

Canaan Budget Committee Meeting and Public Hearing  
~~Wednesday~~, January 13, 2022  
Canaan Police Dept EOC, Canaan, NH

Attendees: Budget Committee members: John Bergeron, Dan Collins (Selectmen liaison), Ellie Davis, Nathan Deleault, Stephen Freese, Cindy Neily, Mike Riese, Denis Salvail, Sadie Wells. Town Administrator Mike Samson, Executive Assistant Sharon Duffy; Public attendees Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister, Monica Rowe. Recorded by Roger Lohr

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Sadie Wells opened the Canaan Budget Committee's Public Hearing at 7:30 PM. Documents were distributed including 2022 Warrant for Canaan, 2022 MS-DTB Default Budget for Canaan, and 2022 MS-737 Proposed Budget for Canaan.

Committee members then proceeded to review the proposed 2022 Canaan budget.

Freese reviewed executive, town administration, town clerk, tax collection, and election expenses.

Bergeron reviewed book keeping, budget committee, treasurer, trustee expenses and data processing.

Wells reviewed legal, personnel, planning board, and government buildings.

Deleault reviewed cemetery, insurance, general government, police department, ambulance, fire department, building inspection, and emergency management.

Wells reviewed mechanic, road agent and highway in three sections, bridges, and street lighting.

Collins reviewed transfer station, health, and welfare expenses.

Neily reviewed recreation, library, cultural, patriotic, and conservation.

Salvail reviewed debt service, capital outlay, and the general fund.

Riese reviewed sewer and water.

Davis acknowledged the default budget at \$4,147,094 recognizing the large contract on health insurance and the two elections during 2022. The amount from the MS-737 for total estimated revenues and credits was \$2,099,423 with a large amount from car registrations.

Davis then reviewed the Warrant Articles that involved appropriations individually acknowledging the purpose and amount in each of those articles including the town and petitioned articles.

The public hearing was then closed by Chair Sadie Wells at 7:48 PM.

2. Minutes Approval

**Cindy Neily made a motion which was seconded by Stephen Freese to approve the January 12, 2022 Canaan Budget Committee meeting minutes as submitted and amended. Approved**

**7-0-1 (Riese abstained).**

**3. Next Canaan Budget Committee Meetings and Other Business**

The next Canaan Budget Committee meeting is at the Town of Canaan Deliberative Session which is scheduled for Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 1:00 PM at the Canaan Elementary School and the school requires that masks be worn. Voting will not be available for Zoom attendees at that meeting.

Town Administrator Mike Samson commented about a correction. Committee member Michael Riese recognized the Committee members and in particular Ellie Davis, Stephen Freese, and Sadie Wells for their leadership and commitment.

There are three open positions on the Canaan Budget Committee for 2022 (Deleault, Wolk, and Wells) and those interested in running for these positions should contact the town clerk.

**4. Adjournment and Next Meetings**

**Denis Salvail made a motion which was seconded by Nate Deleault to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.