

TOWN WARRANT
Canaan, New Hampshire
2009

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 31, 2009 at 1:00 P.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 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:

One Selectman	3 Years
One Treasurer	3 Years
One Trustee of the Trust Funds	3 Years
One Cemetery Trustee	3 Years
One Human Services Director	3 Years
Two Planning Board Members	3 Years
One Library Trustee	3 Years
One Chief of Police	3 Years
Three Budget Committee Members	3 Years
One Budget Committee Member	2 Years
One Budget Committee Member	1 Year

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.

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.

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**

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.**

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.

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**

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**

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**

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.

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.

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.

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.

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**

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**

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**

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?

ARTICLE 18

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

We certify that the warrant was posted on January 23, 2009.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

Tim Lewis

We certify that this is a true copy attest as amended at deliberative session on January 31, 2009.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

Tim Lewis

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