

Town of Canton
Annual Town Budget Meeting
May 25, 2006

The annual Town Budget Meeting of all electors and those qualified to vote in Town Meetings in the Town of Canton, Connecticut was held on Thursday, May 25, 2006, at 7:30pm in the auditorium of Canton Middle/ High School, 76 Simonds Ave, Collinsville, CT, for the purpose of discussing the Board of Finance's recommended budget for the fiscal year which begins July 1, 2006, and ends June 30, 2007. Pursuant to section 3-9 of the Canton Town Charter, this succeeding budget will be submitted to referendum without need for further petition. Therefore, the Electors of the Town of Canton and any citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, is liable to the Town of Canton for taxes assessed against him on an assessment of not less than \$1000 on the last completed grand list of the Town of hereby warned to meet at 4 Market Street, Collinsville, CT on Thursday, June 1, 2006, to cast their vote on the following question:

“SHALL THE BOARD OF FINANCE’S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,275,825 BE APPROVED?”

This meeting was for discussion only and no votes were taken. Jim Bixler served as Moderator and Linda Smith as Town Clerk. Jim Bixler called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. The Clerk read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

Dick Ohanesian, Chairman of the Board of Finance, explained the changes that were made to the original budget proposal. A \$200,000 reduction in the Town Budget will include a Fund Balance reduction of \$50,000, a Board of Education reduction of \$105,000 and a Board of Selectmen reduction of \$45,000. The mil rate under this new proposed budget would increase 1.12 mils which would be a 4.02% tax increase. The Town of Canton expects an additional \$40,000 from the Connecticut Legislature. When this money comes in, it will be used to offset the proposed budget. If this referendum passes, the \$40,000 will be applied to the mil rate and tax increase bringing it to a 1.07 mil rate increase and a 3.84% tax increase.

Mary Tomolonius, First Selectman, presented the General Government portion of the revised budget and explained what the \$45,000 would affect. The cuts would come from the CIP (Library wireless network & Mills Pond Backstop/Scoreboard& Open Space) and health insurance (13th month reserve).

Lou Daniels, Chairman of the Board of Education, explained the Education portion of the budget reduction and the consequences of passing or failing the referendum. Their reductions would come from CBPS Principal salary adjustment, summer paraeducators special education, special education paraprofessional at CBPS (K), special projects (CIS gym floor), HVAC repairs, grounds, energy conservation, roof repair, recycling, replacement of window treatments, technology and CPAT.

The Moderator then opened the meeting up for discussion. Comments were made by:

Gordon Geick	15 Birch Knoll Road	Peg Berry	115 Robin Drive
Randy Miller	66 High Street	Kevin Bradley	8 Town Bridge Rd
Dale Monroe	17 Town Bridge Road	Andrew Kuhlberg	12 Christmas Tree Hill
Tony Toland	54 Queens Peak	Cathy Munroe	17 Town Bridge Road
Julie Anderson	6 Deer Run Road	Richard Barlow	Cherry Brook Road
Ray Miklusky	Freedom Drive		

There being no further comments, Mary Tomolonius made a motion to adjourn the Annual Budget Meeting to referendum, dated June 1, 2006. Second by Richard Eickenhorst. The polls will be open from 6 am to 8 pm EDT. The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

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