

SAMPLE BALLOT

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10 New

Voters

BALLOT 1 OF 3

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
CANAAN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2023**

Kicky J. Malister
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 Vote for not more than (1) one</p> <p>For three years</p> <p>SADIE WELLS * 430</p> <p>ELEANOR J. DAVIS 59</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>	<p>PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS Vote for not more than (1) one</p> <p>For one year</p> <p>THOMAS P. OPPEL * 425</p> <p>(Write-in) 5</p>	<p>SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST Vote for not more than (1) one</p> <p>For five years</p> <p>JANET GRECSEK * 423</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>
<p>TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR Vote for not more than (1) one</p> <p>For three years</p> <p>ANN M. LABRIE * 459</p> <p>(Write-in) 2</p>	<p>PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS Vote for not more than (2) two</p> <p>For three years</p> <p>CORINNE MORSE * 400</p> <p>CLAUDE LEMOI * 332</p> <p>(Write-in) 7</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>	<p>LIBRARY TRUSTEES Vote for not more than (2) two</p> <p>For three years</p> <p>NICHOLAS LAVALLEY * 384</p> <p>CHERYL L. JUNKER * 359</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>
<p>TREASURER Vote for not more than (1) one</p> <p>For three years</p> <p>DEBRA J. TENNEY * 449</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>	<p>TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS Vote for not more than (1) one</p> <p>For three years</p> <p>STEPHEN WARD * 399</p> <p>(Write-in) 2</p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS Vote for not more than (3) three</p> <p>For three years</p> <p>THOMAS DUPLINSKY 188</p> <p>MARK HOUSTON 195</p> <p>SALVATORE PERCIA * 252</p> <p>MICHAEL G. RIESE * 303</p> <p>MICHAEL SAMSON * 246</p> <p>(Write-in) 2</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>

ARTICLES

Article 02 Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Building Code

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Canaan building code as follows: Assign Building Code Board of Appeals duties to Board of Adjustment, which permits Canaan to have one rarely used appeals board, rather than two rarely used appeals boards.

The Board of Selectmen Yes 1 No 2 Does not Recommend this article

YES ○ 245

NO ○ 850

* 850

Article 03 Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Building Code

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Canaan building code as follows: Allow the Select Board to set building code fees, which were last revised in 2002?

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article

YES ○ * 359

NO ○ 142

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Article 04 Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Building Code

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Canaan building code as follows: Amendment doesn't change any building code requirements, but does add to the code previously approved town warrant articles, references to existing state building code, references to existing state laws, revisions due to recent state laws, updated organization names, current terminology, amendment history, and editorial changes, such as spelling, grammar, format, and unbiased wording.

*401
YES
NO
105

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article

Article 05 General Fund Appropriation

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to 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 Four Million Six Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Fifty Dollars and Seventy-Nine Cents (\$4,636,050.79)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,301,197, 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)

*350
YES
NO
160

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 7 No 2 Recommends this article

Article 06 Water and Sewer

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-Six Dollars and Sixty-Six Cents (\$248,186.66) for Water and Sewer Operations for the Town of Canaan with \$139,202.83 to be raised and appropriated for Water and \$108,983.83 to be raised and appropriated for Sewer. These funds are raised by Water and Sewer user fees with no amount from property taxes. (Majority vote required)

*417
YES
NO
89

The Board of Selectmen Yes 2 No 1 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 1 Recommends this article
No additional property tax impact, because user fees fund these programs.

Article 07 Purchase a Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Forty-Five Thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) for the purchase of a 4-wheel drive police vehicle to replace the 2015 Ford Explorer Interceptor; and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to Forty-Five Thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) 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 shall be applied to reduce the purchase price to be within the appropriated \$45,000.00. (Majority vote required)

*336
YES
NO
171

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 6 No 3 Recommends this article
No additional property tax impact.

Article 08 Purchase of Mini-Excavator

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$88,740.00) for the purchase of a Mini-Excavator, approximately 12,000 pounds, for the Highway Department's general road maintenance and roadside drainage workflow, and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to Eighty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$88,740.00) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, with no additional amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

*305
YES
NO
205

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 3 Recommends this article
No additional property tax impact.

Article 09 Replacement for Bulldozer

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) for the purchase of a replacement to the Highway Department's 1975 International Bulldozer with a similar piece of equipment, and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to One Dollar (\$1.00) 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 bulldozer is to be applied to reduce the purchase price to be within the appropriated \$1.00. (Majority vote required)

*324
YES
NO
184

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Does recommend this article
The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 3 Does recommend this article
No additional property tax impact.

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Article 10 Replacement for Skid Steer Loader

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of One Dollars (\$1.00) for the purchase of a replacement to the Transfer Station's 1994 New Holland Ix565 Skid Steer Loader with a similar piece of equipment, and further, of this total, to authorize the withdrawal of up to One Dollar (\$1.00) from the non-lapsing Transfer Station Special Revenue Account, with no additional amount to be raised by taxation. Any trade in value or proceeds from the sale of the Skid Steer Loader is to be applied to reduce the purchase price to be within the amount appropriated. (Majority vote required)

* 338
YES
NO
171

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Does Recommend this article
The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 3 Does Recommend this article
No additional property tax impact.

Article 11 Purchase Enclosed Trailer for Fire Department UTV

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars) for the purchase of an enclosed trailer with a generator and a mobile radio system. This trailer will be used for the storage and transport of the off-road utility vehicle (UTV) of the Fire Department. This trailer will also serve as a mobile command post, staging or rehab area when the UTV is being used. The UTV was purchased and donated to the Town of Canaan Fire Department by the Canaan Firefighters Association through Donations and Fundraising. (Majority vote required)

215
YES
NO
* 298

The Board of Selectmen Yes 1 No 2 Does Not Recommend this article
The Budget Committee Yes 0 No 8 Does Not Recommend this article
It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$0.051 per thousand or \$10.27 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 12 Appropriate to Police Cruiser Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) 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, 2022 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

* 365
YES
NO
145

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 Fire Truck Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00) 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, 2022 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

* 415
YES
NO
99

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 14 Appropriate to Water and Sewer Non-Lapsing Operating Account

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000) to be added to the previously established Water and Sewer Non-Lapsing Operating Account. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2022 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

* 401
YES
NO
109

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.

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Article 15 Appropriate to Highway Equipment Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2022 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

*394
YES
NO

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 0 Recommends this article
No additional impact on property tax.

107

Article 16 Appropriate to the Transfer Station Special Revenue Account

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) to be added to the non-lapsing Transfer Station Special Revenue Account. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2022 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

*420
YES
NO

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 1 Recommends this article
No additional impact on property tax.

73

Article 17 Appropriate to the Government Buildings Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Government Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2022 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

*383
YES
NO

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 8 No 1 Recommends this article
No additional impact on property tax.

117

Article 18 Appropriate to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2022 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation.

*424
YES
NO

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 9 No 0 Recommends this article
No additional impact on property tax.

76

Article 19 Establish an Emergency Medical Service Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish an Emergency Medical Service Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for vehicle and equipment replacement and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the voters of Canaan as agents to expend from said fund. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance as of December 31, 2022 (surplus) and will require that no additional amount be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

*341
YES
NO

The Board of Selectmen Yes 3 No 0 Recommends this article
The Budget Committee Yes 3 No 6 Does Not Recommend this article
No additional property tax impact.

159

Article 20 Grafton County Senior Citizens by Petition

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$13,500.00) 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, 2021 to June 30, 2022, the Mascoma Area Senior Center provided services for 265 Canaan residents and ServiceLink provided services for 98 Canaan residents. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support, and more. The cost of providing these services was \$137,445.23. (Majority vote required.) By Petition.

*347
YES
NO

The Board of Selectmen Yes 1 No 2 Does not recommend this article
The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 3 Abstain 1 Recommends this article
It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$0.027 per thousand or \$5.54 on a home worth \$200,000.

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Article 21 West Central Behavioral Health 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 2022 – from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 – West Central provided 1,658 services to 57 Canaan residents including 37 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. (Majority vote required.) By Petition.

*295

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

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$0.008 per thousand or \$1.61 on a home worth \$200,000.

211

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. (Majority vote required.) By Petition.

*313

YES

NO

The Board of Selectmen Yes 1 No 2 Does not recommend this article

The Budget Committee Yes 4 No 3 Abstain 2 Recommends this article

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$0.004 per thousand or \$0.86 on a home worth \$200,000.

195

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 2023. 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.

231

YES

NO

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 \$0.006 per thousand or \$1.17 on a home worth \$200,000.

*273

Article 24 Tri-County Community Action by Petition

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$7,588) 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

*265

YES

NO

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

The Budget Committee Yes 4 No 3 Abstain 2 Recommends this article

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$0.016 per thousand or \$3.12 on a home worth \$200,000.

240

Article 25 Advance Transit by Petition

Will the voters raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$9,840) to support Advance Transit to help public transit services to Canaan Residents in 2023. (Majority vote required.) By Petition.

*322

YES

NO

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

The Budget Committee Yes 4 No 3 Abstain 2 Recommends this article

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$0.020 per thousand or \$4.04 on a home worth \$200,000.

185

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Article 26 Mascoma Community Health Center by Petition

Shall the voters vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to support Mascoma Community Health Center? This appropriation will be used to offset part of the annual \$100,615 in donated care provided to uninsured and underinsured Canaan residents over the past five and a half years. On average, more than 10% of all visits were donated care. Mascoma Community Health Center continues to accept new primary medical patients and adds about 50 new patients a month. The Health Center served 1,168 patients from Canaan during 2022. This represents about 30% of the Town's population. Canaan residents made 5,324 visits to the Center in 2022. (Majority vote required.) By Petition.

*289

YES
NO

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

223

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$0.021 per thousand or \$4.10 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 27 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.

*319

YES
NO

The Board of Selectmen Yes 1 No 2 Does Not Recommend this article
The Budget Committee Yes 5 No 3 Abstain 1 Recommends this article

194

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$.03 per thousand or \$5.51 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 28 The Bridge House by Petition

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for The Bridge House Inc Homeless Shelter & Veterans Advocacy. The Bridge House is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit that provides a range of services for all of Grafton County, from community meals, to a place to shower, to help filling out applications for assistance. The Bridge House is the only shelter in NH that allows Veterans to bring in their four-legged sidekick. The Bridge House hires prevention specialists to support Grafton County residents by working with them in their homes to avert homelessness. (Majority vote required.) By Petition.

*255

YES
NO

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

251

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$0.004 per thousand or \$0.86 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 29 Adopt Amendments to RSA 72:28 (Standard and Optional Veterans' Tax Credit) and RSA 72:28-b (All Veterans' Tax Credit)

To see if the Town will adopt the recent legislative amendments to both RSA 72:28 (Standard and Optional Veterans' Tax Credit) and RSA 72:28-b (All Veterans' Tax Credit) as provided within House Bill 1667 (2022 Session). Copies of House Bill 1667, which identify those referenced amendments, shall be available for review at the Town Clerk's Office, the Deliberative Session as well as the Voting Session of the Canaan Town Meeting. Both Veterans' Tax Credits (RSA 72:28 and 72:28-b), for the Town of Canaan, shall remain set at an amount of \$200.00 for each year that an individual qualifies for any such tax relief. If adopted, the expansion of eligibility, as set forth in said amendments for both tax credits, shall go into effect as of April 1, 2023. Furthermore, the approval of this warrant article, by the voters of Canaan, shall constitute a re-adoption of both RSA 72:28 (Standard and Optional Veterans' Tax Credit) and RSA 72:28-b (All Veterans' Tax Credit) including those amendments as provided for in the 2022 Session of the New Hampshire State Legislature. (Majority vote required)

*326

YES
NO

The Board of Selectmen Yes 2 No 1 Recommends this article

179

It is estimated that passage of this article will increase the tax rate \$0.06 per thousand or \$11.50 on a home worth \$200,000.

Article 30 Adopt Optional Property Tax Exemption for Solar Energy Systems

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:68 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning residential property which is equipped with solar 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 the qualifying equipment under these statutes. (Majority vote required) By Petition

*303

YES
NO

The Board of Selectmen Yes 2 No 1 Recommends this article

211

Passage of this article will not increase the tax rate, but will shift some tax burden.

Article 31 Authorize Sale of Map 15A, Lot 49B & Map 15A, Lot 49C

To see if the town will vote to authorize the sale of property adjacent to 1202 US Route 4 and further identified by Tax Map 15A, Lot 49B and Map 15A, Lot 49C, in which the parcels are approximately 0.24 acre that were acquired by deed of the Roger Remacle Revocable Trust on May 10, 2007 and recorded at the Grafton County Registry of Deeds in Book 3404, Page 524. All proceeds from this sale shall be placed into the Community Center Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

*440

YES
NO

The Board of Selectmen Yes 2 No 1 Recommends this article

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No additional property tax impact. Sale will return property to tax rolls.

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