

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, January 25, 2019**

Dave McAlister called the open meeting to order at 7:30 AM at the Selectmen's Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Dave McAlister and Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Others: None.

Samson reviewed the proposed addition of the WISE petitioned Warrant Article that had been received by PDF. The consensus of the town attorney, the NHMA attorney and the Secretary of State's Office was to accept the PDF version since it had been sent to us on January 3rd (before the deadline) and never examined prior to January 21 since it was thought to be their annual report for the Town Report. Dave Scanlon indicated that they should deliver the original petitions which has been done and they have the required number of signatures. Motion by Dave McAlister to add the Warrant Article and make all necessary adjustments to the Warrant and the MS 735. Second by Posnanski and unanimously approved. Samson indicated that there was a long discussion at the 24th Budget Committee meeting. It was alleged that it was illegal to recommend after the January 10th meeting since there was insufficient time to have a 7 day notice hearing between January 22nd and January 24th. The Budget Committee legally needs to recommend or not by January 24 and needs to deliver to the Selectmen by January 24. Similarly, the Board of Selectmen need to post the Warrant by the 28th. The Committee discussed the interpretation of DRA's Bruce Kneur who apparently took a bizarre position based on re-writing the legal language. The Budget Committee asked if the Town was prepared to defend the process and based on advice of counsel, the answer was yes. The Committee recommended with a vote of 3 yes, 1 no and 2 abstentions. While there was no hearing before the 24th on the WISE article, there was a hearing scheduled for February 4th that would satisfy the hearing requirement prior to the deliberative session on the 9th. Technically, the lack of a hearing would be illegal until the 4th but cured before the 9th. It was the most legal way of completing the process. The voters would see the WISE article on the 28th and it would remain unchanged after the hearing on the 4th. Selectman McAlister moved to not recommend the WISE Article, second by Al Posnanski and unanimously approved.

At 7:50 AM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
Canaan Board of Selectmen