

SAMPLE BALLOT

586
Ballots Cast

BALLOT 1 OF 3

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
CANAAN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2022**

Vicky J. McAlister
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice (s) like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p>SELECTMEN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not For three years more than (1) one</p> <p>ANTHONY BISHOP <u>222</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>STEPHEN FREESE <u>349</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>5</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not For three years more than (2) two</p> <p>LAURA McDERMOTT <u>366</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>KATHLEEN H. PETERS <u>331</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>CHRISTINA MACKWOOD <u>155</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>1</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p>SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not For four years more than (1) one</p> <p>MAEGAN ELLIS <u>306</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>JANET GRECSEK <u>123</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>0</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p>TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not For three years more than (1) one</p> <p>COLLEEN BRYSON JOHNSTON <u>484</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>1</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not For two years more than (1) one</p> <p>DEREK HERRO <u>426</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p>SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not For six years more than (1) one</p> <p>JENNIFER B. SARGENT <u>449</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p>MODERATOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not For two years more than (1) one</p> <p>DALE BARNEY <u>493</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p>BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not For three years more than (3) three</p> <p>SADIE WELLS <u>436</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>KAREN P. WOLK <u>392</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>NATHAN DELEAULT <u>367</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>6</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u> </u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u> </u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p>HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not For two years more than (1) one</p> <p>MONICA ROWE <u>454</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>3</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p>PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not For three years more than (2) two</p> <p>RICHARD CLANCY <u>391</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>CHRISTOPHER WADSWORTH <u>388</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>3</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u> </u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>		

ARTICLES

Article 02 Amendment of Floodplain Ordinance 480

Are you in favor of the amendment to the existing town floodplain ordinance, as proposed by the planning board, to comply with the National Flood Insurance Program? YES

NO

69

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article

Article 03 General Fund Appropriation

Shall the Town of Canaan raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$4,301,197? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,147,094, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required) 388

YES

NO

161

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 1 Recommends this article

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Article 04 Water & Sewer

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$225,577) for Water and Sewer Operations for the Town of Canaan with \$123,398 to be raised and appropriated for Water and \$102,179 to be raised and appropriated for Sewer. These funds are raised by Water and Sewer user fees with no amount to come from property taxes. (Majority vote required.)

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 1 Recommends this article

No additional property tax impact. User fees fund these programs.

448
YES
NO
109

Article 05 Purchase 2 Police Cruisers

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Seventy Six Thousand dollars (\$76,000.00) for the purchase of two, 4-wheel drive police vehicles to replace the 2014 Ford Explorer Interceptor (#214) and the 2016 Ford Explorer Interceptor (#316); and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to Seventy Six Thousand Dollars (\$76,000.00) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, with no additional amount to be raised by taxation. Any trade in value or proceeds from the sale of the old cruiser is to be applied to reduce the purchase price to be within the appropriated \$76,000. (Majority vote required)

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 1 Recommends this article

No additional property tax impact.

364
YES
NO
194

Article 06 Purchase Pickup

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand dollars (\$59,000.00) for the purchase of a replacement for the 2016 GMC 1-ton pickup (Truck #816) with a similar vehicle, and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to Fifty-Nine Thousand dollars (\$59,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, with no additional amount to be raised by taxation. Any trade in value or proceeds from the sale of the old pickup is to be applied to reduce the purchase price to be within the appropriated \$59,000. (Majority vote required)

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 1 Recommends this article

No additional property tax impact.

391
YES
NO
166

Article 07 Purchase 1 Ton Truck & Plow

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Five dollars (\$130,595.00) for the purchase of a replacement for the 2011 Dodge 1 ton (Truck #411) with plow with a similar vehicle, and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to One Hundred Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Five dollars (\$130,595) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, with no additional amount to be raised by taxation. Any trade in value or proceeds from the sale of the old truck is to be applied to reduce the purchase price to be within the appropriated \$130,595. (Majority vote required)

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 0 Recommends this article

No additional property tax impact.

428
YES
NO
132

Article 08 Appropriate to Revaluation Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the previously established Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2021 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 0 Recommends this article

No additional property tax impact.

424
YES
NO
129

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Article 09 Appropriate to Govt. Buildings Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be added to the previously established Government Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2021 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

423
YES
NO
141

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 1 Recommends this article

No additional property tax impact.

Article 10 Appropriate to Bridge Capital Reserve Account

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to be added to the previously established Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2021 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

463
YES
NO
103

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 0 Recommends this article

No additional property tax impact.

Article 11 Appropriate to Police Cruiser Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to be added to the previously established Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2021 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

381
YES
NO
183

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 0 Recommends this article

No additional property tax impact.

