

Canaan Budget Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 1, 2021
On Line via Zoom, Canaan, NH

Attendees: Budget Committee members: John Bergeron, Ellie Davis, Nathan Deleault, Stephen Freese, Dan Collins (Select Board liaison), Mike Riese, Denis Salvail, Sadie Wells, Karen Wolk, Town Administrator Mike Samson; recorded by Roger Lohr. Public Derek Hero

Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Sadie Wells called the meeting of the Canaan Budget Committee to order at 7:02 PM.

2. Minutes Approval

Stephen Freese made a motion which was seconded by John Bergeron to approve the January 14, 2021 Canaan Budget Committee meeting minutes as submitted. Approved by committee members John Bergeron, Ellie Davis, Nathan Deleault, Stephen Freese, Mike Riese, Sadie Wells, Karen Wolk, (Dan Collins abstained and Denis Salvail had not yet arrived).

Stephen Freese made a motion which was seconded by John Bergeron to approve the February 6, 2021 Canaan Budget Committee meeting minutes as submitted. Approved by committee members John Bergeron, Ellie Davis, Nathan Deleault, Stephen Freese, Mike Riese, Sadie Wells, Karen Wolk (Dan Collins abstained and Denis Salvail had not yet arrived).

There was a suggestion to include the committee roll call in the minutes motions as per emergency order.

3. Committee Officer Election

It was suggested by Stephen Freese that the same slate of last year's Budget Committee officers be re-elected and this slate was seconded by John Bergeron.

Stephen Freese nominated Sadie Wells as 2021-22 Canaan Budget Committee Chair, Stephen Freese as Vice Chair, and Ellie Davis as Secretary and the nominations were seconded by John Bergeron. There being no other nominations, the Budget Committee members approved the nominations as presented by John Bergeron, Ellie Davis, Stephen Freese, Nathan Deleault, Mike Riese, Denis Salvail, Sadie Wells, Dan Collins and Karen Wolk.

There was a request to update the town website with the Committee's new officers.

4. Subcommittee on Health Insurance

It was suggested that the committee appoint three Canaan Budget Committee members

and a community member to serve on this subcommittee. Stephen Freese, Sadie Wells, Michael Riese and Dan Collins were nominated or volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. The committee discussed whether Mike Samson as a town employee should be eligible to serve on the committee. Samson stated that on behalf of the town employees, he would supply information to the subcommittee and perhaps a presentation might be given on the topic. The purpose of the subcommittee is to better understand health insurance options and costs for town employees.

Karen Wolk made a motion that was seconded by Ellie Davis to establish a Subcommittee to study the town health insurance options and costs, and appoint Stephen Freese, Mike Riese, Sadie Wells, and Dan Collins to serve on the Subcommittee. The Budget Committee members approved the motion by John Bergeron, Ellie Davis, Nathan Deleault, Stephen Freese, Mike Riese, Denis Salvail, Sadie Wells, Dan Collins, Karen Wolk.

5. Future Committee Meetings

The Committee members discussed future meetings and whether they should be via Zoom, in the Meeting House or Fire House, or outdoors. The decision will be made in the summer and Ellie Davis will make arrangements.

The Budget Committee meetings are scheduled for September through January. The schedule is: two meetings in Sept (2, 16), two meetings in Oct (7, 21), one meeting in Nov (4), two meetings in December (2, 16), and two meetings in January (TBD). Where applicable these meetings are on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

6. Adjournment

Denis Salvail made a motion which was seconded by Dan Collins to adjourn the meeting. The Budget Committee members approved the motion by John Bergeron, Ellie Davis, Nathan Deleault, Stephen Freese, Mike Riese, Denis Salvail, Sadie Wells, Dan Collins, Karen Wolk.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.