

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 10, 2019**

Dave McAlister called the open meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the Canaan Fire Station. In attendance were Selectmen Dave McAlister and Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Others: Canaan Budget Committee.

Warrant Articles

Samson reviewed the proposed articles and indicated that two needed correction and new approval.

The following show the needed corrections.

Article 14 Purchase of Land for Gravel Pit

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase 130 acres of land from Ruth Lazowski and Tania Langerman on Route 118 and identified in the Town's tax records as Tax Map 12, Lot 42, for the sum of \$185,000; **and to raise and appropriate One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) of the purchase price to come the Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2018 (surplus). Fifty Five Thousand of the purchase price is included in the general fund budget and needs no further appropriation.** The purchase will not occur unless on-site testing confirms the presence of suitable sand and gravel for highway use. If the purchase is approved, the Board of Selectmen will advertise for sale 40 acres of land at the existing Canaan Gravel Pit bordering Orange Brook. This will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 12 Appropriate to Fire Equipment Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to be added to the previously established Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund with the Legislative Body (the Voters) as Agents to Expend. This funding is needed to spread \$1,276,000 in equipment costs over 25 years rather than fund a \$300,000 payment in a single year. This appropriation to come from an additional amount of **\$60,000** to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

Expense Budget

Samson indicated that DRA wanted to show the general fund money to be used for the gravel pit (\$55,000) in its own line and reduce Highway Road Construction by a similar amount. A copy of the new expense budget is attached.

Income Budget

Samson indicated that the Revenue Budget will increase to \$4,461,964 and increase Unassigned Fund Balance income to \$380,00 and Trustees of Trust Funds payments to \$148,000 and Cemetery Funds to \$38,000. The resulting tax need would be 2,461,000.

Al Posnanski moved to approve the Warrant and Budget changes and Dave McAlister seconded the motion. The motion carried two to nothing.

At 7:42 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen