

TOWN WARRANT
Canaan, New Hampshire
2010

Grafton S.S.

Town of Canaan

To the inhabitants of the Town of Canaan, New Hampshire, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs.

First Session:

The first session of the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. at the Canaan Elementary School. The first session will consist of explanation, discussion and debate on each of the following warrant articles, and also allow voters who are present to adopt amendments to warrant articles, except articles whose wording is prescribed by law.

Second Session:

The second session of the Annual Town Meeting is to elect Town Officers by official ballot and to vote on all warrant articles as they may have been amended at the first session. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at the Canaan Fire Station, 62 NH Route 118. The polls for voting by official ballot will open at 8:00 A.M. and will close at 7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1

To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TERM</u>
<u>One Selectman</u>	<u>3 Years</u>
<u>One Moderator</u>	<u>2 Years</u>
<u>One Trustee of the Trust Funds</u>	<u>3 Years</u>
<u>One Cemetery Trustee</u>	<u>3 Years</u>
<u>One Supervisor of Checklist</u>	<u>6 Years</u>
<u>Two Planning Board Members</u>	<u>3 Years</u>
<u>Two Library Trustees</u>	<u>3 Years</u>
<u>Three Budget Committee Members</u>	<u>3 Years</u>

Article 2

Shall the Town of Canaan 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 the sum of Three Million Twenty One Thousand Fifty One Dollars (\$3,021,051.00)?

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million Two Hundred Seven Thousand Eighty Eight Dollars (\$3,207,088.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustment required by previous action of the Town of Canaan 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.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article **7-3**

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$176,825.00) for Water and Sewer Operations for the Town of Canaan. These funds are raised by user fees and are not funded by property taxes.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article **7-3**

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to Authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire or sell land and/or buildings in accordance with RSA 41:14-a. This authorization shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the Town meeting.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Forty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Nine Dollars (\$345,789.00) to pay the outstanding balance on two USDA loans. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance (surplus) and will require that no amount be raised from taxation.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article **9-1**

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be added to the previously established Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund and name the Governing Body (the Board of Selectmen) as Agents to Expend.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article **8-2**

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund established in 1944 with said funds and accumulated interest to be transferred to the Water and Sewer Surplus account.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article **9-1**

Article 8

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 Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund with the Legislative Body (the Voters) as Agents to Expend.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article **10-0**

Article 9

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 Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Equipment with the Legislative Body (the Voters) as Agents to Expend.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article **10-0**

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for One Hundred Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$106,560.00) for the purpose of leasing a backhoe for the Highway Department to replace the existing 2004 JCB backhoe, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$21,312.00) for the first years payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **10-0**

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for Ninety Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$97,817.00) for the purpose of leasing a front end loader for the Highway Department to replace the existing 2001 Komatsu Loader, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Three Dollars and Thirty Six Cents (\$19,563.36) for the first years payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **10-0**

Article 12

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for paving Roberts Road and a portion of Goose Pond Road.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **7-2** with one abstention

Article 13

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Dollars (\$186,000.00) to purchase a new cab, chassis, sander body and plow equipment to replace the 2001 Freightliner dump truck and authorize the withdrawal of Sixty Six Thousand Dollars (\$66,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of One Hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) is to come from general taxation.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **10-0**

Article 14

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Eight Thousand Dollars (\$98,000.00) for the replacement of the 2004 550 Ford one ton dump truck.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **10-0**

Article 15- Petitioned Article

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to give the hourly, non union paid employees a 3% raise.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **9-1**

Article 16 – Petitioned Article

Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$2,100.00) to help support the crisis intervention and support services and community outreach and violence prevention programs at WISE (Women’s Information Service) located in Lebanon, NH and serving the Town of Canaan as well as twelve additional towns in the Upper Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **8-2**

Article 17 – Petitioned Article

We request that Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) be appropriated to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services to Canaan residents in 2010. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, the town food pantry, transportation, adult in-home care, outreach support, Service Link support and more. In 2009, Grafton Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 316 Canaan residents (Service Link:73 Residents), and the cost of providing these services was \$186,091.65.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **8-2**

Article 18 – Petitioned Article

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$7,600.00) to go to Advance Transit, Inc. for services to Canaan residents in 2010. These services include transportation for work, shopping and appointments. In 2008, 10856 passenger trips boarded Advanced Transit in Canaan. Advance Transit provided services to the Town of Canaan at a cost of \$93,000.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **7-2** with one abstention

Article 19 – Petitioned Article

Shall the Town 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 Association & Hospice of VT and NH**. In 2009, the VNA & Hospice of VT and NH made 1,969 homecare visits to 168 residents and provided approximately \$108,101 of uncompensated care to Canaan residents.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **8-2**

Article 20 – Petitioned Article

Shall the Town of Canaan raise and appropriate Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$3,300.00) for the support of West Central Behavioral Health. This appropriation will be used for uninsured and underinsured Canaan residents who use West Central Behavioral Health's psychological, psychiatric, case management, vocational, respite and emergency mental health services. Last year one hundred twenty one (121) Canaan residents were patients of West Central Behavioral Health. 61 of the 121 residents were children.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **8-2**

Article 21 – Petitioned Article

To see if the Town will vote to designate Goose Pond Road from the Hanover town line to Talbert Hill Road as a low salt (Type 5) road as defined in NH Department of Transportation (DOT) policy. Winter maintenance shall follow DOT recommendation for Type 5 roads to use abrasives only. The use of sand mixed with a minimum amount of salt to keep it from freezing would satisfy this requirement.

The Town shall provide appropriate signage during the winter maintenance period to notify the public of this policy.

At the end of the winter maintenance period, the Town shall sweep up the sand on Goose Pond Road. Excess sand shall also be cleaned from culverts by the Town as necessary to keep sand from entering Goose Pond.

This will help to minimize the harmful effects to Goose Pond of the chloride and phosphorous contained in road salt.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

Article 22 – Petitioned Article

To see if the Town will vote to continue to maintain and operate the bathhouse located at the Canaan Street beach. The Town may solicit and use volunteers or organizations to assist with labor and/or materials, but it shall be the Town's ultimate responsibility to maintain and operate the bathhouse. The bathhouse shall be open daily, at least eight hours per day, from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. The bathhouse shall not be demolished. A portable toilet shall not replace the bathhouse.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

Article 23 – Petitioned Article

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote pursuant to RSA 673 to establish a **Heritage Commission** to identify and promote preservation and appreciation of historic buildings and sites. The Commission will work to research, record, and inventory historic resources, assist the Planning Board as requested and advise local agencies and boards. This vote will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint five citizens as members of the Heritage Commission pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:4-a and RSA 673:5, and to appoint up to three additional citizens as alternate members, or take any other action relating thereto.

The Board of Selectmen **does not recommend** this article **3-0**

Article 24

To transact any other business that may be legally brought before this Town Meeting.

We certify that the warrant was posted on January 22, 2010.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

Tim Lewis

**Board of Selectmen
Town of Canaan, NH**