

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 11, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Bob Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Al Posnanski and Phil Salvail.

Warrant Articles

Samson handed out the latest draft of warrant articles. There may be additions and changes after Tuesday's deadline and the Town attorney reviews the articles.

Samson also distributed the backup material for Bob's truck from Bayne. The Board indicated that the backup was exactly what they were looking for.

Motion to approve the truck as a warrant article by Dave McAlister with second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Motion to approve and recommend articles 2 through 17 by Dave McAlister. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Votes on remaining articles:

18 MVHI – 3 against

19 GCSSC – Reagan and McAlister in favor, Borthwick against

20 Advance Transit – 3 against

21 VNH VNA -Reagan in favor McAlister and Borthwick against

22 West Central – 3 against

23 WISE – 3 against

24 TRI CAP – 3 against

Other Business

The Board discussed a proposal to buy a hydraulic hammer for \$14,875. Moved to approve by Dave McAlister, second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

At 6:10 PM Selectman Reagan moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:25 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:26 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Motion by Reagan to adjourn at 6:26 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 19, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Bob Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Phillip Salvail, Ellie Davis, Denis Salvail, Al Posnanski, Patrick Andrew, Debra Ford, Alix Olson, Tim Josephson, Wayne Morrison, Michael Mezzacapo, and Ashley Vojnarowski.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 1/5/16. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved. Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 1/11/16. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Patrick Andrew

Patrick spoke on the proposed SAU 62 budget and other news from the school and about the school construction. He noted that the capital reserve articles will be funded as funds are available in the order that they were placed on the Warrant. He also introduced all candidates for the School Board and the Budget Committee. He indicated that all new positions related to the expanded school are in the proposed budget. He indicated that revenue is static from the state except possibly more kindergarten funding. He indicated that there was a plan to move some Canaan students to Enfield Elementary School next year. Scott Borthwick asked if there was any data indicating how many graduates return to Canaan. Patrick indicated that he didn't know except by anecdote. He and Ellie indicated they returned to Canaan.

Mascoma River Local Advisory Committee

The Board interviewed Michael Mezzacapo for the position of Representative on the Local Advisory Committee. They polled him on his background, local residence and future plans.

Silvio Conte Wildlife Refuge

The Board reviewed a proposed letter to Jeanne Shaheen asking for additional public input on the proposed expansion and change of regulations of the Silvio Conte Wildlife Refuge. Motion by Dave McAlister to approve, sign and send. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimous approval.

Dedication of Town Report

The consensus of the Board was to dedicate the 2016 Annual Town Report to Lee Hennessy.

Default Budget

Samson indicated that the revised budget without the \$93,000 partial payment on truck 505 in 2016 was ready for approval. Motion by Dave McAlister to approve. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimous approval.

Warrant Explanatory Notes

The Board reviewed the proposed explanatory notes and approved them by consensus. Alix asked why there was no recommendation for the wind turbines. The Board indicated that they wanted to see what the sentiment of the public was.

Warrant

HeadRest has submitted a warrant article by petition. The Board unanimously voted not to recommend.

Other business

DRA will be meeting with the Selectmen on March 22nd at 5 PM.

At 7:27 PM Selectman Reagan moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:42 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:42 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Motion by Dave McAlister to appoint Michael Mezzacapo to the Mascoma River Local Advisory Committee. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimous approval.

Motion by Reagan to adjourn at 7:43 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 25, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM at the the CanaanTown Office. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Bob Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson.

Motion by Dave McAlister to approve last minute adjustments to the Warrant Articles to correct minor errors identified by Samson, DRA, and Ellie Davis and repost the Articles. recommend Articles 15 and 16 as amended by the Deliberative Session.

Motion by Reagan to adjourn at 4:31 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, January 30, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 3:45 PM at the Canaan Elementary School Gymnasium. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Bob Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson.

Motion by Dave McAlister to recommend Articles 15 and 16 as amended by the Deliberative Session. Article 15 was amended to add dashes in front of the lot dimensions. Article 16 was amended to remove the payment for a skid steer from the Article and reduce the appropriation to a total of \$8,000.

Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Reagan to adjourn at 3:46 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 2, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Bob Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Ellie Davis, Sharon Duffy, and AI Posnanski.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 1/19/16. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved. Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 1/25/16. Bob Reagan seconded. Unanimously approved. Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 1/30/16. Reagan seconded. Unanimously approved.

Reorganization was skipped.

Schedule for Town Meeting

Scott Borthwick is taking the first shift. Bob Reagan is taking the second shift. Dave McAlister is taking the third shift.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council Lease Renewal

Samson reviewed the terms of the lease renewal. It is nearly identical to the previous lease but there are changes including setting a fixed term of 10 years.

Refunds and Abatement

Samson discuss the request by Phil Salvail for an abatement on his late inventory and a refund for Tony Bishop's erroneous car registration. Salvail's abatement was because he forgot to send in the inventory. Tony Bishop's refund was because his car was inadvertently renewed for only a one month registration rather than to put it a new year registration. Motion by Dave McAlister and second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved the refund for Tony Bishop and the abatement for Phil Salvail.

Town Policy Regarding Advocacy on the Canaan website

Sharon Duffy indicated that generally there are no politics allowed for candidates on the website. It is unclear how to deal with political issues. The issue came up with the wind turbine opponents when they wanted to advertise their meetings on the web site. Several options were discussed about what could happen including leaving a link to the meeting on the website but saying we're not endorsing the meeting. Another option was to present the usual pro or con. A third option was to take the issues off of the website entirely or limiting discussions to just town positions that are approved by the selectmen. One proposal was to add a separate page in the future that could be used for a pro and con discussion of issues. The Selectmen indicated that they would defer the discussion until after Town Meeting to allow Sharon and Samson to generate a recommendation. In the meantime, we will take the link off of the website. We will notice meetings on the flash email system with no endorsements of any type.

DRA Review

Samson reviewed a number of issues were raised by DRA. Issues which the town had agreed with included removing the truck that was purchased over two years from the

default budget for 2016. Another issue was to remove the reimbursement of the skid steer since it wasn't a direct purchase. We also agreed to changing the museum account specifically to a capital reserve account next year. The town and DRA disagreed on the use of operating funds to make payments into capital reserves. Gardner Fulton and Waugh's attorneys all agreed that legally, the town was absolutely correct in the practice of funding capital reserves from the operating budget. Furthermore the attorneys at Gardner Fulton and Waught indicated the New Hampshire Municipal Association agreed with the position as well and that there were several towns following this practice. The Commissioner announced that he would not enforce against the town for doing it this year but encouraged us to change it next year. We indicated that we would continue to contest the decision since there was no legal basis in the law for that decision. There was an agreement with the Commissioner to meet after Town Meeting day with counsel for municipal association, Town Counsel and myself and any counsel which Hamilton chooses to bring in from the attorney general's office so that we can review of the legal basis of his decision. If we find that in fact he does have a legal basis, then we reserve the right to request the legislature to change the rules.

Other business

Canaan Hall - Samson indicated that the cost of Canaan Hall wasn't fully funded last year unless the last fund raiser being the harvest dinner was used to support Canaan Hall. There was no indication that that was the case. Samson will discuss it with the Recreation Commission at their next meeting. The goal must be that Canaan Hall pays its own way. Even applying the receipts from the harvest dinner, it is still \$700 short for paying for the cleaning, heat and the lights at Canaan Hall. Costs were covered by other recreation programs.

The Board noted that we needed to keep using the waste oil from Autoware.

At 7:18 PM Selectman Reagan moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:42 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:43 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Motion by Reagan to adjourn at 7:43PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 16, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Bob Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Ellie Davis, and AI Posnanski.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 2/2/16 after correcting the spelling of Bob Reagan's last name. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Budget v. Actual

Samson indicated that the only surprise is the increase in the cost of the prosecutor by \$2,000. Samson indicated that we checked on this number in December and was told to expect the \$40,000 since the cost was being averaged over several years.

Bridges Red List

Samson reviewed the red list and the Grist Mill Hill Bridge has been changed to E-2 after the repairs to the deck surface that Bob did last year. There are no other surprises at this point. The two most pressing are Grist Mill and Potato Road bridges.

Vachon Clukay

The engagement letter was reviewed for signature. Selectman Reagan moved to sign the engagement letter, seconded by Dave McAlister and it was unanimously passed. The Board reviewed the narrative for the self assessment for fraud risk. Selectman Reagan moved to approve the narrative. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Transfer Station Recycling

Samson reviewed the transfer station operation. The first load of recyclables went out this week to Portland. The control panel seems to be working on the compactor and other than taking a while to get there, the delivery went well.

Humane Society

Samson presented the annual contract for animal services. The contract is a flat fee contract for \$1,000. Selectman McAlister moved to approve the contract, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

Economic Development

Samson reviewed the progress on the preparation of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. He indicated that Paul Hatch was going to set up a meeting with FEMA on flood mitigation planning and improvements. The Meeting will guide us as we do engineering to determine how to flood proof the Village. The meeting is set for March 18 at 10 AM.

Recreation Report

Samson reviewed the income and expenses generally for Recreation in 2015. The summer program and after school program are carrying other losing programs in

recreation. The swim program is balancing with the town appropriation. Kati's programs are all covered. Canaan Hall is not covering it's cost. The revenues for 2015 should be \$350 higher since a refund was made for 2014. With the use of the Harvest Dinner money, the expenses would still be about \$1,500 more than revenue. The Harvest Dinner was not earmarked for the Hall but will need to be applied there. Samson noted that the Hall needs two fundraising dinners a year. He will be meeting with the recreation commission at their next meeting.

DES Up-Date

Samson reported that there were formal complaints to DES about the demolition of the Autoware building. There were actually two departments of DES that became involved. The first was underground storage tanks. A claim had been made that we impacted underground storage tanks. Steve Croce from DES indicated that there was no concern since he knew that the UST site was monitored by GeoInsight and that the tanks had all been removed years before. The second department was DES Waste Management where it was alleged that we had unlawfully disposed of hazardous waste, construction waste and oil and contaminated ground waters and the river. The building was cleaned out and inspected prior to demolition. There were chemicals and solvents related to a garage that were removed to the Waste Water Plant under the supervision of John Coffey and Samson. The hazardous wastes will be bulked and sent out within the next two or three weeks. There was a lot of old oil. The oil and the large waste oil furnace tank were removed to the Highway Garage where the tank will be used with our waste oil furnace. The oil was tested with DEXSIL test kits and will be lab tested as well. Nothing was spilled. There were minor old floor spills on the concrete floor that were removed and cleaned. The Town did the demolition and scrap metal was separated for sale. Fred Hammond took all of the demolition waste for disposal. Prior to demolition, he reviewed the empty building for asbestos in conjunction with a consultant. There was no asbestos identified. There were no discharges to the air or water. There was no discolored soil identified. After removal of the pad, the area was leveled with gravel. Samson indicated that we would have to wait and see what the issues were with DES.

Other Business

Samson asked that the Board consider authorizing the installation of a power supply and antenna for a commercial radio to communicate with Fire, Police, Highway, and Water & Sewer. The system would use an old radio and cost about \$1,300. The Board asked how it would be funded. Samson indicated that while he did not have the full cost in the executive budget, he would take a proportional amount out of each department with radios. He thought it would be about \$300 each. The Board consensus was to approve. Samson was directed to prepare a purchase order.

At 7:22 PM Selectman Reagan moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:48 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:48 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Motion by Reagan to adjourn at 7:49PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Bob Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Bob Scott, Ellie Davis, and AI Posnanski.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 2/16/16 after corrections. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Budget v. Actual

There was a review of the expenditures with general discussion but no significant issues.

Goose Pond Bridge Audit

It appears that NH DOT will be reimbursing the Town for \$95,000 more on the Goose Pond Bridge project. This will give us about 40% of what we need for the next bridge project (either Potato Road or Gristmill Hill).

Soils Examination

The Board discussed a plan to ask for proposals from Horizons and Pathways for a review of soils mapping at the Town gravel pit and a review of soils throughout the Town for suitable deposits of sand. The proposals should be separate for each of the proposed tasks. The consensus of the Board was to put the Request for Proposals out.

Complaints about Autoware

The allegations were inaccurate. There was no impact to ground water. There were no underground storage tanks and there hasn't been any for years. The site is managed by GeoInsight under the jurisdiction of the State. Before demolition, the building was inspected to see if asbestos was present. None was present. The building was also checked for chemicals. There were some aerosols and containers of lubricants and solvents in the garage. They were all removed in accordance with small quantity generator rules and packed in drums for shipment to a hazardous waste disposal facility using ENPRO. Canaan is a licensed generator, and we have a certified Hazardous Waste Coordinator and trained personnel. The chemicals were manifested and shipped on February 29, 2016. There was a lot of oil in the waste oil tank and in barrels. The oil was tested for contaminants using Chloro D Tect 400 kits to check for chlorinated solvents and PCBs to assure its safety. The oil and the tank were removed and transported to the Highway Garage. The tank will be permanently used with our waste oil furnace at the garage. There were a few minor oil spills on the concrete floor from the prior owner. These were cleaned up with speedy dry and absorbents. The clean up materials were also properly disposed of. The building was entirely emptied. Trash went to the Canaan Transfer Station. The actual demolition was done by the Highway crew. All metal from the building was removed for recycling. All other building waste was taken by F.C.Hammond for recycling and disposal. The slab under the building was removed and taken to the gravel pit for crushing when we crush gravel. The old service pit was opened and checked. It contained some junk in the form of mufflers, tires and transmissions. Contrary to rumors, there were no barrels of oil in the pit. There were no chemicals in the pit. The floor drain in the pit had previously been sealed before the Town took possession. The floor of the pit remained unchanged but parts of the walls of the pit were removed to keep them well below the surface.. Everything was back filled with gravel.

Unassigned Fund Balance

The balance is \$913,824 per the auditors MS 5. The board signed the final MS 5.

Other Business

The board agreed that Scott would take the first shift followed by Bob Reagan followed Dave McAlister.

At 6:38 PM Selectman Reagan moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:57 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:58 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Motion by Reagan to adjourn at 6:58 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 15, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Bob Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Chuck Conrad.

At 5:00 PM Selectman Reagan moved to enter executive session with Chuck Conrad. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 5:48 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

At 5:48 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Bob Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Bob Scott, Chuck Conrad, Bayne Stone, Phil Salvail(e), Denis Salvail. Ellie Davis, and AI Posnanski.

Reorganization

Dave McAlister moved Scott Borthwick as chair and all other appointments to committees as appointed last year. Bob Reagan seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 3/1/16. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Budget v. Actual

There was a review of the expenditures with general discussion but no significant issues.

Grants

Dave McAlister moved to accept the Highway Safety grants as unanticipated money for use for safety patrols and accept the Homeland Security Grant for the preparation of the Hazard Mitigation Plans as unanticipated funds for use to complete Hazard Mitigation Planning. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

PO on Truck Body Painting

There was discussion regarding repairs on the Sterling and David's truck. The bed on the Sterling has been chewed up by the drag chain and needs to be repaired and painted. David's body is rusting out on the roof and the bed body is heavily covered with rust scale. Philip suggested another company for Bayne to try for the body work. There was discussion about Line-X but the friction wouldn't work for the dump bodies.

Cross Walks

There was a request to paint the cross walks before Town Wide Yard Sale and the Library Plant Sale. The consensus of the Board was to paint them before the sales and Bob indicated that he would be able to get them done.

Tax and Property Sales

Samson reviewed all of the properties up for auction. The Auction is scheduled for April 19th at 6 PM. Samson was directed to get keys for the Lasheway and Parish properties and to show the assessed values for each property. He was also told to notify neighbors.

Autoware Report

Samson indicated that there was nothing new on the Autoware property. The issues were failure to notify that the building was to be demo'd 10 days ahead of the actual demo, moving oil in containers larger than 55 gallon drums (we used tanks) and notifying after the move of hazardous waste rather than prior to the move. It needed a temporary site ID. Everything else appears to be alright.

Other Business

Bob Reagan moved to approve the list of officers for the Fire Department . Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

There was discussion about Hutchinson's cellar drain running down the edge of High Street. Bob offered to call NH DOT to get permission to run water into the storm drain.and talk with Hutchinson about routing the water there.

Bob was advised to let Dale know if he was planning on being out of town for longer than 4 hours during the day.

Motion by Reagan to adjourn at 6:45 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 22, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Bob Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Terri Purcell and Sam Greene.

Sam Greene reviewed the statistics regarding the equity of Canaan's assessing. We are within the acceptable range and scheduled to complete our 5th year cyclical this year. Sam pointed out that it would be difficult to complete this process much before the middle of November which might make our tax rate and bills late this year. He pointed out that we had better file for an extension now and continues to push CNP.

Sam also reviewed the legal requirements related to assessing. There were some areas that needed to be addressed. He indicated that we needed to take action on Hutchinson's polo field since it is a violation of current use practices. There was discussion that the stable on Goose Pond Road probably fell into the same category. That would also be the case on the ATV property and the Hill Climb property. He noted that CNP needs to revalue the new race track now that it is done and cell towers when they are done. Charities need to get their BTLA form 12's and form A9 in to the town. There was discussion of related activity relative to the Assembly of God and Methodist parsonages.

Solar arrays were also discussed with the question of who is taxed if they are owned by a third party. It was suggested that the town talk with Mandy at CNP.

At 6:08PM Selectman Reagan moved to enter executive session with Chuck Conrad and Bob Scott. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:32 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:32 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Motion by Dave McAlister to offer the position to Chuck Conrad at \$17.50. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously passed.

Motion by Reagan to adjourn at 6:38 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 5, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Bob Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Bob Scott, Phil Salvail, and Al Posnanski.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 3/15/16 and 3/22/16. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Budget v. Actual

There was a review of the expenditures with general discussion but no significant issues. Samson was asked to check on Emergency Management and Mechanic Repairs. Bob Scott asked that he be allowed to order the new one ton. The Board indicated that it would not be paid for before June. Bob indicated that he just wanted to order it now, not pay for it now. Samson indicated that Bob and Bayne and he had reviewed the financials and decided that they would free up money in chloride, gravel, signs, salt, contracted services, supplies and mowing to cover an anticipated \$7,000 shortfall in repairs for the year and \$7,000 needed for Bob's one ton truck. Samson asked if there was an agreement on the truck between Bob and Bayne. Bob indicated that there was. The consensus of the Board was to authorize the order of the truck with a June payment and the purchase order was signed.

Batten Drive Way

Samson reviewed the proposal to fix the drainage problem at Batten's property on Codfish. The first step will be to put a catch basin and culvert from the west side of Hemlock to the east and over the bank into the woods. The next step will be to berm the detention basin on the up hill part of Batten's property. The next step would be to build up the elevation of the Batten driveway. A catch basin would be installed on the west side of Furman's driveway to pass water to the east side of the driveway into the woods. The Board agreed to the plan by consensus.

Tax Abatements, Tax Forebearance and Water & Sewer Abatement

Samson reviewed the plans for a tax abatement for Cobbin (delayed receipt), Tax Forebearance for Tatem and the water and sewer forbearance for Ward. By consensus, the Board approved the receipt of the abatement application and the two forbearance agreements.

Junk Yard

Ritchie Wheeler's application for a junk yard permit was considered. Selectman McAlister moved to approve the application, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

Board of Adjustment Appointment

Selectman McAlister moved to re-appoint Mike Roy to the Board of Adjustment, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

Other Business

Energy Conservation Grant – Wastewater Treatment Plant

Samson reviewed an application for an energy audit and application for energy improvements to reduce usage and costs at the wastewater treatment facility. The consensus of the Board was to submit the application for an audit and energy conservation measures.

Police Department Grants

Samson reviewed a \$9,800 grant application for a radar unit and mobile data unit for the police department and a \$6,669 grant for DWI patrols. The Board had questions about the radar grant. Chief Frank will be asked to explain the radar grant at the next meeting.

At 6:33 PM Selectman Reagan moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:54 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:54 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Motion by Reagan to adjourn at 6:54 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 19, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Bob Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Ellie Davis, Phil Salvail, and Al Posnanski.

Grant Approvals

Samson and Sam Frank described two police grants for DUI patrols and radar and computer interfaces in the new cruiser.

Dave McAlister moved to approve the two grants. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Town Property Auction

The following Town owned properties were sold:

Clark property – Joe & Stella Butterfield \$5,000

Monmaney Builders – Wendy & Donald Campbell - \$55

Elwyn Clark - Ernie Stark \$350

Grigg – Ryan Sinclair \$5,000

Quimby – John Dyer \$15,500

Parish – Jane & Robert Arnold \$60,000

Lasheway – Douglas White \$33,000

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 4/5/16. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Budget v. Actual

There was a review of the expenditures with general discussion but no significant issues. The Board asked whether tires with rims were accepted. The answer is yes. Samson was directed to change the sign at the transfer station to remove the “no rims” prohibition.

Request for Speed Bumps on Goose Pond Road

Samson handed out a map for 4 proposed speed bumps on Goose Pond Road. The request was submitted by Kevin McCullough on behalf of the Gosse Pond Lake Association. The Association offered to pay for the bumps and install them and remove them each fall. The Board indicated that they should help Bob install them the first time. The Board also decided that there should be signs posted in both directions at each speed bump at the expense of the Association. The proposal was approved as amended by consensus of the Board.

Other Business

Samson was asked why we were using the new cruiser for traffic control at the bridge construction project.

The next meeting will be May 10th.

At 7:03 PM Selectman Reagan moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:25 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:25 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Motion by Reagan to adjourn at 7:26 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 3, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the Kilton Library in West Lebanon, NH. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick and David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: None

Other Business

Samson reviewed amending the payment terms for the purchase of the Lasheway property by Douglas White. After review, the Board agreed by consensus to a \$500 deposit, a payment of an additional \$11,000 by June 1st and an additional payment of \$21,500 by July 1st. Failure to meet any of these terms would result in forfeiture of all deposit money paid to date.

Flood Mapping

Samson asked for authority to contract for aerial photography of Canaan Village for flood proofing engineering. The contract would be for \$5,000 from Kappa Mapping. The Board agreed by consensus.

Car Dealership

The Board approved by consensus the application of Mascoma Auto for a dealership license.

Twin Bridge Services

Samson reviewed the 2017 service contract with Allan Treadwell. The contract is slightly less than last years. ThBoard's consensus was to approve the contract.

Hearing on Silvio Conte F&WS plans for Canaan and other Connecticut Valley Towns.

Motion by Borthwick to adjourn at 7:44 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 10, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Bob Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: None

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 4/19/16. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Budget v. Actual

There was a review of the expenditures with general discussion but no significant issues.

Codfish Hill

The question was how much more needed to be expended on Codfish Hill. The materials except for hot patch asphalt have been ordered. We have permission from Steve King to drop water on the downslope side of Hemlock. We need to get permission from Furmans for a drainage pipe to the downhill side of their driveway.

Silvio Conte

There was general discussion that the facts indicate that there will be no timber harvest since there was less timber harvested over the last 20 years on the Conte lands than had been harvested on John Dow's house lot last year. It was also clear that the PILOT payments for taxes were likely to be less than a quarter of the current use taxes now paid by Roby. The current manager of the Silvio Conte lands also stated that the lands still belong to Roby and that he would still be paying based on current use.

McKee Property

There was general discussion of the plans by Mascoma Watershed Conservation Council to buy the McKee property. There was concern that the land stay open to public access and that the public access be managed locally and not by a national organization. On a related topic, there was an effort Monday night to asked MWCC to further open access to the MWCC lands that abut the Mascoma State Forest. Initially, it appeared that there was interest although there seems to be renewed recalcitrance.

Water & Lead Policy

The presence of some lead pipe entrances to homes (lead piping from the water main to the home) has been discovered. As a result, a new policy has been approved.
Every home will be checked over the next year to verify that there is no lead pipe service. In the event that a lead pipe service is detected, it will be changed over to a non-lead feed. We will test at least 4 homes a week for the presence of lead in the water. Any home that has a lead spike will receive instructions on how to manage the use of the water until the issue is resolved. In the event that the home does not have a lead service connection, the home will receive recommendations for use and a recommendation to replace lead plumbing in the house.

Canaan Hall

Samson reviewed a request by Gerngross for a contribution for the replacement of the garage door at Canaan Hall. Samson indicated that he would like the lighting improved in the Hall as well and indicated that the Town gets usage out the Hall. The contract calls for a

payment of about \$3,600 a year from a percentage of the rentals and we state that we will use our best efforts to make the payment. The rents do not cover the cost of heat, lights and cleaning currently. It is anticipated that there will be a shortfall of about \$1,000 this year that will need to be covered by contributions. The Board questioned putting money into the building if it was going to be torn down in a year or so. They also noted that we abate about \$4,000 a year in property taxes on the building and land. Samson indicated that he would take the repairs out of government buildings and went through the list of work that needed to be done this summer. The Board agreed to the expense this year if there was an agreement to let us use it for 5 years and it covered its own operational expense.

Other Business

Phyllis Innes has filed additional complaints about Jeff Majewski backing up water on her property again. Samson was directed to report the on-going problem to DES.

At 6:25 PM Selectman Reagan moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:40 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:41 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Motion by Dave McAlister with Second by Bob Reagan to approve forbearance agreements with Dunkerton, McKinstry, and Jackson (Convex). Unanimously approved.

Motion by Reagan to adjourn at 6:44 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 17, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the executive session to order at 5:30 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Bob Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson.

At 5:30 PM Selectman Reagan moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. At 5:48 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

At 5:50 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Bob Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Sam Frank, Al Posnanski, and David Heath

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 5/3/16 as amended. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved. Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 5/10/16. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Budget v. Actual

There was a review of the expenditures with general discussion but no significant issues.

Crown Victoria Repairs

Samson reviewed three different proposals for repair of the heater core on the crown vic. Bayne's feeling is that the dealership expense of almost \$2,500 is too high and would be even if it came in at \$2,000. The third party proposals are in the range of \$600 to \$1,000. The Board indicated by consensus that Bayne should chose which vendor to use based on one of the lower numbers and who can get the repair done the quickest.

Police Training

Chief Frank described the taser certification that is needed annually and that the proposed training would train a local trainer who would certify the rest of the officers. The other training program was a management program that the Chief had gone through and which he believed his sergeants should also go through. The consensus of the Board was to approve both training programs.

Autoware Contamination

Samson reviewed the recent series of test bores on the Autoware property. There were no surprises on most of the property and nothing found in most areas. A new pocket of what appears to be gasoline was found about 15 feet deep in the furthest southeast corner of the property bordered by Depot Street and Majewski's property. No one has any idea of why it was found there nor where it came from. There was no knowledge of any tank in that area. A remediation plan will be presented in six weeks by our consultant, GeoInsight.

Forebearance Agreement

Samson reviewed a case for forbearance on tax deeding on a River Road property. There was a discussion of adding the delinquent taxes on the Ruth Brown estate to the mortgage of Roger Robinson on River Road. Dave McAlister moved to approve the inclusion of additional tax liabilities to the Robinson mortgage. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Other Business

Uniforms. Samson reviewed the proposed contract for uniforms that Bob Scott had negotiated that effectively reduced the rental cost. Dave McAlister moved to approve the contract provided that Board review of the prior contract indicated that the new contract was less money. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

At 6:42 PM Selectman Reagan moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

David Heath was invited to attend.

At 7:48 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:49 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:50 David McAlister moved to approve the recommendation of Town Administrator Samon to terminate the employment of David Heath or in the alternative allow David Heath to resign if he communicates that desire by May 20th. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Reagan to adjourn at 7:50 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen

CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the executive session to order at 5:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Bob Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson.

At 5:00 PM Selectman McAlister moved to enter executive session. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. At 5:45 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

At 5:46 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Bob Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Phil Salvail, Al Posnanski, Pete Thurber, Carolyn Freese, Stephen Freese and Travis Moulton

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 5/17/16. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Speed Bumps High Street

Stephen Freese described the traffic on High Street as speeding all of the time. The weekends are the worst. People also run through the stop sign. The residents requested two sets of speed bumps. Both sets would go across the entire width of the road. The first set would be about 30 feet south of Canaan Street about where Moulton's driveway is. The second set would be north of the Y intersection at Reagan Road. The consensus of the Board was to install them but wanted a cost estimate and input from Sam and Bob on the location.

Budget v. Actual

There was a review of the expenditures with general discussion but no significant issues.

Community Market

Samson up-dated the progress on the community market. The best economics would be with a café and 15 to 20 each of farmers and artisans. Samson hopes to wrap up the planning in the next 3 or 4 weeks.

Flood Engineering

Samson indicated that the total cost for the engineering and the orthophotography mapping of the Village area was \$47,500. That would allow \$22,400 for the mapping work and \$25,000 for the engineering work. The consensus was that we needed the work done if we are ever going to fix the issues and we need to fix the issues for economic development in the Village. Dave McAlister moved to approve the budget of \$47,500. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Solar Tax Exemptions

There was a general discussion regarding what if any proposals should be made to the voters regarding changing the solar tax credit/exemption limits in Canaan. It was noted the total exemption is \$50. On the other hand there previously has been no taxable value added for solar arrays on the property. Samson noted that the cost of the units does not reflect the market value of the units. The market value is determined by the savings to the home or land owner on electric bill. A significant part of the construction cost is paid for by tax credits or subsidies from utilities. Taxing the full cost of the arrays would create an annual tax bill greater than the savings. The bill for Cardigan could be as much as \$80,000 a year. Samson indicated that the tax should be on the usefulness or savings on electric bills. He is hoping to propose an elegant formula but doesn't have a solution yet. What ever it is it will need voter approval in March. He indicated that he is sure that people will request an exemption or credit increase so it would be helpful to plan ahead for what will work. The Board asked Samson to check in with Sansoucy to see what it would cost to create a formula that we could use.

Crown Victoria Repairs/Replacement

Samson discussed a proposal from Sam Frank to buy a used SUV from Gateway or Irwins and trade in the old Crown Vic. Samson indicated that we could defer a purchase next year and buy a used cruiser for the SRO at a cost of \$14,000 that could be used for 3 or 4 years at the school. Selectman Reagan moved to approve the purchase of a used 4 wheel drive cruiser for no more than \$9,000 after trade in with half coming from other Police Department accounts and half coming from the private duty account. Also included would be \$5,000 in equipment to be added to the used cruiser in 2017. The cruiser would have as its primary mission the SRO duty. It would have to last 3 or 4 years. It would have to be in acceptable mechanical condition for Bayne. There would be no new cruiser in either 2017 or 2018. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Other Business - None

At 7:10 PM Selectman Reagan moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:38 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:38 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:39 Selectman McAlister moved to offer the temporary part time mowing position to Ben Abaire at the rate of \$10 per hour for 20 to 40 hours a week with a review in 4 weeks. Second by Reagan. Unanimous.

Motion by Reagan to adjourn at 7:40 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 21, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Bob Reagan, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Bob Scott, Al Posnanski, Chris Hitt, Samantha Holt, Ellie Davis, Sam Frank, Carolyn Freese, and Stephen Freese.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 6/7/16. Second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Hitt Culvert on Codfish Hill

There was general discussion of the deep swale on the ditch uphill from the driveway. There was a consensus by the Board and Bob that Bob would fill the uphill swale with crushed stone to allow water to drain down but still allow access.

Speed Bumps High Street

Stephen and Carolyn Freese indicated on an aerial photograph where the speed bump was to go. There was a consensus by the Selectmen and Freese to put in a single speed bump off of the Moulton driveway area. The Town would also paint a stop line at each stop sign to indicate a stop. The cost of the speed bump for a 19 foot bump is \$513.85 and two signs would be \$42.85 each.

Budget v. Actual

There was a review of the expenditures with general discussion but no significant issues. Samson reviewed a request for a new fax machine and stated that the current fax is dead. The estimated cost is about \$2,700. Samson indicated that he would shop for alternatives. The Board asked where the expense would be charged. Samson indicated that he didn't know yet and would find a source of funding. The Board advised him to identify the funding availability and make out a purchase order for the selected machine.

Solar Tax Exemptions

There was a general discussion of several taxing systems for solar arrays. Most were based on utility assessing systems. One of the challenges is trying create a system fair to other tax payers, based on market values and related to economic feasibility to owners. Samson was directed to ask Sansoucy what they would propose and what it would cost.

Tax Exemptions

There was discussion regarding the tax status of the Mascoma Community Health Center. It is exempt from property tax as a 501c3 organization. The Board of Selectmen indicated that they expected a contribution from the Health Center to offset the cost of services from the Town and to assure that the Town doesn't lose any current tax revenue. Samson indicated that he did not want to be a middle man but also indicated that the Board has said that it wants to be a good neighbor and would be willing to make a payment in lieu of taxes. He indicated that Dale Barney as chair of the Board will ask to speak with the Board in the near future. The taxes are currently being paid for 2016. The assessed valuation would change in 2017. The Board indicated that while Samson may not want to be in the middle, he will be held accountable by the Board.

Other Business

Meetings of the Board will be at the Meeting House starting July 5th and during the months of July and August.

At 6:45 PM Selectman Reagan moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:30 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Bob Reagan and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:31 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Bob Reagan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:32 Selectman McAlister moved to approve a letter of instruction to the Highway Superintendent as recommended by the Town Administrator. Second by Reagan.

Unanimous.

Motion by Reagan to adjourn at 7:34 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen

CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Bob Scott, Al Posnanski, Phil Salvail, Carolyn Freese, and Stephen Freese.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 6/21/16. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Wendy Campbell Property Line Pin

Samson described Campbell's problem in that she was told by Scott Sanborn that the northeast property pin in missing after road work was done on her lot where it fronts on Blain Road. Sanborn suggested that the Town might replace it. Samson indicated it would be better if the pins were set at a setoff point off of the Town right of way. Samson also recommended resetting the pin. Dave McAlister moved to hire Saborn to reset the pin. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Competition Complex – Permission for outside alcohol serving area.

Samson indicated that Competition complex wanted to serve alcohol in an outside area that would be secure. He also indicated that neither police nor fire were opposed depending on final plans. Dave McAlister moved to approve the outside service area subject to fire and police approval. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Budget v. Actual

There was a review of the expenditures with general discussion but no significant issues.

Highway Review

General review of work.

Policy on Shorts

Bob Scott indicated that highway workers wanted to wear shorts in the summer. Safety issues were dicussed for brush, sawing, hot temperature activities and other risky work. Bob indicated that he would only allow it if it was safe. There was also discussion that this policy could impact cemeteries, government buildings, transfer station and water and sewer. By Board consensus, it was decided that a Department head could allow the wearing of shorts if a pair of long pants was also available at the garage and if the shorts would be appropriate for the activity. Employees must assume liability for wearing shorts.

HHW Report

Samson gave a brief report on the households that used the service. The usage was till strong although lower in volumn than last year. This lower volumn probably is related to the tapering off of old stockpiles of hazardous waste. Samson also indicated that Enfield would be asking to join us next year.

Solar Exemptions

Samson reported that George Sansoucy is in the process of creating a spreadsheet formula that would allow us to quickly calculate the economic value of wind and solar arrays. The spreadsheet will be ready in August. The cost will be a one time cost of \$2,000 to \$3,000 and could be used every year after. There was some feeling that the value should be the construction cost rather than the economic market value. Samson pointed out that the rest of the utilities base it on the economic value. He noted that the economic value of houses is taxed rather than the construction cost. He also noted that the Sansoucy formula would result in a tax value of about 30% to 40% of the construction cost. Samson was directed to check on wind turbines.

Other Business

John Bergeron asked for appointment of CIP Committee members. Dave McAlister moved to approve the appointments as requested. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Samson discussed problems with the boat ramp and the increasing problem from the large rocks blocking the ramp.

Samson presented a light pole license for Roberts Road. Dave McAlister moved to approve the pole license. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Samson discussed on-going issues with DRA about appraising of current use properties.

At 6:50 PM Selectman McAlister moved to enter executive session. Scott Borthwick seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:20 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Scott Borthwick and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:21 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Scott Borthwick seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:22 Selectman McAlister moved to approve pay increases for Dan Quimby, Chuck Conrad and Justin Hurley to \$18.51 per hour. Second by Borthwick.

Unanimous.

Motion by McAlister to adjourn at 7:29 PM with second by Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 2, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Meeting House. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Bob Scott.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 7/5/16 as amended. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Budget v. Actual

There was a review of the expenditures with general discussion but no significant issues.

CIP Budget

Samson handed out the first draft of the CIP budget that was the result of the Department up-dates. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

Insurance Claim

Samson indicated that there would be at least \$15,000 to \$20,000 in damages from the electrical storm including the police radio, the telephone system, several routers and switchers, 5 computers, and the cell phone extender. The deductible is \$1,000.

Cemetery Report

Samson indicated that Barry and Ben were working out well. The issue had come up about paying Barry on the weekends for funerals. The payments are going to the Town now at the rate of \$500 for a full weekday burial, \$600 for full weekend burial and \$100 for cremation anytime. Samson recommended that if Barry had to work overtime on the weekend as a result of the burial, he would be paid double time which is much less than the burial charge and grave opening. The Board approved by consensus. The Board also asked that grave opening be put out to bid.

Highway Review

General review of work.

Samson was directed to advertise for a full time seasonal highway worker for the winter season. The position would start in November.

Community Market Report

Samson indicated the Market would only work if there was a minimum of 30 farm and craft vendors and a café tied to the market to provide cashier services. There are currently 26 vendors. He indicated he is trying to wrap the process up by the end of the month.

Scrap Metal Sales

Samson asked the Board if they wanted to compare Hammond's prices with NRRA. The Board asked who handles the rest of our materials and Samson indicated that NRRA did. He was also asked what the dollar value might be. He indicated that we do about 100 tons of scrap metal a year and the price differential might be \$5 to \$10 a ton so the potential lost revenue might be \$500 to \$1,000 a year but that the prices are very flexible and very low. The Board indicated that we would have to do a full bid process with 5 to 10 vendors and questioned whether it was worth it. The consensus was to leave it with NRRA.

Long Underwear

Samson asked if the Board wanted to reimburse transfer station employees for long underwear purchases. The consensus was that this was a personal purchase and we did enough to buy insulated coverall suits. It was noted that we needed to replace outer winter wear and rain gear.

Other:

Bob Scott indicated that Talbert Hill Road would be closed Monday through Thursday from 8 to 3 on the weeks of August 8 and 15. He indicated he would notify all people to the north by reverse 911. Samson indicated he would send out a flash email. The work is needed to complete the ditching and sloping of Talbert Hill.

Maville Tax Sale

Dave McAlister asked if the Maville property is listed yet. Samson indicated it is not listed and only has 5 months to go.

At 7:10 PM Selectman McAlister moved to enter executive session. Scott Borthwick seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:40 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Scott Borthwick and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:41 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Scott Borthwick seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Motion by McAlister to adjourn at 7:29 PM with second by Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 9, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, David McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Bob Scott, Al Posnanski, and Phil Salvail.

Appointment of replacement for Bob Reagan on the Board of Selectmen
Samson indicated that there were requests from Stephen Freese, Marcia Littlefield, Al Posnanski, and Bill MacDonald. Dave McAlister moved to appoint Al Posnanski to the unexpired term of Bob Reagan until Town Meeting in 2017. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

North Lary Road

Samson and Scott discussed efforts of Richard St. Onge to significantly encroach on North Lary Road when it turns to a Class 6 Road. This is interfering with Robert Crotty accessing his property and will prevent us from turning plow trucks around. McAlister moved to have Samson send St. Onge a letter telling him to move the gate further from the road and remove the fill from the road or the Town will remove it and bill him. He has three weeks (end of August). Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved. Bob was also directed to speak with Bob Green about building a larger turn around.

Bleachers

There was discussion of how to allocate the bleachers. Samson was directed to keep at least one large set that was legal for the Town. The Football Boosters could have two of the large legal bleachers. There was discussion that we could use the lower ones at Williams and Elliott if the floor boards of the top row were no more than 30" off of the ground. Bob said he would check in the morning. There was a consensus to keep enough so that we could add units to the ball fields in the future if needed. Any unneeded bleachers would go to the Bradford Fair. The school (not boosters) must ask or give permission or a receipt for the bleachers to assure that it is ok to donate them to the school.

Other Business

Samson checked to confirm that the new highway hire would be a 40 hour a week position for 26 weeks. That was what was intended. Samson said he would check on whether health care is required.

Dave McAlister asked that we replace the front door at the Town office with a handicapped door. Samson indicated that Vicky had added it to the wish list for next year and asked if we could hold off until 2017. David asked to use a little asphalt to level the threshold.

There was discussion of revising committee assignments. Dave would move to the Library Trustees. Al would go to Budget and Cemetery. Board switched by consensus.

At 6:35 PM Selectman McAlister moved to enter executive session. Scott Borthwick seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:50 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Scott Borthwick and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:51 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Scott Borthwick seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Motion by McAlister to adjourn at 7:52 PM with second by Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 16, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Meeting House. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, David McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Others: David McGrath, Bayne Stone, Denis Salvail, Phil Salvail, Russell Lester and Kyle Buck.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 8/2/16 and 8/9/16 as amended. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Bill Bolton Candidate for County Commissioner
Bill gave brief comments about his candidacy.

Committee Assignments

Al Posnanski – Trustees of Trust Funds, Cemetery Trustees, CIP Committee, Budget Committee

Dave McAlister – Library Trustees

Scott Borthwick – Historic District Committee

By Board consensus.

Budget v. Actual

There was a review of the expenditures with general discussion but no significant issues.

Kyle Buck

Kyle raised the issue of a double standard when the Town paid for and installed a culvert on River Road but did not install a culvert for him. He pointed out that he just wanted it installed. He had purchased a 24" plastic culvert. He felt it would be safer if the Town did the installation. Scott took the issue under advisement and will report back at the next meeting.

Oil Bids

Samson explained the proposed bid request for oil and propane. He indicated that he was planning on sending it out to Eastern, Simple Energy, and Irving. The Board approved by consensus after asking Samson to add Youngs.

West Canaan Cemetery

Samson reviewed the request for two lots in the West Canaan Cemetery and noted that he had invited a company with ground penetrating radar to come give a demonstration and get a cost estimate.

CIP Budget

Samson distributed the third version of the CIP Budget and noted that it was going to the CIP Committee on September 15th.

2017 Budget tabled until September 6, 2016.

Other Business

Samson asked for approval of a special manifest for \$1,300 installation of the mobile home. He indicated that the project still had the electrical to go which would run another \$2,500.

Potato Road

Samson indicated that there were complaints about overweight trucks going across the Potato Road Bridge and damaging the decking. There was discussion about how to enforce against the truckers. Samson indicated that he would report back.

North Lary Road

Samson asked Board members to look at the road at the end of North Lary Road in front of St. Onge's house to determine what action to take.

Dock and Rocks

Samson discussed applying for a permit to remove rocks at the boat launch and also apply to install a dock. The Board approved unanimously applying for the permits depending on cost (estimate has been requested) but indicated that they did not want to install the dock at this time.

Mower

Bayne asked for approval of \$4,700 to repair the mowing tractor. Scott said that it was approved based on Bayne's belief that it will run after replacing the computer.

Noise in Village

Dave McGrath asked if the Town would do something about passing a noise ordinance because of the use of Jake brakes.

At 7:45 PM Selectman McAlister moved to enter executive session. Al Posnanski seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 8:08 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Al Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

At 8:09 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Al Posnanski seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Motion by McAlister to adjourn at 8:09 PM with second by Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 6, 2016**

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Meeting House. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, David McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Others: Bill Wanner, Denis Salvail, Phil Smith, Kimberly Depelteau Tracy, and Bob Scott.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 8/16/16. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Dodge Road

Request by Roby to place gates and bars on Dodge Road. Dodge Road is a Class VI road that is used by ATVs and snow mobiles. The proposal is to place gates near the Dodge Road Cemetery on the north end of Dodge Road and another just above the Marvel Chase Inc., property that borders the first 500 feet more or less on the Dodge Road at the south end where it connects to the Lary Pond Road, Fernwood Farm Road and Stevens Road. Dave McAlister moved to approve the plan for gates and bars as proposed. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

ATVs on River Road

Lepore indicated that she would be unable to attend this evening.

Potato Road Overweight and Speed

The Board reviewed the complaints of overweight trucks on Potato Road that exceed the 15,000 pound limit and the additional complaint that they are speeding down the hill. The trucks are dump trucks with gravel and chip trucks. Samson suggested a regulation that would require any commercial vehicle with more than 2 axels to get a permit to use the bridge. In the event that a truck was not permitted, it would be fined. In the event that a truck was permitted but was overweight, it would loose the permit. The consensus of the Board was to draft an ordinance.

North Lary Road obstruction at the end of Class V

Bob was directed to check with the owner to determine if we could put a turn around at the end of the Class V section on the Buddington property opposite St. Onge.

Tree on Black Water Road corner

The consensus of the Board was that there was no problem with the tree on the corner of Black Water Road at 169 Black Water.

Foliage View

Samson relayed a request from the landowners association on Foliage View that the Town consider taking over Foliage View as a Town Road which would increase the ability of the landowners to compel all interested lot owners to contribute to the road cost. The consensus of the Board was that the road is not currently a Town Road and would require a petitioned warrant article approved by the voters. The Board was not in favor of adding additional town road.

Culvert Policy

Putting in new culverts is up to the applicant for a driveway. Currently, if a replacement is needed (as determined by the Highway Superintendent), the landowner must pay for the culvert and we put it in. The most recent culvert that was requested had been purchased by the owner as a 24" culvert. Bob was directed to swap the 24" for a 15" and put it in. After discussion, there was a consensus that the replacement policy should be as follows:

In the event that the Highway Superintendent decides that a driveway culvert has failed, the Town will install a replacement within 12 months provided that the owner pays for the replacement culvert unit. The owner must sign an agreement that the owner will pay for the culvert before ordering the culvert. If the owner chooses not to pay, the Town may remove the failed culvert and ditch along the side of the road if necessary. The owner may appeal to the Board of Selectmen based on need.

There was discussion regarding the culvert at Kimberly Depelteau Tracy's house. Kimberly alleged that there was no culvert there prior to the new installation. She alleged that the culvert tips the wrong way and the ditch has caused the road to erode and that there was no drainage into the culvert. Bob Scott indicated that she did agree to pay for the culvert. The Board indicated that they would wait until they receive a signed request by Kimberly to take the culvert out prior to doing anything further. The consensus of the Board was to meet with Bob and Dale Morse on Monday at 8 AM to confirm that Kimberly agreed to the installation after being told that the culvert would be charged to her as well as verifying that there was in fact a culvert there that needed replacement.

Paving Bids

Samson reviewed the paving bids received and indicated that the low bid was from GMI. Bob indicated that they have their own asphalt plant now. Motion by Al Posnanski to award the bid to GMI with second from Dave McAlister. Unanimous approval.

Heat Bids

Samson indicated that the heat bids would be coming in next week.

Proposed Budget and Budget v Actual

Samson went through the proposed budget and income and actual expense. He was chastised for ordering the plaque for Bob Reagan without Board approval. The consensus of the Board was to give preliminary approval for the submission of the budget to the Budget Committee. Final approval would occur after all of the insurance costs are known in November.

Other Business

Samson reviewed the bid for salt from Morton Salt and recommended the acceptance of the bid based on Bob's recommendation. Motion by Al Posnanski to award the bid to Morton for up to 600 tons of salt at \$88.08 a ton with second from Dave McAlister. Unanimous approval.

Samson asked the Board to approve grant applications by Chief Frank. The Board noted that there were potential waivers required and stipulated that Chief Frank would be required to seek waivers if necessary. Consensus of the Board to approve the grant applications and directing Scott Borthwick to sign the applications.

At 8:07 PM Selectman McAlister moved to enter executive session. Al Posnanski seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 8:53 PM Selectman McAlister moved to exit executive session, seconded by Al Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

At 8:53 Selectman McAlister moved to seal the minutes. Al Posnanski seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Lewis Notice of Violation for failure to have a sub-division permit for 14 residential units on the property at 242 Fernwood Farms Road. Samson asked for approval of the Notice of Violation to be followed by criminal citations. Motion by Al Posnanski to send out the Notice of Violation with second from Dave McAlister. Unanimous approval.

Motion by McAlister to adjourn at 9:04 PM with second by Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen

CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Chairman, Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 7:30 AM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick and Al Posnanski. Others: Dale Morse, Jason Hurley, and Bob Scott.

Review of Kimberly Depelteau Tracy's culvert

Bob, Dale and Jason confirmed that Kimberly agreed to the replacement, agreed to pay for the culvert and that there was a prior culvert on the driveway and that it needed to be replaced.

Mike Samson

Mike was reprimanded for not attending the meeting. (At the polling area doing lights)

Motion by Posnanski to adjourn at 8:04 PM with second by Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 20, 2016**

Dave McAlister called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen David McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Others: Bob Scott.

Minutes

Al Posnanski moved to approve the minutes of 9/6/16 and 9/13/16. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Proposed Budget and Budget v Actual

Samson reviewed the changes that were made to offset the increase in prosecution and dispatch costs. The remaining significant increases could come from health and property and liability insurance.

Conservation Commission

The Board reviewed the Conservation Commission's effort to seek Audubon International's recognition of preservation land in Canaan. The Board of Selectmen approved it by consensus. The Board asked that the Conservation Commission keep the Board of Selectmen informed in advance of these efforts.

Culvert Replacement Policy

Samson reviewed the short culvert replacement policy that is tied to the culvert replacement form that was previously approved. Dave McAlister moved to approve the policy and post it on the web site. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Speed Bump at Potato Road

The problems of enforcement were discussed. The two axle rule would require on-going monitoring. The speed bump option would reduce speed but do nothing on over weight issues. The decision was made to leave the bridge as is. If an overweight vehicle goes through the bridge, that trucker's liability insurance will have to fund the replacement. Dave McAlister moved to repeal the two axle regulation on the Potato Road Bridge. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Wetland

Samson shared with the Board that there were three enforcement actions that are being planned regarding the wetlands at the end of Switch Road. The State has indicated that Hersey, Lozeau and the Town will be served with deficiency letters indicating that they have filled wetlands. Samson indicated that the State wetlands maps indicate that neither Lozeau nor Hersey appear to have encroached into mapped wetlands. The hydric soils maps indicate that most of the Lozeau and Hersey fill areas are hydric soils. Hydric soils are one criteria that is used to establish wetlands. The other two criteria include hydrology and wetland vegetation. The hydric soils maps indicate that the hydric soils go up the hill into the Zani property where logging has occurred. The Town is alleged to have relocated Switch Road without a wetlands permit. Samson indicated that the road relocation was a State project. There was evidence that the Town originally started a permit application using SEC consultants in 2001. That application looks like it was never completed. The State submitted an application for that area and the S curves construction area and did the whole project at one time. The construction was done by Audley Construction. Samson also

indicated that the State was planning on issuing a Notice of Deficiency on the Elliott Field Ball Field as well. Again, the field and parking lot are not in mapped wetlands and are greater than 100 feet from a mapped wetland as required. The State is arguing that the Town created (in the 1950's) drainage ditch is a perennial stream and that the culvert used to cross the ditch is an impermissible alteration of the "stream". Our reading is that the width and depth of the ditch and the culvert are not in violation. The consensus of the Board was to wait for further communication from the State.

Drought Suggestions

Samson indicated that the Emergency Management team is looking at what educational information we can present to people whose water supplies are running dry. There is also a financial assistance program for people whose water supply runs dry. The consensus was to post the financial assistance links on the web site.

North Lary Road Obstruction

It appears that St. Onge is filling in more of the road. The Board approved asking Buddington for permission to build a turn around in front of St. Onge's house.

Heat Bids

Samson reviewed the bids from Irving, Dead River, Eastern and Simple Energy. The low municipal bid is Irving. Dave McAlister moved to approve the bid from Irving.

Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Giovanna Lepore Complaint

The board reviewed the complaint of Giovana Lepore and directed Samson to respond that the issue was a police issue and provide a copy of the law regarding disturbing the peace. The Board supported the action of the Police Department.

At 7:03 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:15 PM Selectman Posnanski moved to exit executive session, seconded by McAlister and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:15 Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Lewis Notice of Violation for failure to have a sub-division permit for 14 residential units on the property at 242 Fernwood Farms Road. Samson was directed to notify the residents of the action and to offer relocation assistance if needed. Motion by Al Posnanski to approve the pay increase for Chuck Conrad retroactively based on his favorable probationary review. Second from Dave McAlister. Unanimous approval. Motion by Posnanski to adjourn at 7:18 PM. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 4, 2016**

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, David McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Others: Bob Scott and Phil Salvail.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 9/20/16. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Proposed Budget and Budget v Actual
No action.

CES Chimes Donation from Recreation

Samson reviewed a proposal by Canaan Recreation to donate \$990 to CES Chimes proposal. It is a proposal to buy an outdoor set of interactive chimes for the playground. The Recreation Commission wanted to thank CES for the use of the building for an afterschool program. Dave McAlister moved to approve the expenditure from the recreation account. Second by Al Posnanski. Al and Dave infavor and Scott against.

Wetlands Complaint

Samson reviewed the two Notices of Deficiency for Canaan Street and Switch Road. Samson indicated that it appeared that the Switch Road project was permitted by NH DOT. The Town does not agree with the determination that the Canaan Street project impacted wetlands. Samson requested authority to hire Jonathan Sisson of Swanzey, New Hampshire to examine the property. Dave McAlister moved to approve the hiring of Jonathan Sisson with compensation not to exceed \$2,000. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Office Front Door Bid

Samson indicated that the bids were in or would be in within a week on the front door. Dave McAlister moved to approve the low as received. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Electrical at Canaan Hall

Samson indicated that he was waiting on a bid from MG Electric for installing the florescent lights. It was suggested that Samson get quotes from Nate Harp and Gary Wannamker (667-6413).

Corner Boards at Meeting House

Samson described the need to replace the bottoms of the exterior corner boards of the Meeting House. Samson thought that the cost would be about \$1,200. The consensus of the Board was to authorize \$1,200 for the replacemement of the boards.

North Lary Road

Samson indicated that the state was showing on the annual census of roads that all of North Lary Road was a class six. This was an error as we show the the class 5 road extends 2,500 feet from the intersection with Stevens Road. Samson asked for

authorization to attest to the accuracy that North Lary is a class 5 road for 2,500 feet from the intersection. Dave McAlister moved to authorize Samson to send the attestation in. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Other Business

Samson asked that the Fire Department be allowed to conduct a fundraising raffle of a cord of fire wood. The consensus of the Board was to approve.

At 6:48 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 18, 2016**

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, David McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Others: Ellie Davis and Omer Ahern.

Minutes

Al Posnanski moved to approve the minutes of 10/4/16. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Visit of Omer Ahearn

Omer Ahern is running for County Commissioner. He is an elder law attorney and tree farmer. He has previously served as County Commissioner for 2 years. He opposed tearing down the old prison. He wants to increase farm productivity by bottling milk. He opposes wind turbines. He opposes a gas pipeline. He opposes Northern Pass. He wants wood chip plants for electricity.

Proposed Budget and Budget v Actual

No action.

Cell Tower

Samson informed the Board that Verizon has sent a letter to the Planning Board indicating that it intends to build a cell tower on the ridge line of the Hamilton property at 559 Fernwood Farms Road. There will be a review to determine if there is an impact of historic properties.

Taxes Revaluation

It appears that the grand list has grown by 5.2% with 4% the result of new improvements.

Highway Crew

Samson indicated that we had only one applicant for the part time highway worker. The Board directed by consensus to leave the position open and asked to be able to review the one applicant's application.

Danny Jameson

Samson reviewed the request by Danny Jameson to move his garage from US Route 4 to his property off of Ball Park Road and bordering the Fish & Game Club. Danny was asking if there would be opposition by the Town. The Selectmen indicated that they would have no opposition to the move.

North Lary Road

There was general discussion about where and how to create a turn around at the end of the North Lary Class V road. St. Oge was unwilling to work with the Town. Buddington has not responded to calls. Palmer was willing to allow use of a little bit of his property. The Board indicated that they wanted to visit the site but were inclined to go with Palmer. If it was acceptable, Samson was to draw up an easement for the turn around.

Schedule for Election

The Board indicated that they would look at the schedule at the next meeting but would probably use the same schedule.

Other Business

None

At 7:08 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by McAlister.
Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 1, 2016**

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, David McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Others: Phil Salvail, Bob Scott, Sam Frank, Audrey Conrad, Chuck Conrad and Carole Cushman.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 10/18/16. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Sam Frank Recognition

Dave McAlister moved to recognize Sam Frank for saving thousands of dollars by trading in the old assault style rifles for new rifles. Al Posnanski joined in recognizing his effort and also requested that the replacement of the assault rifles scheduled in the 2020 CIP cycle be deferred until at least 2026.

Proposed Budget and Budget v Actual

No action.

Cell Tower

Samson informed the Board that there is opposition to the Fernwood Farms Road location for the Verizon tower. It is based on impacts to the Historic District. He indicated that it appears that the Grist Mill Hill site is still being strongly considered. The Board directed by unanimous consent that in the event that the Fernwood Farm site is the only site, the Town should go in and strongly favor the site in spite of the visibility from the Historic District based on the fact that the actionable distance for opposition (a half mile) is much less than the actual distinct from the tower location to the historic district and based on the need for cell service for the Town of Canaan generally.

Old Back Hoe

Bob Scott indicated that there was a buyer for the old back hoe with the blown transmission that hasn't been used in ten years. The Town has been offered \$500 to sell the backhoe and transport it to Grist Mill Hill. The consensus of the Board was to sell the backhoe for \$500 but that the transport and loading of the back hoe should be the responsibility of the buyer. There was also discussion about selling an old snow blower and sander. The Board directed to get the used items out so that the Board could look at them prior to selling them.

School Board Roundtable

The School Board has invited the Canaan Board of Selectmen to attend a round table meeting at the new school at 6 PM. The Board wanted to know where the meeting was being held. Samson indicated he would check.

Hearing on Grants

Samson reported that we will advertise a hearing to accept and spend grant funds for the Town at the November 15 meeting.

Michelle Lewis Enforcement

Samson reported that citations are starting against Michelle. It is anticipated that the citations will be served every week.

North Lary Road

Samson reviewed a proposal to locate a road turn around in front of St. Onge's house. The edge of the turn around would reach into St. Onge's lawn about 6 feet to a steel pipe that St. Onge agreed used to be the edge of the road. The other edge would extend 24 feet into the lands of Buddington. The turn around would be an oval with a width of 50 feet and a length of 75 feet. The consensus of the Board was to send a proposed agreement to Buddington for signature.

Don Degrasse

Samson reviewed the total costs for DeGrasse. By the time the project is complete in the next week, we will have provided \$12,000 including rent and relocation costs. The repair and replacement costs for the trailer will be less than \$8,000. The payback is about 12 months for the home cost and 18 months for the rent and home based on avoided rent. Samson has told Degrasse that once the house is done, he should have sufficient retirement income to stay there indefinitely without assistance. Based on the investment in the home, no further assistance will be forthcoming from the Town. Samson was directed to prepare a mortgage on the property to cover all of the expenses including back taxes so that the Town is protected if the property was ever sold. The latest costs of \$2,915 were approved representing the anticipated final costs. Consensus of the Board for the expense and execution of the mortgage.

Other Business

Samson presented the applications from the Fish and Game Club and Old Home Days Committee for use of the Town properties next year for Old Home Days and two Town wide yard sales as well as waiver of the open container law for Old Home Days.

Motion by Al Posnanski to approve. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimous approval.

At 7:12 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:28 PM Selectman Posnanski moved to exit executive session, seconded by McAlister and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:29 Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:29 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 7, 2016**

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 7:30 AM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, David McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Others: Mike Riese.

Tax Rate

Samson reviewed all of the materials submitted to DRA and received from DRA. He indicated that the Overlay was reduced to the bare minimum to keep the expected tax rate as proposed last year.

The Town rate is proposed to be \$6.64 which is down from \$6.70. While this is a slight reduction in the rate, the actual taxes collected will be higher to cover exemptions and credits.

There were numerous questions from Mike Riese and discussion regarding the fact that the largest share of the increase is from the school and is related to higher costs, more kids proportionately and less surplus applied to the costs.

Dave McAlister moved to approve the rate of \$31.47 for the 2016 calendar year. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

At 8:25 AM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 15, 2016**

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Others: Bob Scott, and Ellie Davis.

Minutes

Al Posnanski moved to approve the minutes of 11/1/16. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved. Al Posnanski moved to approve the minutes of 11/7/16 as amended. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Proposed Budget and Budget v Actual
No action.

Hearing on Unexpected Funds and Grant Received by the Town of Canaan

Monument Replacement \$3,400
Radar and Mobile Data Equipment #315-168-003 \$4,900
Emergency Operations Center 2013-EP-00057 \$97,355
Hazard Mitigation Plan \$3,000
Insurance Reimbursement Electrical Storm \$31,227.62
Book Restoration Moose Plates Dept. of Cultural Resources \$9,980
All proceeds to be used for purposes identified in the payments/grants
Al Posnanski moved to approve the acceptance of the funds listed above and the expenses identified in the receipt of those funds. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Health Insurance

Samson reported that we have received pricing from Health Trust (NHMA) and School Care. The number from School Care exceeds the projected budget amount by at least \$50,000. The number from Health Trust is less than the amount budgeted by \$20,000. We are still waiting on the number from NHIT which will not be received until December. Samson indicated that there is a slight increase in drug co-pays. He indicated that he would poll employees to see how much the impact will be.

Lawyer for Lewis Prosecution

Samson indicated that he anticipated that we would be using Gabe Nizetic of Plymouth. We are using independent counsel. Al Posnanski moved to approve the hiring of counsel. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

School Meeting

Samson reviewed the materials for the Joint Town Meeting regarding school tax rates. The consensus of the Board was to approve the presentation.

Orange Brook

Samson indicated that the property owner (Ray) was in favor of addressing the blockage on Orange Brook. The Town and the Track and Ray will need to sit down and work out a plan.

Winter Gear Allowance

Samson recommended that the Board change to a policy of paying a total of \$450 over a rolling 6 years for winter gear. The gear should last several years and perhaps as long as 6 years. Al Posnanski moved to approve the winter gear policy as proposed. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Pay Range for Highway

Samson reviewed the results of the survey of companies and towns advertising for highway, plow operators and equipment workers. He recommended a revised scale for both classes of highway laborers and equipment operators to be \$16.00 to \$19.50. Al Posnanski moved to approve the proposed highway pay scale. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Other Business

Alarm at Meeting House

Samson reported that the Meeting House Preservation Committee would like to put a fire alarm at the Meeting House. Samson said that he thought it would be possible to get a cell phone based alarm that would report a fire. The consensus of the Board was to not install an alarm system.

At 6:35 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 22, 2016**

Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Center for Personalized Learning in a joint meeting with the Mascoma Valley Regional School District. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Others attended the Regional School District meeting.

The Board conveyed the message that the voters of Canaan are extremely upset about the latest tax increase. The SelectBoard has put out an information sheet explaining that there was an effective 12.5% increase for Canaan. The increase appeared less because the overall property value went up 5%.

There was discussion as to why a third of the surplus was retained. The Superintendent said that the cost of bus transportation went up and they needed to cover the contract. He also indicated that there were extra special education costs as well.

There was discussion about test scores for the school and progress being made.

The Board asked Bob Cusick why he hasn't supported a tax allocation plan that splits the tax load based on students (ADM) and tax base. He indicated that they looked at it and there are too many problems.

The school board spoke about now being able to keep quality teachers.

The School Board indicated that the proposed 2017 warranted budget would be about a 3% increase plus teachers' contract which would add another point or two.

Tim Josephson indicated that they are trying to get full state aid for a full time kindergarten student. Even though a child is going full time, the state only provides aid for a half time student.

The Board of Selectmen left the room at 6:45 and at 6:46 PM, outside of the meeting room door, Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 30, 2016**

Scott Borthwick called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Several candidates for highway worker attended the meeting.

At 7:00 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:45 PM Selectman Posnanski moved to exit executive session, seconded by McAlister and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:45 Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:45 PM Al Posnanski moved to offer the full time highway position to Louis Jacobs. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

At 7:45 PM Al Posnanski moved to offer the part time highway position to a potential candidate that is qualified. Second by McAlister.

Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen

Canaan BOS Meeting		12/16/16
Mike Samson	Canaan	
Sharon Duffy	Grafton	
Scott Borthwick		
Don E. McAlister	Canaan NH	USA North America
W. P. Pisanke	"	
Mike Woodard	Dorchester	Mark Korpcewski ^{Canaan}
Patrick Andrew	Canaan	Dennis Salval, Canaan
DAVID REYNOLDS	CANAAN	PAUL GRUMBINE, "
BRYAN AROMBRUST	CANAAN	PATTY DUSZYNSKI
Sadie Wells	Canaan	Laurie Sanborn, Orange
SEAN MURPHY	CANAAN	Barry CLAUSS ENFIELD
Tim Josephson	Canaan	Fifteen Story Orange
Wayne Morrison	Canaan	James Turkosky Canaan
Amanda Isabelle	Canaan	Melissa Allen Canaan
Mark & LeeAnn Wilson	Canaan	Helina Josephson Canaan
STEVE DARROW	GRAFTON	Chuck Townsend Canaan
Brian Ellstein	Canaan	Catherine Mulvaney Grafton
Noel Everts	CANAAN	Phil Smith Canaan
John Franz	Dorchester	Kimberly Depel ^{Canaan} team
Pat Franz	Dorchester	Ed Budd - Dorchester
Scott Sanborn	Orange	Virginia Carroll - Dorchester
Ellie Davis	Canaan	Russell Lester Canaan
Richard Williams	Canaan	Carole Cushman Canaan
Charm McAlpin	Canaan	John Dow Canaan
Herrie Roy	Canaan	Chris Dow Canaan
Bob Roy	Canaan	GEN SMITH GRAFTON
Florence Condon	Canaan	ANSON SMITH GRAFTON
Celeste Dakai	Canaan	Lyell Smith orange
		Robert Ellis orange
		Leon Ogden Grafton

~~Catherine Mathokand~~

Leon Pelletier Canaan

Clare Pelletier "

Allison Alden Riese Canaan

Michael Riese. Canaan

Norma Millie Canaan.

Heely Howes Canaan

Gynthia Cumming-Birch Canaan

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Eileen Lary

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**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 6, 2016**

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Canaan Hall. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, David McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Other Selectmen were Steve Bjerkle and Mike Woodard, Dorchester Board of Selectmen, Leon Dugan, Grafton Board of Selectmen, and Lyell Smith and Robert Ells, Orange. Others as signed in and attached.

Scott Borthwick introduced the meeting by saying that this is not a witch hunt or a call to arms. The Board is looking for some way to address the fact that Canaan school taxes have increased 44% in three years and Canaan's rate is now 6th highest in New Hampshire.

Scott asked all of the Selectmen to introduce themselves which they did.

Scott indicated that Mike Samson had been tasked with creating a presentation of the facts surrounding the high tax rates and the issues involved as well as a listing of potential solutions to the significantly increasing taxes.

Samson started by indicating that all of the facts had been obtained from NH Department of Revenue Administration and the State Department of Education.

Samson reviewed the slides in the handout.

- School tax rates are very high. Canaan is 6th highest. All but Dorchester are in the top third.
- Gross school budgets have gone up 21% over 3 years.
- Inflation has only gone up 3.4% over three years.
- School expenses after non-tax revenue like fees is up 23% over 3 years.
- Voting down the budget still resulted in a 6.7% increase in the budget.
- State aid has gone down 3% over the last 3 years.
- The amount needed from local taxes, after state aid and non-tax revenue, has gone up 37% over the last three years.
- The school has reduced the use of prior year surplus to keep taxes down by about 33%.
- The bond is 7.6% of the local amount raised by taxes and isn't much different than projected.
- The tax increase without the bond would have been 29% over the last 3 years.
- Taxes are assessed on the number of students.
- There is no relationship between numbers of students and property wealth.
- Students are declining (-7%) and budgets are increasing (+29%).
- Student numbers can vary quickly by Town with major impact on the tax rates.

Other comments outside of the slide show by Samson included:

"If the Towns could turn over the tax billing and collection to the schools, we would be overjoyed. The Towns are blamed for the high rates. The Towns have nothing to do with the costs or the tax rate for the school"

“During the past week, I have had to work with five families who are in danger of losing their homes because of the radically increasing taxes.”

On the slide regarding other Towns concerns, the following comments were added: Grafton indicated that it was difficult to confirm the residence of students that are supposedly in Grafton. Samson indicated a similar frustration. A member of the public indicated that this was illegal. Samson indicated that we are given a list of students with their stated addresses by the school and asked if it is correct. Historically, during the last 10 years there has been little checking. This year we started to check. We determined if the families owned property. We determined if the families were in rental property. We asked landlords if they recognized the family names or knew of children living there. During this review about 8 discrepancies have been detected so far in Canaan.

The public asked if the average daily membership used is current or 1 year back or 2 years back. Samson indicated that for the 2016 tax bills, which are for the 2016-2017 school year, the 2015 ADM is used. So for the Towns, it is 1 year back. For the end of the school year, it is nearer to 2 years back.

Orange indicated similar concerns in tracking students. They also expressed the concern that their 17.5% increase was a major impact on a small Towns with small incomes. Sue Jukosky said that the use of ADM was a little flawed and unfair. It doesn't count partial students. Samson indicated it is state controlled.

Samson indicated that there were 165 kids in rental housing out of roughly 400 kids total. Rental housing adds very little tax revenue and it is hard to determine residence. Samson indicated that Orange, Canaan, and Grafton are all in the top third of the state for high tax rates.

Ellie Davis asked if the numbers included the bond. Samson indicated that 7.9% of the taxes raised this year were to pay for the bond and the cost was about as predicted by Bob Cusick. Most of the cost increase is due to operating costs. Only 7.9% of the total increase is bond related. District wide, costs have increased 27% over 3 years, not counting the bond.

Discussion moved on to the role of students in raising taxes. Samson asked if there was anyone from Enfield in the room. No one was present. Samson asked for a “volunteer” Enfield taxpayer living on Mascoma Lake. Steve Darrow volunteered. Samson described a scenario and Steve responded. Samson suggested the following: “Suppose you had a \$400,000 home on Mascoma Lake and had two kids in school. Your tax rate is \$15 per thousand and all of the neighboring Towns are paying \$17 to \$20 per thousand. You want a new program for your kids and although it costs money, you want the best you can afford for your kids.” Steve concurred. Samson noted that while Enfield and Canaan are virtually tied for kids in school, Enfield has about 43% more taxable land value. That means that the same school programs cost about 35% less on the tax bills in Enfield. Canaan taxpayers feel a great deal more pain when overall costs go up because the rate of increase in Canaan taxes is proportionately much higher.

Since the number of kids drives how costs are allocated, a small Town like Dorchester can have 6 extra kids for a total of 36 kids that results in an increase of \$111,000 in taxes or a

54% increase in taxes collected. Orange had a 6 kid increase to 40 kids total and felt a 46% tax increase.

Open Public Comment Session 8:31 PM

Scott Borthwick pointed out that Canaan isn't trying to get rid of kids and doesn't plan on being a very large, over 55 retirement community. We would like accuracy.

Anson Smith asked why the use of surplus funds to hold down taxes decreased? Patrick answered that the default budget didn't allow enough for busses so the District held back surplus to fund it. There was also increased cost for two special education placements.

Melissa Allen asked whether a child counts if they live in Towns and go to a private school? How do children of Cardigan Mountain School faculty members get charged or counted if they go to public school? Patrick Andrew answered questions by saying that kids count in ADM if they are home schooled at the rate of .15 per child per course. Private school kids do not count. Kids whose parents live in the district and who work at Cardigan Mountain School can use public schools and be part of ADM. Kindergarten kids are counted as a half ADM. Tim Josephson was congratulated on pushing to change this to a full ADM.

Patrick Andrew handed out two flyers. One was the list of public meetings by the School Board and the Budget Committee to develop the budget. The other is the historical basis for allocating school costs to a Towns purely on a per pupil basis.

A question was raised whether schools and Towns work separately or together. Generally, they work separately, but need to work together to prepare tax bills and collect taxes.

Samson noted that School Board members are elected at large and not solely by votes from the Towns they represent.

Sue Jukosky asked if there was an increase in middle school students. Patrick said that there was a small bump but it isn't a generalized increase.

Public members asked what the per pupil cost is and Patrick responded that it is \$16,000 but this doesn't include all of the cost. The full cost is closer to \$18,000.

There was a question about bringing in tuition students and whether they would pay \$16,000 or \$18,000. Samson indicated that tuition students may be a question of what the market will bear. If a student's family is willing to pay \$15,000 and there is space in the class and no extra cost, it may be better to take the student for \$15,000 than to hold out for \$18,000 and not have full utilization of the school.

A member responded that would work until you got a special needs kid. Patrick indicated that special needs cost can be billed back to the students legal home school district.

There are no tuition students now other than preschool or kindergarten.

Recap so far:

The bond is as anticipated and voted. Taxes have gone up significantly (many times the rate of inflation). State aid is dropping. All costs are apportioned by number of students only. A few students can have significant impacts on taxpayers. There is no consideration of property wealth currently in the formula. School Board members are voted by all district voters and not by Towns voters only resulting in no direct accountability to the Towns the School Board member represents.

Strategies for Change

1. Reduce spending
2. Increase Revenue
3. Increase School Board accountability to taxpayers and voters.
4. Check for student residency
5. Change the formula for appropriation of costs by considering property wealth in addition to the number of kids served.

All strategies have ramifications.

Reduced staffing won't work just because you reduce two students in a class, There may be ways to have flat budgets or limit growth to the cost of living. Other options are to amend the proposed budget at the deliberative session or to just vote the budget down. Budgets that are voted down may still go up based on contractual obligations.

Increased income may include accepting tuition students or leasing out school facilities (like the theatre or fields). It may also include higher state aid to education or grants. Samson thought that there should be more accountability by School Board members to the taxpayers of the Towns they represent. Patrick indicated that he had invited Selectmen to School Board meetings and had attended meetings. Samson indicated that Selectmen were insulted under Gerding's leadership when they were limited to five minutes. Samson indicated that one of Canaan's School Board members had declined to attend a Selectmen's meeting saying that he was advised that he represented the District and not the Towns of Canaan and if Canaan wanted to talk they should come to the District. The Selectmen had tried to do that.

Samson moved on to the issue of using a combination of pupil count and property wealth to calculate the Towns's share of taxes to be raised. He noted that 20 of 33 cooperative school districts use a blend of property wealth and student count.

Catherine Mulholland asked why we used to use wealth and no longer do so. Samson indicated that he had heard that it looked fairer if the allocation of costs was based solely on kids. The problem is that the lower rate in one or two Towns has encouraged greater expense and higher taxes that are unaffordable for low income taxpayers in the Towns with little property wealth.

James Jukosky asked if there were arguments against a blended rate. Samson indicated that the primary problem is that someone has to pay more taxes. The advantage is that the tax rates paid by all Towns are closer together rather than being 33% greater for a neighboring poor Town.

The question was raised about how to adopt a blended rate. Samson started to review state law regarding cooperative school districts. Patrick indicated that Mascoma was a Regional School District. Samson responded that according to the lists from the NH Department of Education, Mascoma is a cooperative school district. Samson reviewed the relevant law and the list from the state. Patrick indicated that he did not agree. Samson asked if it made any functional difference with respect to the allocation of costs and Patrick agreed that it didn't. Samson indicated it would need to be proposed by a warrant article, proposed by the Board or petitioned. The article would have to pass by a simple majority of the voters on Towns meeting day district wide.

A member of the public asked if there was a study regarding the impact of changing the formula. No formal study is needed at this time by law. Samson indicated that he would show slides indicating the impact. He showed the impact of incorporating equalized property value to the allocation by pupil for each Towns as contrasted with the current formula based purely on student counts. The equalized values are a year old since the Towns equalization is currently underway. He said generally, two Towns would increase. Dorchester and Enfield would go up and Canaan, Orange and Grafton would go down. Samson indicated that the increase for Grafton was nominal and might be worth it to act as a stabilizing influence on significant pupil count changes. (Note: That is not necessarily the case and will need further consideration).

Samson was asked if it is fair to increase the tax burden on some Towns. Samson asked if it was fair to increase district costs with very little impact on land wealthy Towns but imposing much greater impacts (40% higher) on less wealthy Towns. He noted that we all want a quality school system but one that is fair and balanced in tax burden. He also argued that all of the states around us have some form of wealth circuit breaker so that you don't bankrupt poor communities that have no land wealth.

Samson explained two charts. One had a 50%-50% blend while the other had a 70% (pupil) – 30% (property wealth) blend. He noted that the clause at the top indicating \$24,346,399 for taxes is actually the gross budget. The spreadsheets below that clause are based on the amount to be raised by local taxes.

Samson indicated he liked the 70%-30% blend since it harms Enfield and Dorchester less. Canaan still is taxed higher than Enfield but the spread between Enfield and Canaan is about \$1.70 with the blended rate rather than the current \$5.46 spread.

Other blending rates could be used but there is no real leveling effect unless the property value factor is at least 25%.

James Jukosky asked why we ever left this formula. The answer was that it seemed fairer to just tax per child. Steve Darrow indicated that he thought it was a fight between big Towns and small Towns. There was fear that Enfield would leave the district if property value was considered. Samson noted that Enfield's fear of paying more is offset by the inability of Canaan to pay the 6th highest school tax rate in the state. If this continues and people are afraid of loosing their homes, there will be conflict as budgets are repeatedly voted down by people who can't afford the higher rates. Towns must all understand each other's ability and capacity to pay.

A member of the public from Dorchester argued that current use valuation is a knock out punch since so much of Dorchester's land is in current use. Samson noted that while current use land is assessed for as little as \$40 per acre and could be worth \$800 an acre on the commercial sale market, a Town like Dorchester is wealthy because it has so many thousands of acres at the low value (like being a McDonalds millionaire with \$1 burgers) but with so few kids that the property wealth per student is still 35% higher than Canaan or Grafton or Orange. Dorchester's rate is only \$9.57 now versus Canaan's rate of \$20.66. Samson said he thought that using the blended rate would insure Dorchester against further big jumps if there was another spike in students. (NOTE: Unsure of that conclusion. This will have to be reviewed.)

Claude Pelletier asked if the use of a blended rate would create further schisms between Towns. Smaller districts cost more. Patrick said he felt that no Towns would leave the district since it would be prohibitively expensive to buy out of a district and go it alone. He also thinks that the 1985 change was related to a fear that Enfield would leave. Samson noted that there is already a schism between Enfield and property poor Towns that have tax rates that are as much as 35% higher even though the student count is roughly equal. He said that personally, he thought that there is friction now. He believed that a moderate blend of 70% - 30% would go part way to creating economic fairness while still leaving Enfield less expensive.

Samson moved on to the question of School Board member accountability to the Towns they theoretically represent. Samson reviewed the law for cooperative schools. Patrick noted that it is a regional school. Samson doubted that the distinction is relative under the law. He reviewed all of the requirements. There must be an odd number of members, terms of not more than 3 years and there can be no more than 15 members. The board must reflect 1 person-1 vote in the election of board members. The lowest common denominator would be 1 board member for 300 people. That would result in 35 members if each member represented 300 people. There are various ways outlined in the law. The one currently used is that every voter in the entire district has one vote for all of the members no matter what Towns they represent. That means that no board member is elected in a contested race by the voters of the Towns they are from. The winner must get votes from other Towns. The most votes that one Town would have is 43%. To assure that Towns still hold their elected School Board members accountable to the taxpayers that the members represent, the fairest and simplest way is to retain seven or eight (adding 1 to Grafton) members with all members elected by their Towns of residence only and with all members having votes to cast equal to their share of population. That would give the board members "weighted" voting. As an example, in this system, Enfield would get 44%, Grafton would get 13% and Canaan would get 37%. To win a vote, it would require at least 2 or 3 Towns agreeing.

The argument is that residents of a Towns should get the School Board member that they vote for, not the one that all five Towns voted on. The idea is to assure accountability to taxpayers.

Samson quickly reviewed the increase in local construction (and property value) in Canaan after the new school. It would take 51 years of construction like last year's construction to offset the tax increase in just the past year.

Samson reviewed two School Board races in Canaan. He pointed out where one candidate won Canaan but lost after the votes from other Towns were added. In the second case, the candidate lost both locally and in the district.

Public Comment 9:10 PM

Patrick indicated that we need more people involved. Mike agreed. Patrick indicated that we didn't want 15 board members which could be unwieldy and difficult to fill since getting 7 is sometimes a challenge.

Scott Sanborn indicated that people need to go to budget meetings. They are open to the public. Only 1 member of the public attended this year.

It was noted that funding formulas and how board members are elected are separate issues but generally, it would be good to get additional participation.

John Dow asked if we could sign a petition today calling for a blended formula to assess taxes. Mike indicated that they could but asked to hold off for a couple of weeks to allow for a couple more meetings.

Russell Lester supported the local accountability article with 1 man 1 vote weighted voting. He feels that if one Town fails, or one Town is bankrupted by the budget increase with no way to pay them, we all will fail. If one Town is out, everyone else will still have to pay the costs and the bond, so we need to work together.

James Jukosky noted that it's not the bond that is the problem. Samson agreed but indicated that the overall goal is greater fairness based on ability to pay and more local accountability.

Sue Jukosky asked the Towns if they asked Patrick to attend Selectmen's meetings when Wayne or the School Board didn't provide answers. Josephson jumped in and said no one called him. He pays taxes, so he is accountable. Samson indicated that the Board had not invited anyone after the earlier request had been rejected by Jim Gerding. Samson indicated that Josephson was now invited. Samson indicated that he wanted both members and the Superintendent to listen to the great number of complaints that were coming to the tax collector and to the pleas from families for help so that they would not lose their homes or have to sell. Kim Depelteau Tracy stated that she had attended the Selectmen's meeting as a school board member as requested. She also felt the budget was too high. There was a strident exchange between Samson and Josephson. Scott Borthwick asked them to stop the discussion about accountability.

Russell Lester noted we have the bond and we need to have local representation.

Chris Dow thanked the Towns for putting on the presentation.

Anson Smith said no one addressed the elephant in the room that the school budget was too high and needed to be cut.

Scott Borthwick thanked everyone for coming and indicated that the Canaan Board of Selectmen have a couple of business items that they need to discuss but people are welcome to stay.

The visiting board members from other Towns would like to continue the discussion at more joint meetings.

Other Business

Samson presented proposals from 4 delinquent taxpayers asking for further extensions of their forbearance agreement. Three are relatively low amounts owed. One is large but the Towns has nothing to loose by taking the money. Samson reviewed the specifics of each case. Concensus of the Board to approve. Samson was directed to draw up a forbearance extension for signing by the Board. The Board made it clear there would be no further forbearance extensions.

At 9:52 PM Selectman McAlister moved to adjourn. Second by Posnanski.
Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen

2016-2017 School Board Meetings

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DATE	Tentative Agenda Items	Comments
Tuesday July 12, 2016	Regular Board Meeting: Committee Reports, Capital Reserve Report	Meeting Held @ CES 6PM
Tuesday July 26, 2016	Regular Board Meeting: Committee Reports, Bus Routes, August Calendar of Events	Meeting Held @ CES 6PM
Tuesday August 9, 2016	Regular Board Meeting: Committee Reports	Meeting Held @ CES 6PM
Tuesday August 23, 2016	Regular Board Meeting: Committee Reports, School Readiness, Budget Calendar, Sept. District Calendar, Sept. Menus	Meeting Held @ CES 6PM
Tuesday Aug. 30, 2016	Staff Pictures (7am-12:15pm) District Opening Day Meeting with Staff (1pm-3pm)	9AM @ MHS
Thursday Sept. 1, 2016	9th Grade Orientation	9AM - Noon
Tuesday Sept. 6, 2016	School Begins for Students	
Tuesday Sept. 13, 2016	Regular Board Meeting: Grafton Selectmen, Committee Reports, Opening Week Reports, 1st Day Enrollment, Field Trips	Meeting Held @ MHS 6PM
Tuesday Sept. 27, 2016	Regular Board Meeting: Dorchester Selectmen, Committee Reports, Oct. District Calendar	Meeting Held @ MHS 6PM
Monday Oct. 10, 2016	School Board/Budget Committee Meeting (CES/EVS Budgets)	6 PM @ MHS
Tuesday Oct. 11, 2016	Regular Board Meeting: Orange Selectmen, Committee Reports, SB 2 Timeline, Field Trips, Oct. 1st Enrollment Report	Meeting Held @ MHS 6PM
Monday Oct. 17, 2016	School Board/Budget Committee Meeting (IRS Budget)	6PM @ MHS
Monday Oct. 24, 2016	School Board/Budget Committee Meeting(MHS Budget)	6PM @ MHS
Tuesday Oct. 25, 2016	Regular Board Meeting: Enfield Selectmen, Committee Reports, Nov. District Calendar, Nov. Menus	Meeting Held @ MHS 6PM
Monday Oct. 31, 2016	School Board/Budget Committee Meeting (SPED)	6PM @ MHS
Monday Nov. 7, 2016	School Board & Budget Committee Meeting (SAU/Dist)	6PM @ MHS
Tuesday Nov. 8, 2016	Regular School Board Meeting: Canaan Selectmen, Committee Reports	Meeting Held @ MHS 6PM
Monday Nov. 14, 2016	School Board Budget Work Session	6PM @ MHS
Tuesday Nov. 22, 2016	Regular Board Meeting: Committee Reports, Dec. District Calendar, Dec. Menus, Review District Mtg. Calendar, Warrants, Quarterly Reports	Meeting Held @ MHS 6PM

2016-2017 School Board Meetings

DATE	Tentative Agenda Items	Comments
Monday Dec. 5, 2016	Final Meeting of School & Budget Committee; Board vote on Complete Budget/Budget Committee vote on Complete Budget	6PM @ MHS
Tuesday Dec. 13, 2016	Regular Board Meeting: Committee Reports, Warrant Articles, NHSBA Resolutions	Meeting Held @ MHS 6PM
Tuesday Dec. 27, 2016	Regular Board Meeting: Committee Reports, Warrant Articles, NHSBA Resolutions	Meeting Held @ MHS 6PM
Tuesday Jan. 10, 2017	Regular Board Meeting: Committee Reports, Warrant Articles, Review/Recommendations, Default Budget	Meeting Held @ MHS 6PM
Wednesday Jan. 11, 2017	Budget Committee's Public Hearing on the Budget (3rd Tuesday in January, 1/17/17, is the last date for hearing)	6PM @ MHS
TBD	Budget Committee Public Hearing on Budget SNOW DATE	6PM @ MHS
Tuesday Jan. 24, 2017	Regular Board Meeting: Committee Reports, Deliberative Session Discussion, Feb. District Calendar	Meeting Held @ MHS 6PM
Saturday Feb. 4, 2017	Deliberative Session	Meeting Held @ MHS Auditorium 9AM-12PM
Tuesday Feb. 14, 2017	Regular Board Meeting: Committee Reports, Quarterly Reports	Meeting Held @ MHS 6PM
Tuesday Feb. 28, 2017	Regular Board Meeting	Meeting Held @ MHS 6PM
Tuesday March 14, 2017	VOTING DAY	
Tuesday March 28, 2017	Regular Board Meeting: Election of Officers; Board Organization/Orientation, Board/Administration Indemnification, Voting Results, April Menus, April District Calendar, Professional Staff Nominations	Meeting Held @ MHS 6PM
Tuesday April 11, 2017	Regular Board Meeting: Committee Reports, 2018 lunch rates;	Meeting Held @ MHS 6PM
Tuesday April 25, 2017	Regular Board Meeting: Committee Reports, Staff Retirement Party, Handbook Revisions, Quarterly Reports, Support Staff Nominations, May Professional Dev Newsletter	Meeting Held @ MHS 6PM
Tuesday May 9, 2017	Regular Board Meeting: Committee Reports, Handbook Revisions, Board Retreat	Meeting Held @ MHS 6PM
Tuesday May 23, 2017	Regular Board Meeting: Committee Reports, June Menus, June District Calendar	Meeting Held @ MHS 6PM
Sunday June 4, 2017	Senior Awards Night	6PM @ MHS

All meetings are subject to change.
Please call 632-5563 to confirm meeting date and time.

2016-2017 School Board Meetings

DATE	Tentative Agenda Items	Comments
Tuesday June 13, 2017	Regular Board Meeting: Committee Reports, Bids-Paper, Propane, Oil; Authority to Hire for Summer ; Professional Dev Newsletter	Meeting Held @ MHS 6PM
Friday June 16, 2017	Graduation	6PM @ MHS
Tuesday June 27, 2017	Regular Board Meeting: Committee Reports; Quarterly Reports; July District Calendar	Meeting Held @ MHS 6PM
Please call to confirm times and dates as meetings are subject to change without notice. Call 632-5563.		

Memorandum

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To: Mascoma Valley Regional School Board
From: Debra Ford, Business Administrator
Date: 7/21/2016
Re: July 26, 2016 Report

Included in the informational only section of your board packet is the FY2016 Cooperative Apportionment from the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (NH DRA.) This report shows the total apportionment (budget less local revenue) and how it is calculated for each of the five towns.

Currently our apportionment is based 100% on Average Daily Membership (ADM). The number of students from each town is divided by the total number of students. This percentage is then multiplied by the total amount to apportion to determine each town's local tax assessment.

Also included in the informational only section is the Tax Rate Breakdown from each town. This NH DRA report shows the total valuation for each town along with the appropriations and revenues used to calculate the tax rate.

In 1974, the District voted to change the apportionment formula. Previously the formula was 90% for Canaan and Enfield and 10% for Dorchester, Grafton and Orange. The individual shares were based 50% on Equalized Valuation (EV) and 50% ADM. The new adopted formula was 80% ADM and 20% EV.

In 1980, the District voted to change the apportionment formula to 60% ADM and 40% EV based on the recommendations of the MVRSD Apportionment Study Committee.

This formula was almost immediately found to be inequitable and another committee was formed. This committee determined that "equalized valuation is a poor barometer on which to base school obligations, high amounts of land in current use is a common problem that all communities share and most importantly, we need a formula all of us can understand and one that unites all communities into one school system." However the formula may only be changed once every five years.

The District again voted to change the formula to 100% ADM effective July 1, 1985.

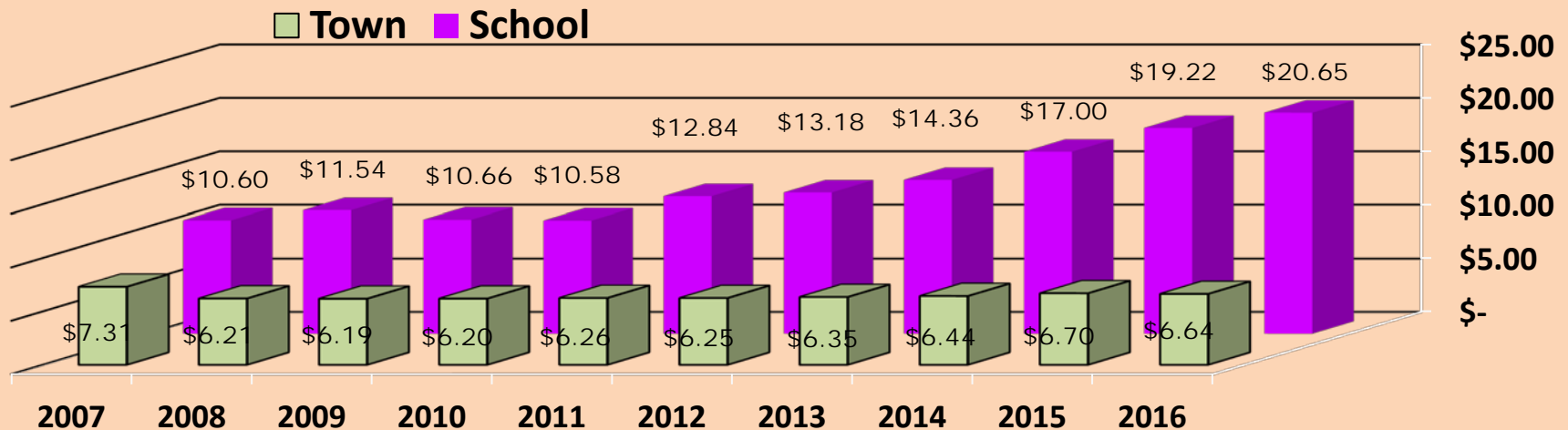
Mascoma Valley Towns and Taxpayers

Balance for quality education,
affordable taxes, town services and
students who are prepared for life

Town of Canaan Concerns

9 Year Change in School tax rate is 95% increase

School tax rate change since last year is a 7.4% increase



9 Year change in Town tax rate is minus 9%

Town tax rate change since last year is a 1% decrease

Town of Canaan Concerns

- Canaan's school tax rate is **6th highest** in New Hampshire out of 244.
- Canaan's school tax rate increased by 11% a year, more than **40%, over the past three years.**
- Canaan's property value increased by 5% over the past five years. Even with the 5% higher tax base, the rate went up another 7%.
- Canaan Board of Selectmen has repeatedly **asked the school board to keep costs reasonable.**
- Voters blame the big increases on the school bond, but all **debt service for the school renovations are capped at 7.6% of taxes raised** as of this year and will go down over time as the rest of the budget grows.
- Canaan increases for school operations **increased 35% over the past three years** not counting the bond.
- School board **members are elected at large** and four other towns decide who will represent Canaan.

- School Board members are told they don't answer to Canaan voters but instead answer to all district voters. If that's true, **Canaan has no representation.**
- Cost increases are magnified by **reduced state aid** to education.
- Cost increases **fluctuate wildly** since they are based on fluctuating student populations which are the sole basis currently used for allocating school taxes.
- School taxes **do not take into account how wealthy** a town's tax base is.
- Town governments have to send tax bills and collect the taxes for the school.
- Towns have to pay the schools even if taxpayers are delinquent.
- Taxpayers blame the Towns** for higher tax bills.

What concerns do
other Mascoma towns
have, if any?

District Wide Concerns

CONCERNS RAISED BY CANAAN TAXPAYER COMMENTS AND TOWN SELECTMEN COMMENTS (labeled as Town)

Dramatic School Tax Increases.

School Board that doesn't listen.

Taxpayers blame towns for school tax hikes.

School taxes assessed on a town based solely on the number of students from the town. (Town of Canaan)

Taxes that fluctuate greatly based on a relatively small change in students. (Town of Canaan)

Budgets go up 8% a year even as student populations go down 2% a year. (Town of Canaan)

Rental housing that doesn't generate enough tax revenue to cover student costs. (Town of Canaan)

Unequal taxable property between towns.

Sense of hopelessness about education.

Feeling powerless in controlling our kids education.

Quality of Education.

People losing their homes.

Teachers are making more than we are and their pay is increasing faster.

People who are property rich but income poor.

High percentages of current use land assessed at very low values that do not contribute to the cost of education.

Schools waste money.

People who are more affluent that are willing to increase the tax rate for better education opportunities which results in harm to low or moderate income tax payers.

What are the
Facts?

How do the **SCHOOL** tax rates in our five towns compare to the other 219 New Hampshire Towns?

The range in **school tax rates** is a high of \$23.59 to a low of \$.19.

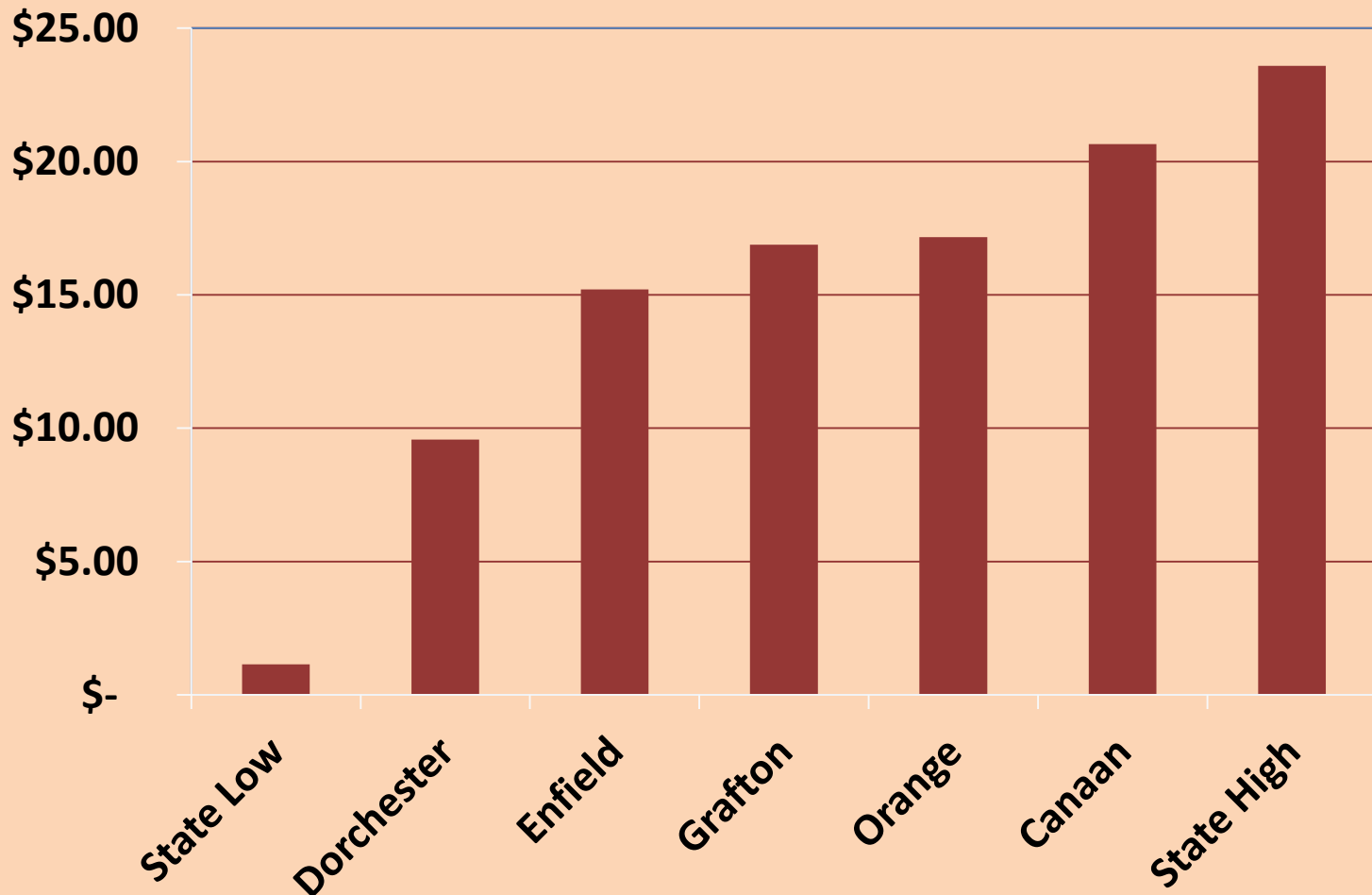
Canaan is **6th** highest at \$20.65

Orange is **29th** highest at \$17.16

Grafton is **36th** highest at \$16.88

Enfield is **71st** highest at \$15.20 and

Dorchester is **164th** highest at \$9.57



Same District Budget. Same cost per pupil. Not the same tax rate. Not the same tax raised on a \$100,000 house. From the 6th highest to the 164th highest in the state

New Hampshire

*Department of
Revenue Administration*

2016

Municipality	Date	Valuation	State Ed.	Local Ed.	Total Rate
(U) Atkinson & Gilmanton Academy Grant	10/04/16	\$695,404.00	\$2.57	(\$2.65)	\$0.00
Brookline	10/18/16	\$505,931,449.00	\$2.47	\$23.59	\$32.56
Fremont	10/17/16	\$390,851,633.00	\$2.30	\$22.65	\$29.88
Charlestown	11/17/16	\$253,603,384.00	\$2.49	\$21.09	\$35.05
Hopkinton	10/03/16	\$586,611,121.00	\$2.52	\$21.07	\$33.55
Middleton	10/28/16	\$161,445,248.00	\$2.24	\$20.96	\$36.16
Canaan	11/07/16	\$329,827,077.00	\$2.39	\$20.65	\$31.47
Troy	10/25/16	\$97,786,555.00	\$2.24	\$20.44	\$36.62
Sandown	10/25/16	\$513,211,780.00	\$2.54	\$20.34	\$29.16
Madbury	10/14/16	\$217,052,800.00	\$2.34	\$19.52	\$28.59
Langdon	11/09/16	\$55,423,081.00	\$2.46	\$19.29	\$29.73
Newton	10/27/16	\$489,154,798.00	\$2.23	\$19.27	\$26.16
Henniker	11/02/16	\$380,977,900.00	\$2.33	\$19.21	\$33.33
Danville	10/25/16	\$379,726,251.00	\$2.18	\$19.05	\$26.65
Marlborough	11/14/16	\$170,461,945.00	\$2.20	\$19.00	\$30.18
Mont Vernon	11/02/16	\$250,907,355.00	\$2.32	\$18.84	\$29.45
Rollinsford	11/07/16	\$224,890,171.00	\$2.60	\$18.72	\$27.98
Lee	10/26/16	\$431,424,671.00	\$2.37	\$18.51	\$29.25
Penacook	11/04/16		\$0.00\$2.25	\$18.51	\$33.34
Orford	11/10/16	\$132,971,101.00	\$2.36	\$18.35	\$27.36
Milford	10/27/16	\$1,307,204,161.00	\$2.31	\$18.25	\$28.96
Barnstead	10/12/16	\$432,498,786.00	\$2.28	\$17.82	\$27.25
Bethlehem	11/04/16	\$222,708,424.00	\$2.39	\$17.82	\$27.46
Epping	11/02/16	\$685,664,074.00	\$2.33	\$17.61	\$25.94
Rindge	10/11/16	\$511,554,217.00	\$2.38	\$17.43	\$27.91
Plainfield	10/06/16	\$259,672,028.00	\$2.47	\$17.40	\$28.35
Hampstead	10/25/16	\$1,007,054,646.00	\$2.37	\$17.37	\$24.20
Somersworth	10/20/16	\$823,974,928.00	\$2.37	\$17.26	\$32.12
Orange	11/02/16	\$30,715,006.00	\$2.15	\$17.16	\$24.75
Brentwood	10/20/16	\$541,559,863.00	\$2.24	\$17.13	\$24.25
Allenstown	10/24/16	\$241,468,083.00	\$2.44	\$17.07	\$33.86
Unity	11/01/16	\$122,890,465.00	\$2.40	\$17.01	\$30.13
Kingston	10/26/16	\$618,802,225.00	\$2.50	\$16.97	\$25.50
New Ipswich	10/26/16	\$369,827,836.00	\$2.27	\$16.92	\$26.23
Swanzey	10/27/16	\$519,845,155.00	\$2.41	\$16.90	\$28.87
Grafton	10/11/16	\$112,142,135.00	\$2.69	\$16.88	\$26.14
Sullivan	11/02/16	\$50,628,358.00	\$2.32	\$16.83	\$31.58
Winchester	11/21/16	\$257,318,832.00	\$2.35	\$16.74	\$30.53
Pembroke	10/26/16	\$571,080,924.00	\$2.34	\$16.66	\$29.00
Peterborough	10/18/16	\$612,238,495.00	\$2.49	\$16.65	\$30.84

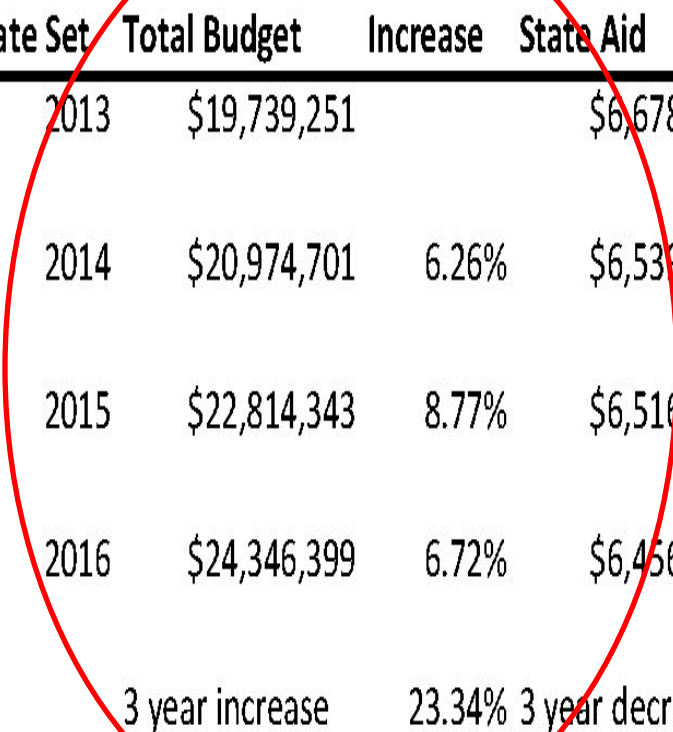
Gross Expenditures over time

2013 / 2017

	GROSS EXPENSE	Increase/Decrease
2013-2014	\$22,050,655	
2014-2015	\$21,744,611	-1.39%
2015-2016	\$25,459,237	17.08%
2016-2017	\$26,695,874	4.86%

3 Year increase is 21% - 3 Year federal inflation (cost of living) increase is 3.37%

Budgets are going up



School Year	Rate Set	Total Budget	Increase	State Aid	Inc./Decrease	Taxes Raised	Increase
2013-2014	2013	\$19,739,251		\$6,678,104		\$13,061,147	
2014-2015	2014	\$20,974,701	6.26%	\$6,539,240	-2.08%	\$14,435,461	10.5%
2015-2016	2015	\$22,814,343	8.77%	\$6,516,915	-0.34%	\$16,297,480	12.9%
2016-2017	2016	\$24,346,399	6.72%	\$6,456,429	-0.93%	\$17,891,929	9.8%
		3 year increase	23.34%	3 year decrease	-3.32%	3 year increase	36.99%

Budget Numbers AFTER other local non-tax revenue

Even a default budget is higher than last years budget

Even with a 2016 defeated budget, the default budget is 6.72% higher

School Year	Rate Set	Total Budget	Increase	State Aid	Inc./Decrease	Taxes Raised	Increase
2013-2014	2013	\$19,739,251		\$6,678,104		\$13,061,147	
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		3 year increase	23.34%	3 year decrease	-3.32%	3 year increase	36.99%

Budget Numbers AFTER other local non-tax revenue

State Aid is going down

School Year	Rate Set	Total Budget	Increase	State Aid	Inc./Decrease	Taxes Raised	Increase
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2014-2015	2014	\$20,974,701	6.26%	\$6,539,240	-2.08%	\$14,435,461	10.5%
2015-2016	2015	\$22,814,343	8.77%	\$6,516,915	-0.34%	\$16,297,480	12.9%
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3 year increase			23.34%	3 year decrease	-3.32%	3 year increase	36.99%

Budget Numbers AFTER other local non-tax revenue

The amount to be raised by local taxes has gone up throughout the District

School Year	Rate Set	Total Budget	Increase	State Aid	Inc./Decrease	Taxes Raised	Increase
2013-2014	2013	\$19,739,251		\$6,678,104		\$13,061,147	
2014-2015	2014	\$20,974,701	6.26%	\$6,539,240	-2.08%	\$14,435,461	10.5%
2015-2016	2015	\$22,814,343	8.77%	\$6,516,915	-0.34%	\$16,297,480	12.9%
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Budget Numbers AFTER other local non-tax revenue

Unspent Money (Surplus or
Unassigned Fund Balance) used
to reduce the next year's school
tax burden is less ...
so local taxes to be collected are
higher

SCHOOL:

Mascoma

Advisor's Initials:

SG

Date:

10/5/2015

BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE RETENTION

Completing this form indicates that the School District has adopted Fund Balance Retention under RSA 198:4-b II

RSA 198:4-b II. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a school district by a vote of the legislative body may authorize, indefinitely until specific rescission, the school district to retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 2.5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment pursuant to RSA 198:5, for the purpose of having funds on hand to use as a revenue source for emergency expenditures and overexpenditures under RSA 32:11, or to be used as a revenue source to reduce the tax rate.

Prior Year amount retained:

50,000

Less Emergency Expenditure approved by DOE:

0

Retained amount available for Current Year:

50,000

2015

Your District's calculated 2.5% of Net Assessment amount is:

\$426,430

Retention amount is figured on prior year's net assessment (apportionment) less grant amount.

Your budgetary unassigned fund balance from the MS-25 is:

\$1,174,508

The amount voted from "surplus" is:

\$125,000

The amount used for RSA 32:11 emergency appropriation is:

\$0

The amount you wish to use to reduce taxes:

\$964,221

The amount you wish to retain is:

\$85,287

Amount retained cannot be greater than the 2.5% of the net assessment amount listed above.

Amount NOT used to reduce taxes

SCHOOL:

MASCOMA REGIONAL

Advisor's Initials:

SD

Date:

10/4/2016

BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE RETENTION

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Prior Year amount retained:

85,287

Less Emergency Expenditure approved by DOE:

0

Retained amount available for Current Year:

85,287

2016

Your District's calculated 2.5% of Net Assessment amount is:

\$570,359

Your **budgetary unassigned fund balance** from the MS-25 is:

\$1,164,445

The amount **voted** from "surplus" is:

\$125,000

The amount used for RSA 32:11 **emergency** appropriation is:

\$0

The amount you wish to use to reduce **taxes**:

\$739,445

The amount you wish to **retain** is:**Amount NOT used to reduce
taxes**

\$300,000

\$ 17,891,929 To be Raised Locally

AS BILLED AFTER HOLDING BACK \$300,000

	ADM %		CURRET TAX RATE
Canaan	0.408173	\$ 7,303,002	\$ 21.62
Dorchester	0.030712	\$ 549,497	\$ 14.17
Enfield	0.410176	\$ 7,338,840	\$ 13.86
Grafton	0.116729	\$ 2,088,507	\$ 18.06
Orange	0.03421	\$ 612,083	\$ 19.35
		1 \$ 17,891,929	

\$ 17,591,929 To be Raised Locally

TAXES REDUCED BY APPLYING THE RETAINED \$300,000

	ADM %		TAX RATE IF \$300,000 HAD BEEN APPLIED	Difference
Canaan	0.408173	\$ 7,180,550	\$ 21.26	-1.66%
Dorchester	0.030712	\$ 540,283	\$ 13.93	-1.69%
Enfield	0.410176	\$ 7,215,787	\$ 13.63	-1.66%
Grafton	0.116729	\$ 2,053,488	\$ 17.75	-1.72%
Orange	0.03421	\$ 601,820	\$ 19.02	-1.7%
		1 \$ 17,591,929		

The increase in the tax load over the last 4 years due to the bond is 7.6% after state aid

District		Debt Svc.	Percent of
Taxes Raised	Increase	in budget	Taxes
\$13,061,147			
\$14,435,461	10.5%	\$149,262	1.0%
\$16,297,480	12.9%	\$1,025,257	6.3%
\$17,891,929	9.8%	\$1,358,454	7.6%
3 year increase	36.99%		

Budget Numbers AFTER other local non-tax revenue

The bond cost for renovations is 7.6% of the amount raised locally now. It's a fixed cost. It will go down as a percent of the local tax load as the tax load for annual operating costs increases

Isn't the Bond a lot more expensive?

Rate **Projections by Bob Cusick** Prior to Vote and Actual in 2016

<u>Town</u>	<u>Projected</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Canaan	\$1.44	\$1.57
Dorchester	\$1.29	\$.73
Enfield	\$1.03	\$1.05
Grafton	\$1.44	\$1.28
Orange	\$1.59	\$1.30

Local Taxes needed for the District
are apportioned and raised solely by
the number of students

MASCOMA VALLEY REGIONAL (K-12)

1963

SAU 62

Canaan

Grafton

Dorchester

Orange

Enfield

Formula: 100% ADM (Change to formula eff. 7/1/85)

Overall the student population is declining

	ADM - 13-14	As Reported	
	9/10/2014	ADM %	
Canaan	486.91	✓ 0.4016813	
Dorchester	30.65	✓ 0.0252850	
Enfield	507.63	✓ 0.4187744	
Grafton	152.64	✓ 0.1259219	
Orange	34.35	✓ 0.0283374	
Total	1,212.18	1.0000000	

2015

Used in 2015

	ADM - 14-15	As Reported	
	3/15/2016	ADM %	
Canaan	480.84	0.408173	
Dorchester	36.18	0.030712	
Enfield	483.20	0.410176	
Grafton	137.51	0.116729	
Orange	40.30	0.034210	
Total	1,178.03	1.000000	

2016

Used in 2016

While student population is
declining, the budget is
increasing

Between 2013 and 2016

		Budget			Students
2013	\$19,739,251	Up 23%			1,264
2014	\$20,974,701				1,228
2015	\$22,814,343				1,212
2016	\$24,346,399				1,178
					Down 7%

Tax burdens vary depending on individual town valuations

2016

		Total Tax Base	Students	Tax Base Per Pupil
Canaan	\$	337,820,177	480.84	\$702,563
Dorchester	\$	38,787,028	36.18	\$1,072,057
Enfield	\$	529,481,096	483.2	\$1,095,780
Grafton	\$	115,669,535	137.51	\$841,172
Orange	\$	31,634,106	40.3	\$784,965

More tax base per pupil means a lower tax rate and less tax collected on a \$100,000 house

Relatively small changes in
student numbers by a town can
significantly increase local taxes

Dorchester 2015 / 2016

\$24,346,399 Budget

2016-2017 Budget and 2016 (act. 2015) Kids – 36.18

	Canaan	Dorchester	Enfield	Grafton	Orange
State Aid	\$2,958,275	\$376,708	\$1,940,070	\$889,255	\$290,162
ADM %	0.408173	0.030712	0.410176	0.116729	0.03421
Tax	\$6,979,268	\$371,019	\$8,046,239	\$1,952,676	\$542,728

2016-2017 Budget and 2015 (act. 2014) Kids (JUST DORCHESTER) - 30.65

\$24,346,399	Canaan	Dorchester	Enfield	Grafton	Orange
State Aid	\$2,958,275	\$376,708	\$1,940,070	\$889,255	\$290,162
ADM %	0.410098081	0.026140725	0.412110874	0.117279318	0.034371002
Tax	\$7,026,137	\$259,725	\$8,093,346	\$1,966,074	\$546,648
Difference	\$46,869	(\$111,294)	\$47,107	\$13,398	\$3,920

Canaan – Enfield 2015 / 2016 ADM

\$24,346,399 Budget

2016-2017 Budget and 2016 (act. 2015) Kids

Students	480.84	36.18	483.20	137.51	40.30
	Canaan	Dorchester	Enfield	Grafton	Orange
State Aid	\$2,958,275	\$376,708	\$1,940,070	\$889,255	\$290,162
ADM %	0.408173	0.030712	0.410176	0.116729	0.03421
Tax	\$6,979,268	\$371,019	\$8,046,239	\$1,952,676	\$542,728

2016-2017 Budget and 2015 (act. 2014) Kids ALL TOWNS

Students		486.91	30.65	507.63	152.64	34.35
	\$24,346,399	Canaan	Dorchester	Enfield	Grafton	Orange
State Aid		\$2,958,275	\$376,708	\$1,940,070	\$889,255	\$290,162
ADM %		0.4016813	0.025285	0.4187744	0.1259219	0.0283374
Tax		\$6,821,218	\$238,891	\$8,255,579	\$2,176,490	\$399,752
Difference		(\$158,050)	(\$132,128)	\$209,340	\$223,814	(\$142,977)

CANAAN		Tax Budget		Increase or Decrease		District Taxes Raised		CANAAN Total Rate		Bond Part of Rate		Percent of Taxes		CANAAN Operations Rate		CANAAN Taxes to be raised		CANAAN Inc. Rate		District Oper. Inc.		CANAAN Oper. Inc.	
School Year	Increase	State Aid	Decrease	Taxes Raised	Increase	Total Rate	of Rate	Taxes	Operations Rate	Taxes to be raised	Inc. Rate	Oper. Inc.	Oper. Inc.										
2013-2014		\$6,678,104		\$13,061,147		\$14.36			\$14.36	\$4,637,791													
2014-2015	6.26%	\$6,539,240	-2.08%	\$14,435,461	10.5%	\$17.00	\$0.18	1.0%	\$16.82	\$5,459,208	18.38%	9.38%	17.16%										
2015-2016	8.77%	\$6,516,915	-0.34%	\$16,297,480	12.9%	\$19.22	\$1.21	6.3%	\$18.01	\$6,201,581	13.06%	6.90%	7.05%										
2016-2017	6.72%	\$6,456,429	-0.93%	\$17,891,929	9.8%	\$20.65	\$1.57	7.6%	\$19.08	\$6,979,268	7.44%	8.26%	5.95%										
3 year 23.34% Increase						3 year -3.32% Decrease						36.99%											
						Advertised						43.80%		26.59%		32.88%							
						Target						\$1.44		Annual Change		14.60%		8.86%		10.96%			

DORCHESTER Tax Budget		Increase or		District		DORCHESTER		Bond Part Percent of		DORCHESTER		DORCHESTER	
School Year	Increase	State Aid	Decrease	Taxes Raised	Increase	Total Rate	of Rate	Taxes	Operations Rate	Taxes to be raised	Inc. Rate	District Oper. Inc.	DORCHESTER Oper. Inc.
2013-2014		\$6,678,104		\$13,061,147		\$6.57			\$6.57	\$267,673			
2014-2015	6.26%	\$6,539,240	-2.08%	\$14,435,461	10.5%	\$6.31	\$0.07	1.0%	\$6.24	\$241,764	-3.96%	9.38%	-4.95%
2015-2016	8.77%	\$6,516,915	-0.34%	\$16,297,480	12.9%	\$6.19	\$0.39	6.3%	\$5.80	\$238,336	-1.90%	6.90%	-7.11%
2016-2017	6.72%	\$6,456,429	-0.93%	\$17,891,929	9.8%	\$9.57	\$0.73	7.6%	\$8.84	\$371,019	54.60%	8.26%	52.46%
3 year 23.34% Increase						Advertised				45.66%		26.59%	34.60%
						Target	\$1.29	Annual Avg. Change		15.22%		8.86%	11.53%

ENFIELD	Tax Budget		Increase or	District		ENFIELD	Bond Part	Percent of	ENFIELD	ENFIELD	ENFIELD	District	ENFIELD	
School Year	Increase	State Aid	Decrease	Taxes Raised	Increase	Total Rate	of Rate	Taxes	Operations Rate	Taxes to be raised	Inc. Rate	Oper. Inc.	Oper. Inc.	
2013-2014		\$6,678,104		\$13,061,147		\$11.20			\$11.20	\$6,219,700				
2014-2015	6.26%	\$6,539,240	-2.08%	\$14,435,461	10.5%	\$12.75	\$0.13	1.0%	\$12.62	\$6,660,756	13.84%	9.38%	12.66%	
2015-2016	8.77%	\$6,516,915	-0.34%	\$16,297,480	12.9%	\$14.29	\$0.90	6.3%	\$13.39	\$7,486,046	12.08%	6.90%	6.13%	
2016-2017	6.72%	\$6,456,429	-0.93%	\$17,891,929	9.8%	\$15.20	\$1.15	7.6%	\$14.05	\$8,046,239	6.37%	8.26%	4.89%	
3 year 23.34%Increase						Advertised						35.71%	26.59%	25.41%
						Target	\$1.03	Annual Avg. Change				11.90%	8.86%	8.47%

GRAFTON		Tax Budget		Increase or		District		GRAFTON		Bond Part		Percent of		GRAFTON		GRAFTON		GRAFTON		District		GRAFTON			
School Year	Increase	State Aid	Decrease	Taxes Raised	Increase	Total Rate	of Rate	Taxes	Operations Rate	Taxes to be raised	Inc. Rate	Oper.	Inc.	Oper.	Inc.	Oper.	Inc.	Oper.	Inc.	Oper.	Inc.	Oper.	Inc.		
2013-2014		\$6,678,104		\$13,061,147		\$11.83			\$11.83	\$1,506,991															
2014-2015	6.26%	\$6,539,240	-2.08%	\$14,435,461	10.5%	\$12.80	\$0.13	1.0%	\$12.67	\$1,640,374	8.20%	9.38%	7.08%												
2015-2016	8.77%	\$6,516,915	-0.34%	\$16,297,480	12.9%	\$17.27	\$1.09	6.3%	\$16.18	\$2,004,349	34.92%	6.90%	27.76%												
2016-2017	6.72%	\$6,456,429	-0.93%	\$17,891,929	9.8%	\$16.88	\$1.28	7.6%	\$15.60	\$1,952,676	-2.26%	8.26%	-3.62%												
3 year 23.34% Increase																									
						Advertised								42.69%		26.59%		31.85%							
						Target				Annual Avg. Change				14.23%		8.86%		10.62%							

ORANGE	Tax Budget			Increase or		District	ORANGE	Bond Part	Percent of	ORANGE	ORANGE	ORANGE	District	ORANGE
School Year	Increase	State Aid	Decrease	Taxes Raised	Increase	Total Rate	of Rate	Taxes	Operations Rate	Taxes to be raised	Inc. Rate	Oper. Inc.	Oper. Inc.	
2013-2014		\$6,678,104		\$13,061,147		\$14.92			\$14.92	\$428,992				
2014-2015	6.26%	\$6,539,240	-2.08%	\$14,435,461	10.5%	\$15.02	\$0.16	1.0%	\$14.86	\$433,359	0.67%	9.38%	-0.37%	
2015-2016	8.77%	\$6,516,915	-0.34%	\$16,297,480	12.9%	\$11.70	\$0.74	6.3%	\$10.96	\$367,116	-22.10%	6.90%	-26.24%	
2016-2017	6.72%	\$6,456,429	-0.93%	\$17,891,929	9.8%	\$17.16	\$1.30	7.6%	\$15.86	\$542,727	46.67%	8.26%	44.63%	
3 year 23.34%Increase						Advertised				15.01%		26.59%	6.28%	
						Target	\$1.59	Annual Avg. Change		5.00%		8.86%	2.09%	

Summary of Impacts to Tax Rates & Taxes

- **School tax rates are very high. Canaan is 6th highest. All but Dorchester are in the top third.**
- **Gross school budgets have gone up 21% over 3 years.**
- **Inflation has only gone up 3.4% over three years.**
- **School expenses after non-tax revenue like fees is up 23% over 3 years.**
- **Voting down the budget still resulted in a 6.7% increase in the budget.**
- **State aid has gone down 3% over the last 3 years.**
- **The amount needed from local taxes, after state aid and non-tax revenue, has gone up 37% over the last three years.**
- **The school has reduced the use of prior year surplus to keep taxes down by about 33%.**

- The **bond is 7.6%** of the local amount raised by taxes and isn't much different than projected.
- The **tax increase without the bond would have been 29%** over the last 3 years.
- Taxes are assessed on the number of students.**
- There is no relationship between numbers of students and property wealth.**
- Students are declining (-7%) and budgets are increasing (+29%).**
- Student numbers can vary quickly by towns with major impact on the tax rates.**

PUBLIC COMMENT & QUESTIONS

Strategies to Hold Down Costs

These have been discussed by taxpayers. The ones with an asterisk are from the Canaan Board of Selectmen. All have ramifications

- Spend less. Cut by a percentage. Restructure programs. Look for more economies. Reduce staffing.
 - Flat line spending. Flat pay increases.
 - Increases similar to inflation – 1-2% a year.
 - Vote down budgets.
 - Vote to amend appropriation at the deliberative session.

 - Increase outside revenue – tuition students with incremental cost only.
 - Increase state aid.
 - Stabilize state aid.
 - Other grant funding.
 - Donations.
 - Revenue events.
 - Maximum use of surplus money to keep taxes down.

 - School Board members must be accountability to taxpayers in the town they are from so that they can defend the taxes in that town and not insulated from the taxpayers by votes from other towns. *

 - Check residency of every student attributed to the a sending town. *

 - Add a “wealth” factor to the formula to allocated taxes to a given town.
- 21 of 33 cooperative school districts use a combination of students (ADM) and share of assessed valuation. *

195:1 Definitions. – The terms used in this chapter shall be construed as follows, unless a different meaning is clearly apparent from the language or context:

I. "Cooperative school district" means a **district composed of 2 or more school districts** of the state associated together under the provisions of this chapter and may include either the elementary schools, the secondary schools, or both.

ALLOCATING COSTS

195:7 Costs of Capital Outlay and Operation. –

I. If a cooperative school district was organized prior to July 1, 1963, during the first 5 years after the formation of a cooperative school district each preexisting district shall pay its share of all capital outlay costs and operational costs in accordance with either one of the following formulas as determined by a majority vote of the cooperative district meeting:

(a) All such costs shall be apportioned on the basis of the ratio that the equalized valuation of each preexisting district bears to that of the cooperative district; or

(b) One-half of all such costs shall be apportioned on the basis of the ratio that the equalized valuation of each preexisting district bears to that of the cooperative district and 1/2 shall be apportioned on the average daily membership for the preceding year.

(c) Some other formula offered by the cooperative school board with the board's recommendation, adopted by the cooperative school district and approved by the state board of education.

ALLOCATING COSTS

195:8 Reconsideration Procedure. – If the apportionment formula for a cooperative school district has been duly changed, the basis for the apportionment of all such costs may be subject to review, pursuant to an article for that purpose duly inserted in the warrant for a district meeting to be held at any time after the expiration of the 5-year period measured from the date of the meeting at which the last change was made to the cost apportionment formula. In either case, the cooperative school district may then by majority vote elect to apportion all such costs by the adoption of one of the formulas set forth in RSA 195:7, I(a), (b), or (c). Such apportionment may be reviewed in the same manner at any time in order to permit the enlargement of the territory of a school district or an increase in the number of grades for which the district shall be responsible.

ALLOCATING COSTS

195:14-a Alternative Method of Apportioning Operating Costs. – II. The question on the adoption of an alternative method of apportioning operating costs shall be proposed as an article in the warrant of the next cooperative school district annual or special meeting pursuant to RSA 195:13. A majority of voters present and voting on the question in each city or town in the cooperative school district shall be required to approve the alternative method of apportioning operating costs. Upon approval, the clerk of the cooperative school district shall send to the state board of education a certified copy of the warrant.

APPORTIONMENT FORMULAS FOR COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

NAME OF COOPERATIVE

PRE-EXISTING DISTRICTS

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY (K-12)
1968
SAU 1

Antrim	Bennington	Dublin
Francestown	Greenfield	Hancock
Peterborough	Sharon	Temple

Formula: Total operating expenses 50% on ADM (most recent fiscal year available from the DOE) and - 50% on equalized valuation (most recent figures available from Dept. of Revenue.) Trust funds credit to pre-existing district. (Change to formula eff. 7/1/10)

DERRY COOPERATIVE (K-12)

Formula: No Apportionment Necessary

DRESDEN COOPERATIVE (7-12)
1964
SAU 70

Hanover, NH Norwich, VT

Formula: Total operating expenses 100% ADM. All NH State Aids credit to Hanover School District. (9/30/75) School Building aid from NH payable to Coop. (Apportionment done by Revenue Administration)

EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE (6-12)
1996
SAU 16

Brentwood	East Kingston	Exeter
Kensington	Newfields	Stratham

Formula: Total operating expenses 50 % on ADM during the second preceding year and 50 % on enrollment as of October 1 of the preceding year (provided by the SAU.) State Aid credit to pre-existing district's share of the total operating budget. Building Aid to be applied to capital expenditure prior to apportionment of costs.

FALL MOUNTAIN REGIONAL (K-12)
1966
SAU 60

Acworth	Alstead	
Charlestown	Langdon	Walpole

Formula: Current operating expenses at the Elementary level based on percent of expenditures by town; capital expenses at the Elementary level shall be apportioned to the town in which the capital costs are incurred. All expenses at the High School level based 100% on most current ADM. (Change to formula eff. 7/1/02)

GORHAM RANDOLPH SHELBURNE COOPERATIVE (K-12)
2005
SAU 20

Gorham	Randolph
Shelburne	

Formula: Current operating expenses 95% on three year average ADM - 5% on three year average equalized valuation. Capital expenses 100% on three year average equalized valuation. Building Aid to be applied to capital expenditure prior to apportionment of costs.

**Split – 2 of 6
Value only - 1 of 6
ADM only or almost
only – 3 of 6**

NAME OF COOPERATIVE**PRE-EXISTING DISTRICTS**

GOV. WENTWORTH REGIONAL (K-12)
1969
SAU 49

Brookfield
Ossipee

Effingham
Tuftonboro

New Durham
Wolfeboro

Formula: Total operating expenses 75% on ADM - 25% on equalized valuation. Adequacy Aid credit to pre-existing districts.

HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE (K-12)

Formula:

No Apportionment Necessary

HILLSBORO-DEERING COOPERATIVE (K-12)
1954
SAU 34

Deering

Hillsboro

Formula: Total operating expenses - 50% ADM - 50% equalized valuation. (Change to formula eff. 7/1/98)

HOLLIS/BROOKLINE COOP (7-12)
1991
SAU 41

Brookline

Hollis

Formula: Total operating expense 95% on ADM of Grades 7-12 and 5% on equalized valuation. Capital expenses 100% on equalized valuation. Adequacy Aid credit to pre-existing district. (Change to formula eff. 7/1/15)

INTER-LAKES COOPERATIVE (K-12)
1954
SAU 2

Center Harbor

Meredith

Sandwich

Formula: Total operating expenses 50% ADM and 50% equalized on valuation.

JAFFREY-RINDGE COOPERATIVE (K-12)
1970
SAU 47

Jaffrey

Rindge

Formula: Total operating expenses - 50% on ADM - 50% on equalized valuation. Credit to pre-existing districts - Adequacy Aid and Trust funds. Credit to cooperative - Building Aid and all other aids.

JOHN STARK REGIONAL (9-12)
1985
SAU 24

Henniker

Weare

Formula: Total operating expenses - 50% on ADM - 50% on equalized valuation. Trust funds to pre-existing districts.

KEARSARGE REGIONAL (K-12)
1967
SAU 65

Bradford
Springfield
Wilmot

Newbury
Sutton

New London
Warner

Formula: Total operating expenses 60% ADM - 40% equalized valuation.(eff. 7/1/95) Adequacy Aid credit to pre-existing districts. Trust funds credit to pre-existing districts. All other aids credit to cooperative.

**Split – 6 of 8
Value Only – 1 of 8
ADM only or almost
only – 1 of 8**

NAME OF COOPERATIVE**PRE-EXISTING DISTRICTS**

LAFAYETTE REGIONAL (K-6)
1970
SAU 35

Easton Franconia Sugar Hill

Formula: Current operating expenses - 100% on ADM 2nd preceding year. Building construction expenditures based on 100% equalized valuation from bond issues on new buildings. Credit pre-existing districts - Adequacy Aid and Trust funds. Credit cooperative all other aids, except National Forest Reserve monies. (8/3/71)

LINCOLN-WOODSTOCK COOPERATIVE (K-12)
1963
SAU 68

Lincoln Woodstock

Formula: Total operating and capital expenses as follows:
Lincoln 65.00%, Woodstock - 35.00%
(Change to formula eff. 7/1/14)

LISBON REGIONAL (K-12)
1969
SAU 35

Lisbon Lyman

Formula: Total operating expenses - 80% on 3-year average ADM - 20% on 3-year average equalized valuation. (eff. 7/1/99)

MASCENIC REGIONAL (K-12)
1968
SAU 87

Greenville New Ipswich

Formula: Current operating expenses 75% on ADM and 25% on equalized valuation. Capital operating expenses 50% on ADM - 50% on equalized valuation. Adequacy Aid credit to pre-existing districts. Building Aid applied to capital operating costs. All other aids credit to cooperative. (Change to formula eff. 7/1/09)

MASCOMA VALLEY REGIONAL (K-12)
1963
SAU 62

Canaan Dorchester Enfield
Grafton Orange

Formula: 100% ADM (Change to formula eff. 7/1/85)

MERRIMACK VALLEY (K-12)
1966
SAU 46

Boscawen Loudon Penacook
Salisbury Webster

Formula: Current operating expenses 100% on ADM. Capital operating expenses 100% on equalized valuation. Flood control credit to pre-existing district. Building Aid credit to cooperative to reduce capital expenses. Trust fund credit to pre-existing districts.

MONADNOCK REGIONAL (K-12)
1962
SAU 38

Fitzwilliam Gilsum Richmond
Roxbury Swanzey Troy

Formula: Operating expenses 75% on ADM - 25% on equalized valuation - Capital expenses 100% on equalized valuation. Adequacy Aid and special receipts (dam & trust funds) credit to pre-existing districts. . (Change to formula eff. 7/1/2013)

Split – 3 of 7
Other - 1 of 7
ADM only or almost
only – 3 of 7

NAME OF COOPERATIVE**PRE-EXISTING DISTRICTS****NEWFOUND AREA (K-12)**1964
SAU 4Alexandria Bridgewater Bristol
Danbury Groton Hebron
New Hampton

Formula: Operating and capital expenses - 100% on ADM.
Transportation expenses based on ADM transported per town. Adequacy
Aid credit to pre-existing districts. (3/1/75)

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE (K-12)1954
SAU 5

Durham Lee Madbury

Formula: Total operating budget 50% on ADM - 50% on equalized
valuation. Adequacy Aid credit to pre-existing districts. (eff. 7/1/63)

PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL (9-12)1990
SAU 48Ashland Campton Holderness
Plymouth Rumney Thornton
Wentworth

Formula: The capital and operating expenses shall be apportioned
50% on ADM during three preceding years - 50% on equalized valuation
of three most recent years. State Building Aid shall be applied to reduce
capital expenses prior to apportionment. All other aids and trust funds
credit to pre-existing districts.

PROFILE (7-12)1975
SAU 35Bethlehem Easton Franconia
Sugar Hill

Formula: Current operating expenses - 80% on the ADM of pupils
in grades 7-12 during 2nd preceding fiscal year - 20% on equalized
valuation. Capital expenses - 100% on equalized valuation. Lafayette
Regional share apportioned on basis of existing articles of agreement of
Lafayette Regional School District. Adequacy Aid credit to pre-existing
districts. National Forest Reserve, trust funds and scholarships credit to
pre-existing districts. (Change to formula eff. 7/1/2006)

SANBORN REGIONAL (K-12)1966
SAU 17

Kingston Newton

Formula: Current operating expenses 100% on ADM. Capital
operating expenses 100% on ADM plus growth over a 5-year period.
Adequacy Aid credit to pre-existing districts. Building aid credit to
cooperative to reduce capital expense. All other aid credit to cooperative
to reduce current expense.

Split – 3 of 5
ADM only or almost
only – 2 of 5

NAME OF COOPERATIVE**PRE-EXISTING DISTRICTS**

SHAKER REGIONAL (K-12)
1971
SAU 80

Belmont Canterbury

Formula: Total capital and operating expenses 50% on ADM - 50% on equalized valuation. Adequacy Aid and Trust funds credit to pre-existing districts.

SOUHEGAN COOPERATIVE. (9-12)
1989
SAU 39

Amherst Mont Vernon

Formula: Total capital and operating expenses 50% on ADM - 50% on equalized valuation. Adequacy Aid credit to pre-existing districts. Building Aid shall be applied to reduce the capital expenditure prior to apportionment of costs.

TIMBERLANE REGIONAL (K-12)
1965
SAU 55

Atkinson Danville Plaistow
Sandown

Formula: Current operating expenses 100% on ADM. Capital operating expenses 100% on equalized valuation. Adequacy Aid credit to pre-existing districts. Building Aid credit to cooperative to reduce capital expenses.

WHITE MOUNTAINS REGIONAL (K-12)
1964
SAU 36

Carroll Dalton Jefferson
Lancaster Whitefield

Formula: 60% of total operating expenses on ADM. 40% of total operating expense on equalized valuation. Adequacy aid credit to pre-existing districts.

WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOP (K-12)
1969
SAU 63

Lyndeborough Wilton

Formula: Current operating expenses 50% on ADM - 50% on equalized valuation. Adequacy Aid credit to pre-existing district. Capital expenses, fixed principal and interest for each town over 20 years.(Change to formula eff. 7/1/2014)

WINNACUNNET COOPERATIVE (9-12)
1958
SAU 21

Hampton Hampton Falls
North Hampton Seabrook

Formula: Current operating expenses 50% on ADM - 50% on equalized valuation. Capital operating expenses 100% on equalized valuation. Adequacy Aid credit to pre-existing districts.

WINNISQUAM REGIONAL (K-12)
1966
SAU 59

Northfield Sanbornton Tilton

Formula: Total operating expenses 70% on ADM – 30% on equalized valuation. (Change to formula epff. 7/1/09)

**Split – 6 of 7
ADM only or almost
only – 1 of 7**

TOTAL

**Split – 20 of 33
Value Only – 2 of 33
Other – 1 of 33
ADM only or almost
only – 10 of 33**

\$1,114,685,073 Equalized Valuation

Valuation	50%
ADM	50%

\$24,346,399 To be Raised Locally

50% Valuation and 50% ADM

	Canaan	Dorchester	Enfield	Grafton	Orange
State Aid	\$2,958,275	\$376,708	\$1,940,070	\$889,255	\$290,162
ADM %	0.408173	0.030712	0.410176	0.116729	0.03421
Tax	\$ 6,979,268	\$ 371,019	\$ 8,046,239	\$ 1,952,676	\$ 542,728
Equalized	\$ 343,783,401	\$ 35,287,986	\$ 588,040,175	\$ 116,584,912	\$ 30,988,599
Percent Based on Equal. Tot.	0.30841303	0.031657359	0.527539293	0.10459	0.027800318
Tax	\$ 4,550,472	\$ 770,743	\$ 12,843,682	\$ 2,546,390	\$ 676,838
Local Valuation	\$ 337,820,177	\$ 38,787,028	\$ 529,481,096	\$ 115,669,535	\$ 31,634,106
Tax based on 1/2 adm - 1/2 EV	\$ 5,764,870	\$ 382,527	\$ 9,474,925	\$ 1,804,905	\$ 464,702
Difference Current & Blend	\$ (1,214,398)	\$ 11,508	\$ 1,428,687	\$ (147,770)	\$ (78,026)
Blended Rate	\$ 17.06	\$ 9.86	\$ 17.89	\$ 15.60	\$ 14.69
Current Rate	\$ 20.66	\$ 9.57	\$ 15.20	\$ 16.88	\$ 17.16
Difference between rates	\$ (3.59)	\$ 0.30	\$ 2.70	\$ (1.28)	\$ (2.47)
Difference Current & Blend	(\$1,214,398)	\$11,508	\$1,428,687	(\$147,770)	(\$78,026)
Percentage Change	-17.40%	3.10%	17.76%	-7.57%	-14.38%

\$1,114,685,073 Equalized Valuation

Valuation 30%
ADM 70%

\$24,346,399 To be Raised Locally

30% Valuation and 70% ADM

	Canaan		Dorchester		Enfield		Grafton		Orange	
State Aid	\$2,958,275		\$376,708		\$1,940,070		\$889,255		\$290,162	
ADM %	0.408173		0.030712		0.410176		0.116729		0.03421	
Tax	\$	6,979,268	\$	371,019	\$	8,046,239	\$	1,952,676	\$	542,728
Equalized	\$	343,783,401	\$	35,287,986	\$	588,040,175	\$	116,584,912	\$	30,988,599
Percent Based on Equal.	0.30841303		0.031657359		0.527539293		0.10459		0.027800318	
Tot.										
Tax	\$	4,550,472	\$	770,743	\$	12,843,682	\$	2,546,390	\$	676,838
Local Valuation	\$	337,820,177	\$	38,787,028	\$	529,481,096	\$	115,669,535	\$	31,634,106
Tax based on 1/2 adm - 1/2										
EV	\$	6,250,629	\$	377,923	\$	8,903,451	\$	1,864,014	\$	495,913
Difference Current & Blend	\$	(728,639)	\$	6,905	\$	857,212	\$	(88,662)	\$	(46,816)
Blended Rate	\$	18.50	\$	9.74	\$	16.82	\$	16.11	\$	15.68
Current Rate	\$	20.66	\$	9.57	\$	15.20	\$	16.88	\$	17.16
Difference between rates	\$	(2.16)	\$	0.18	\$	1.62	\$	(0.77)	\$	(1.48)
Difference Current & Blend	(\$728,639)		\$6,905		\$857,212		(\$88,662)		(\$46,816)	
Percentage Change	-10.44%		1.86%		10.65%		-4.54%		-8.63%	

Formula - 24 million times percent factor less state aid

Election of School Board

195:19-a Composition of Cooperative School Boards. – The number, composition, method of selection, and terms of members of cooperative school boards shall be as provided in the bylaws or articles of agreement of the cooperative school district, as the case may be; provided, however, that such bylaws and articles of agreement shall be limited to the alternatives contained herein where applicable; and provided further that no cooperative school district in existence on August 22, 1971 shall be required to conform hereto unless it is so voted pursuant to RSA 671:9.

I. All members of the cooperative school board shall be elected at large; or

II. The cooperative school district shall be divided into single board member districts according to population with as nearly equal population in each district as possible; or

III. The cooperative school district shall be divided into multiboard member districts or a combination of single member or multimember districts so that proportional representation will be most nearly achieved; or

Election of School Board

195:4 Powers. – II. Election of Officers. Every such school district may, as provided in RSA 195:19, adopt a bylaw to specify the number, composition, method of selection, and terms of office of its cooperative school board; provided that its cooperative school board shall consist of an odd number of members, not more than 15 for terms not exceeding 3 years.

IV. The members of the cooperative school board shall each be domiciled in and represent a pre-existing district with each pre-existing district having at least one such resident representative but all members of the cooperative school board shall be elected at large; or

V. Such other method of selection of cooperative school board members compatible with proportional representation, one-man one-vote principle as may be approved by the state board of education.

VI. The terms of the members of the cooperative school board shall be as provided in the bylaws or articles of agreement provided that in no case shall such terms exceed 3 years.

VII. Whenever the bylaws or articles of agreement provide for the election of cooperative school board members pursuant to this chapter, said election shall be with the use of the non-partisan ballot system under RSA 669.

Election of School Board

195:19-b Reapportionment. – Any cooperative school district organized under any of the provisions of RSA 195 or pursuant to any special **act** may at any regular or special meeting vote to change the number, composition, method of selection, and terms of office of members on the board of the district, provided that in no event shall the board exceed 15 members nor terms exceed 3 years; and may change the apportionment of the board in relation to the pre-existing school districts.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Term of Position

March 2016 – March 2017

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**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 20, 2016**

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson.

Executive Session

At 5:30 PM Selectman Dave McAlister moved to enter executive session. Al Posnanski seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 5:55 PM Selectman Posnanski moved to exit executive session, seconded by McAlister and it was unanimously passed.

At 5:56 Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 6:00 PM the open session with members of the public commenced. Others: Kevin McCullough, Denis Salvail, Phil Salvail and Ellie Davis.

Minutes

Al Posnanski moved to approve the minutes of 11/15/16. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved. Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 12/6/16. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Proposed Regulations for Furnaces

Kevin McCullough wanted to discuss proposed regulations for furnaces. Samson indicated that the proposals were not yet in a form to be discussed. Chief Bellion and Phil Neily were working on an assessment of what the Town is obligated by state law to do. The plan is to have it available in January. The Board indicated that the issue would be discussed on January 17, 2017. Kevin repeated several times that the license holder should sign the permit and Samson repeated several time that this is what is being discussed. McCullough also indicated that homeowners would not get permits and Samson indicated that was a real possibility but that they would do so at their own risk.

Proposed Budget and Budget v Actual

No action.

Funding Options for School Taxes – Canaan Hall 12/27/16

Samson reviewed the impact of the various funding formulas. He showed that the decrease for Canaan would go from \$1.2 million reduction at 50%-50% to \$728,000 reduction at 70%-30%. There was general discussion of holding a meeting on Tuesday, December 27 to follow up on the December 6th meeting. There was an agreement of the three Selectmen that the goal would be to get action on having the tax load of the school appropriated based on 70% ADM and 30% relative equalized property valuation. The lesser reduction would blunt the impact on Enfield by about a third and make the increase for Dorchester more affordable. The meeting would look to create a consensus of at least the four smaller towns.

Warrant Articles

Samson reviewed the proposed special warrant articles so far. They include 4 special articles to take money from the general fund for deposit in the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve (\$30,000), Government Buildings Capital Reserve (\$20,000), Revaluation Capital Reserve (\$10,000) and Bridges Capital Reserve (\$35,000). Samson indicated that he hoped

that DRA would approve the compromise posting the permission warrant articles to put the money in and including the money in the general operating budget. Samson also indicated that he was asking to take out \$120,000 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve for a new 6 wheel dump truck, take out \$25,000 from the recycling account for a used live floor trailer, and put in \$120,000 from unassigned fund balance into the Highway Equipment account and \$50,000 from the unassigned fund balance into the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Account. These would be in addition to the four authorizations for buildings, revaluation, police cruisers and bridges. Samson also indicated that there would only be one housekeeping item from last year's Warrant and that would be to use Article 11 to create a Library Renovation Capital Reserve Account to replace last year's article where we attempted to close one account and rename it as another account for the same purpose.

Encumbered Purchase Orders

Samson indicated that the Board would review outstanding purchase orders at the December 27th meeting to carry over unused purchase order amounts as an encumbrance.

At 6:50 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to enter executive session. Dave McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:15 PM Selectman Posnanski moved to exit executive session, seconded by McAlister and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:15 Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:16 PM Al Posnanski moved to approve a voucher for rent support provided that the Landlord intended to allow the tenant to continue living in the apartment after the payment was made. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved. Samson was directed to check with the Landlord.

At 7:16 PM Dave McAlister moved to approve the default budget at \$3,463,197. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

At 7:16 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 27, 2016**

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Canaan Hall. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, David McAlister, Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Other Selectmen were Steve Bjerkle, Dorchester Board of Selectmen. Others as signed in and attached.

Scott Borthwick introduced the meeting by saying that this was a meeting for Selectmen from other towns to consider what if anything to do about significantly increasing school tax rates and lack of direct accountability to voters.

It was noted that there was only one additional Selectman in attendance.

Samson did a brief review of the December 6th meeting. He indicated that the primary motivation for Canaan to start the discussion was a 44% increase in the school tax rate over the last three years. It is now 6th highest in the State. He noted that the bond was only about 8% of this increase. The remaining 36% was due to increases in the school operating budget. There was general discussion of default budgets and allowable costs and how much of the budget is really negotiable. Samson indicated that while contracts make up a large share of the budget, all items can be managed to find more cost effective ways to provide education. He noted that the two suggestions on the agenda for tonight would not impact teachers or students but would allow for more accountability and a more balanced cost allocation formula. Samson referred to Dave Shinnlinger as representing the concerns of teachers as Union President. David countered that Samson had no idea what positions David held. Samson admitted that he had assumed that David was in fact a proponent for teachers' compensation and benefits.

7:30 PM He indicated that aside from the budgets themselves, there were two structural issues.

All of the costs are allocated by population and when as few as 5 to 10 additional students are added, the Canaan taxes go up by \$100,000 to \$200,000. For a small Town like Dorchester, five additional kids this year increased taxes by a little less than 33%. Part of this formula's problem is that it doesn't factor in the ability to pay. Because Enfield and Dorchester have almost 50% more taxable property than the other three Towns, an increase in expenses results in a much smaller tax rate increase. Canaan's rate is \$20 per thousand and Enfield's rate is \$15 per thousand. This difference isn't due to pupil count as Canaan has 480 students and Enfield has 483 students. The difference is because Enfield has \$1,095,000 in property value and Canaan has \$700,000 in property value per student. There is no factor in the formula to account for ability to pay. Two thirds of the other 32 Cooperative School Districts have a formula that considers allocation by pupils and property value per pupil. Samson also indicated that it was difficult to verify residency of pupils in a town. Stella Butterfield indicated that this has never been a problem and Terri Purcell has always verified residence. Samson indicated that Stella should check with Terri. Terri is finding it very difficult to verify the residency of students in rental properties. Samson indicated that 163 of the 400 students in Canaan are in rental property. Steve Bjerkle of Dorchester agreed that this is a problem. Samson noted that Orange and

Grafton at the last meeting agreed that this was a problem. Part of the issue may be the communication system with the SAU office. Ellie Davis offered historical perspective on how the funding formulas have changed.

The second structural problem is that school board members are elected at large. That means that the voters of all five towns elect the School Board member from Dorchester or Grafton. There is little accountability by a Canaan School Board member to the voters of just Canaan. In fact in a recent election, the voters of Canaan elected one candidate but the rest of the district voters elected a different candidate. Samson indicated that there were several ways that School Board members could be elected but in every case, the election and voting strength of the elected board member must reflect the principle of one man one vote where the votes cast on the School Board carried equal proportional weight to population. At large voting is used to accomplish this but there are other ways. Samson reviewed three different plans based with two based on students and one based on town population. In all three, the relative voting weight changed significantly for four towns. Canaan and Enfield became more powerful and Orange and Dorchester became much less powerful. Dorchester stayed roughly the same. Canaan now has two seats with 14% each, Enfield has 2 seats with 14% each and Orange, Dorchester and Grafton have one seat each with 14% each. If the seats were weighted by population, Dorchester and Orange would drop to 3 to 4%, Dorchester would drop to 12% and Enfield and Canaan would increase to 37% and 44% respectively. The advantage would be that the Board members would be elected just by the voters of their towns. The disadvantage is that the large towns might want to dominate the small towns. Samson indicated that there was no obvious way to allow for more weight for the small towns without either violating one man one vote or using at large voting (which probably also overpowers small towns).

Samson said that the other solution was to have the Selectmen in each Town become more proactive and work to get people to run for the School Board who were willing to put in the time and had the willingness to explore every funding and service option in enough detail to try and craft more effective solutions. It would require enough understanding and willingness to question facts, assumptions and plans with the goal being more cost effective and better performing education and support services. Steve Bjerklie indicated that it is up to the voters to do that. Samson indicated that frequently no one believes change is possible and no one takes on the task of trying to create change. Selectmen must answer to the taxpayers on the school tax rates even though they have no control of the rates. It may be that the Selectmen are the only ones that can argue for change and have a basis for communicating the feelings of the tax payers. If all towns want a change or 4 of the 5 towns want change and each of those towns selected a board member that truly reflected the community and each Board of Selectmen supported the candidates developed by the individual Boards of Selectmen, then it would be possible for the consensus board candidates to be elected.

The consensus of the Selectmen was that the proposals (two for accountability and one for tax formula) should be drafted and circulated to see if there was a consensus to support them by Boards of Selectmen.

Several attendees mentioned that the School Budget Committee would be holding a hearing on the proposed budget on Wednesday, January 11 at the Canaan Elementary School Gymnasium at 6 PM.

Scott Borthwick brought this section of the meeting to a close at 8:40 PM and invited any members of the public to stay for the remainder of the Canaan Select Board meeting.

Warrant Articles

Samson indicated that DRA was refusing to allow funding from the Operating budget to be used to fund Capital Reserves even though there was a separate warrant article that would allow the money to be used if that separate article was approved. Our attorneys and NHMA legal counsel agree that our interpretation is correct and that there are other towns adversely impacted by DRA's decision. The problem is that there does not appear to be any basis for the DRA's refusal in the law. Samson indicated that we will try to get our new State Senator to introduce a bill to vacate DRA's decision.

Encumbrances

Samson distributed a list of purchase orders to be encumbered beyond December 31, 2016. Motion by Dave McAlister to encumber the purchase orders as recommended totaling \$17,660.31. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Contract Renewals

All contract renewals were deferred until 2017.

PaySchedule

Samson submitted the proposed pay schedule for 2017. Al Posnanski's name was inadvertently left off of the list and was added. All wages except Selectmen would go up by 3% as budgeted. Motion by Al Posnanski to approve the amended pay schedule. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimous approval.

At 9:12 PM Selectman McAlister moved to adjourn. Second by Posnanski. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen