** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 4 No 2 Abstain 2 **Recommends** this article

196

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.03 per thousand or \$5.86 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 15 Advance Transit By Petition

252

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 2020. In 2019, 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.) By Petition.

YES
NO

The Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 **Does Not Recommend** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 2 Abstain 1 **Recommends** this article

172

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.03 per thousand or \$5.59 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 16 VNH by Petition

251

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.

YES
NO

The Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 **Does Not Recommend** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 4 No 2 Abstain 2 **Recommends** this article

173

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 17 West Central by Petition

213

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$2,800.00) for the support of West Central Behavioral Health. In fiscal year 2019 – from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 – West Central provided 102 Canaan residents including 30 children, totaling \$27,864 in charitable mental health care. West Central Behavioral Health is the region's non-profit mental health and substance use services provider, providing help for many of the area's most vulnerable residents. We provide care to children, adults and families in Sullivan County and Grafton County, maintain a 24/7 Emergency Services line, and work with schools and first responders to help all in need, regardless of ability to pay. By Petition.

YES
NO

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

211

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.01 per thousand or \$1.64 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 18 Support WISE By Petition

226

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 crisis intervention and support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking. By Petition.

YES
NO

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

199

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.01 per thousand or \$1.23 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 19 Public Health Council By Petition

231

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 2020. Services include flu vaccine programs, childhood lead poisoning prevention, community based substance abuse and suicide prevention, oral health programs and more. (Majority vote required.) By Petition.

YES
NO

The Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 3 **Does Not Recommend** this article
The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 2 Abstain 1 **Recommends** this article

191

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.01 per thousand or \$1.73 on a home worth \$200,000.

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT