

ELECTION RESULTS

Canaan, New Hampshire

2009

Second Session: 658 Ballots Cast

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 10, 2009 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:

Position	Term	Elected	Votes Received
One Selectman	3 Years	Robert E. Reagan	532
One Treasurer	3 Years	Kendra D. Withington	568
One Trustee of the Trust Funds	3 Years	Cynthia J. Neily	555
One Cemetery Trustee	3 Years	Philip F. Carter	572
One Human Services Director	3 Years	Nelson P. Therriault	579
Two Planning Board Members	3 Years	Andrew Musz	441
		John H. Bergeron	470
One Library Trustee	3 Years	Denise Reitsma	26
One Chief of Police	3 Years	Samuel W. Frank	504
Three Budget Committee Members	3 Years	Eleanor J. Davis	429
		Denis R. Salvail	395
		John H. Bergeron	44
One Budget Committee Member	2 Years	C. Russell Lester	487
One Budget Committee Member	1 Year	Al Posnanski	44

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 Two Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Three Dollars (\$3,268,423.00)?

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million Two Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$3,235,860.00), 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.

VOTE: YES 324 NO 298 ARTICLE 2 PASSES

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Four Hundred Sixty One Dollars (\$177,461.00) for Water and Sewer Operations for the Town of Canaan. These funds are raised by user fees and are not funded by property taxes.

VOTE: YES 448 NO 160 ARTICLE 3 PASSES

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Canaan and AFSCME Local 3657 Police Department Employees which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Contract Year	Estimated Increase
2009	\$13,472.02
2010	\$18,555.06
2011	\$21,222.74

And further raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Two Dollars and Two Cents (\$13,472.02) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

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

The Budget Committee **recommends** this article **6-1**

VOTE: YES 318 NO 309 ARTICLE 4 PASSES

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Six Hundred Forty Nine Dollars (\$653,649.00) for the purpose of replacing the River Road bridge #123/126 over the Mascoma River. Five Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$522,919.00) will be reimbursed through the State of New Hampshire Bridge Aid program. One Hundred Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$130,730.00) will be withdrawn from the Bridge Repair/Replacement and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for which the Selectmen are Agents to expend. **NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS WILL BE RAISED THROUGH TAXATION.**

VOTE: YES 445 NO 180 ARTICLE 5 PASSES

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Seven Thousand Three Hundred Nine Dollars (\$307,309.00) for the purchase of a Fire Engine and to further authorize the removal of Two Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$210,000.00) from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve fund for that purpose. The remaining balance of Ninety Seven Thousand Three Hundred Nine Dollars (\$97,309.00) to be raised through taxation.

VOTE: YES 237 NO 388 ARTICLE 6 FAILS

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town of Canaan 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. Should both Article 6 and Article 7 pass, the funds for Article 7 will not be appropriated for 2009.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**
The Budget Committee **recommends** this article **6-1**

VOTE: YES 344 NO 282 ARTICLE 7 PASSES

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be added to the previously established Highway Equipment 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 **4-3**

VOTE: YES 329 NO 298 ARTICLE 8 PASSES

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be added to the previously established Bridge Repair, Replacement and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund with the Governing Body (the Selectmen) as Agents to Expend.

The Board of Selectmen **recommends** this article **3-0**
The Budget Committee **recommends** this article **6-1**

VOTE: YES 360 NO 266 ARTICLE 9 PASSES

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purchase of a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruiser. This will replace the 2005 Crown Victoria presently in use by the Police Department.

VOTE: YES 186 NO 456 ARTICLE 10 FAILS

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) for the paving of Reagan Road, School Street, High Street, Hill Court, Chiefs Drive and On the Common. This work will be done in the summer of 2009.

VOTE: YES 233 NO 405 ARTICLE 11 FAILS

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to accept the following ordinance.

Acceptance of credit cards. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be allowed to accept credit card payments pursuant to RSA 80:52-c for the collection of local taxes, charges generated by the sale of utility services or other fees. The Town of Canaan will add to the amount due, in addition to any interest and penalties payable, a service charge for the acceptance of the card. The amount of the service charge shall be disclosed at the time of billing. The Board of Selectmen in coordination with the Town Clerk/Tax Collector may adopt rules and regulations regarding the collection procedures.

VOTE: YES 460 NO 179 ARTICLE 12 PASSES

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote pursuant to RSA 32:5, V-a to require that all votes on recommendations on budget items or warrant articles by the budget committee and the governing body shall be recorded votes, and that the numerical tally of such votes shall be printed in the Town warrant next to the affected warrant article.

VOTE: YES 492 NO 141 ARTICLE 13 PASSES

ARTICLE 14 – Petitioned Article

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for emergency repairs of the porch and building columns on the Town Museum Building on Canaan Street. These funds shall only be expended if the Canaan Historical Society provides an additional Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for these repairs

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

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **4-3**

VOTE: YES 386 NO 259 ARTICLE 14 PASSES

ARTICLE 15 – 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 2009. These services include transportation for work, shopping and appointments. In 2008 10,856 passenger trips boarded Advance 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 **6-1**

VOTE: YES 410 NO 237 ARTICLE 15 PASSES

ARTICLE 16 – Petitioned Article

To see if the Town of Canaan will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) to go to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services to Canaan residents in 2009. 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 2008, Grafton Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 342 Canaan residents. The cost of providing these services was \$138,660.81.

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

The Budget Committee **does not recommend** this article **6-1**

VOTE: YES 454 NO 194 ARTICLE 16 PASSES

ARTICLE 17 – Petitioned Article

Shall we, the people of Canaan, vote to study the involvement of the Canaan Police Department in the Central New Hampshire Special Operations Unit?

VOTE: YES 313 NO 314 ARTICLE 17 FAILS