Article 12 Appropriate to Fire Truck 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 Truck Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2021 and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

448
YES
NO
117

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 0 Recommends this article

No additional property tax impact.

Article 13 Appropriate to Highway Equip. Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Equipment. This sum to come from unreserved fund balance (surplus) as of December 31, 2021 and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

434
YES
NO
129

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 0 Recommends this article

No additional property tax impact.

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Article 14 MODIFY the Disabled Exemption

Shall the Town MODIFY the provisions of RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be \$100,000. To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$26,000 or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$42,000, and own net assets not in excess of \$70,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required)

423
YES
NO
120

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article

No additional property tax impact but will shift some tax burden.

Article 15 MODIFY the Elderly Exemption

Shall the Town MODIFY the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for Elderly Exemption from property tax in the Town of Canaan, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$65,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$75,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$100,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$26,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$42,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$70,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required)

457
YES
NO
91

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article

No additional property tax impact but will shift some tax burden.

Article 16 Adopt Solar and Wind Power Exemptions By Petition

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61 through 68 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems and/or wind powered energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying equipment under these statutes. (Majority vote required) By Petition

234
YES
NO
307

The Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 2 Abstains 1 Does Not Recommend this article

No additional property tax impact but will shift some tax burden.

Article 17 Discontinue Election of Welfare Administrator

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the position of elected Welfare Administrator (Human Services Director) and to designate the position of appointed Welfare Administrator (Human Services Director). If this article passes, then under RSA 669:17-b, the existing Welfare Administrator (Human Services Director) will remain in effect until Town Meeting of 2023 at which time the Selectmen will appoint a duly qualified Welfare Administrator (Human Services Director).

343
YES
NO
195

The Board of Selectmen Yes 2 No 1 Abstains 0 Recommends this article

No additional property tax impact.

Article 18 Grafton County Senior Citizens By Petition

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. through the Mascoma Area Senior Center and the ServiceLink Resource Center for services for Canaan residents in 2022. From July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, the Mascoma Area Senior Center provided services for 245 Canaan residents and ServiceLink provided services for 53 Residents. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support and more. The cost of providing these services was \$120,133.61. (Majority vote required.) By Petition.

359
YES
NO
191

The Board of Selectmen Yes 0 No 2 Abstain 1 Does Not Recommend this article

The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 2 Abstain 2 Recommends this article

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.029 per thousand or \$5.84 on a home worth \$200,000.

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Article 19 Mascoma Community Health Center By Petition

Shall the voters vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) to support Mascoma Community Health Center? This appropriation will be used to offset some of the \$27,239 donated by the Center to provide care for uninsured and under-insured Canaan Residents. Mascoma Community Health Center served 1,418 medical and dental patients from Canaan during the past 12 months, representing about 36% of the Town's population. Canaan residents made 5,693 visits in 2021. (Majority vote required.) By Petition.

297
YES
NO

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

263

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.022 per thousand or \$4.49 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 20 VNH by Petition

Shall the Town of Canaan vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$9,700.00) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse & Hospice for VT and NH. (Majority vote required.) By Petition.

323
YES
NO

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

236

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.022 per thousand or \$4.35 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 21 West Central by Petition

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$3,920.00) for the support of West Central Behavioral Health. In fiscal year 2021 – from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – West Central provided 1,891 services to 77 Canaan residents including 44 children. As the region's non-profit community mental health center, West Central Behavioral Health provides mental health services and substance use disorder treatment for many of the most vulnerable residents, including adults, children, and elders. Support from the Town of Canaan will help us sustain our commitment to provide mental health services to area residents. By Petition.

297
YES
NO

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

264

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.009 per thousand or \$1.76 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 22 WISE By Petition

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$2,100.00) to support the mission of WISE in providing free 24-hour crisis support services and advocacy to victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking. By Petition.

321
YES
NO

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

239

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.005 per thousand or \$.94 on a home worth \$200,000.

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Article 23 Public Health Council By Petition

Will the voters raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$2,846.00) to support Public Health Council of the Upper Valley services to Canaan Residents in 2022. Services include monitoring pandemic response and recovery, communications around public health initiatives and resources, supporting programs for older adults and more. (Majority vote required.) By Petition.

247
YES
NO
314

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

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.006 per thousand or \$1.28 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 24 Tri-County Community Action By Petition

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,800 for the operation of Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. service programs in Canaan: Transportation, Energy Assistance, Weatherization, Guardianship, Homeless Intervention and Prevention, Disaster Relief and Tamworth Dental Center. (Majority Vote Required.) By Petition

263
YES
NO
295

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

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.018 per thousand or \$3.50 on a home worth \$200,000.

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT