

**SECRET BALLOT ELECTION
AND TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

TO: Diane Caffyn, Resident of the Town of Canaan, County of Somerset

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Canaan, in said county, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the **CANAAN FARMERS HALL on Saturday, the 18TH day of March, 2023 at 9:00am** in the morning then and there to act on the following articles:

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to assemble at the **Canaan Town Hall on Monday, the 20TH day of March, from 8:00 am** then and there to act upon **Article 2 by secret ballot** as set out below, the **polling hours therefore to be from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm.**

ART. 1 : To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2 : To elect all necessary town officers by secret ballot. To choose by ballot, the following town officials, namely, **three Selectmen/Assessors** for a term of one year; **one Road Commissioner** for a term of one year; **one MSAD #54 School Board Member** for the term of three years; **one Town Clerk** for the term of three years; and five **Planning Board Members** for the term of two years.

ART. 3 : Shall an Ordinance amendment to the existing ordinance entitled: "Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs" to the following amended ordinance entitled, "Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Cannabis Establishments and Retail Cannabis Social Clubs" be enacted?

TOWN OF CANAAN

Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Marijuana-Cannabis Establishments and Retail Marijuana Cannabis Social Clubs

Section 1. Authority.

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the ~~Marijuana Cannabis~~ Legalization Act, ~~7 MRSA c. 417~~ MRSA Title 28-B; and Municipal Home Rule Authority, Me. Const., art. VIII, pt. 2: and 30-A MRSA § 3001.

Section 2. Definitions.

For purposes of this ordinance, retail ~~marijuana~~-cannabis establishments, including retail ~~marijuana~~ cannabis stores, retail ~~marijuana~~ cannabis cultivation facilities, retail ~~marijuana~~ cannabis products

manufacturing facilities, ~~and retail marijuana~~ cannabis testing facilities, and retail ~~marijuana~~-cannabis social clubs are defined as set forth in ~~7 MRSA § 2442~~ MRSA Title 28-B.

Section 3. Prohibition on Retail ~~Marijuana~~ Cannabis Establishments and Retail ~~Marijuana~~ Cannabis Social Clubs.

Retail ~~marijuana~~ cannabis establishments, including retail ~~marijuana~~ cannabis stores, retail ~~marijuana~~ cannabis cultivation facilities, retail ~~marijuana~~ cannabis products manufacturing facilities, and retail ~~marijuana~~ cannabis testing facilities, and retail ~~marijuana~~ cannabis social clubs, are expressly prohibited in this municipality.

No person or organization shall develop or operate a business that engages in retail or wholesale sales of a retail ~~marijuana~~ product, as defined by ~~7 MRSA § 2442~~ MRSA Title 28-B.

Nothing in this ordinance is intended to prohibit any lawful use, possession or conduct pursuant to the Maine Medical Use of ~~Marijuana~~ Cannabis Act, 22-MRSA c. 558-C.

Section 4. Effective date, duration.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon enactment by the municipal legislative body unless otherwise provided and shall remain in effect until it is amended or repealed.

Section 5. Penalties.

This ordinance shall be enforced by the municipal officers or their designee. Violations of this ordinance shall be subject to the enforcement and penalty provisions of 30-A MRSA § 4452.

ART. 4 : To see if the Town will adopt for collection of taxes in the year **2023**; all taxes are due and payable upon commitment; advance or partial payments may be made; to allow a **2%** discount on all taxes paid in full within **30 days**; charge interest at the rate of **8.0%** per annum after **30 days** from the date of mailing; all taxes outstanding on **January 31, 2024** will be listed in the Town Report; authorize the Selectmen to offer to sell any property automatically acquired by tax liens to the previous owner(s) for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest; should the previous owner(s) decline to redeem the property after 30-days' notice, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to advertise for sealed bids on same, and stating the lowest bid acceptable, and to execute a quit claim deed without covenant for such property; and further to allow Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town. If sale is to anyone other than the former owner(s), the Board of Selectmen shall follow the special sale process *required by 36 M.R.S. §943-C for qualifying homestead property.*

ART. 5 : To see if the Town will vote to increase by **\$6,321.34** the property tax levy limit of **\$505,504.70** established for the Town of Canaan by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the proceeding articles will result in tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

ART. 6 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$383,347.63** for Town Expenses.

Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Selectmen will use the funds as follows:

	2022 Raised	2023 Request
(3) SELECTMEN/ASSESSORS	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
TOWN CLERK + Clerk Fees	\$ 12,970.00	\$ 12,970.00
EXCISE TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 34,330.00	\$ 35,370.00
ELECTIONS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,500.00
TREASURER, TAX COLLECTOR, SECRETARY	\$ 38,251.00	\$ 41,600.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (CEO)	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 15,800.00
CEO - SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE - Danielle McCormick	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
GENERAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,200.00
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
G.A. ADMINISTRATION EDUCATION & DUES	\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 5,900.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER SUPPLIES	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
ANIMAL SHELTER	\$ 4,254.25	\$ 4,100.91
NUISANCE WILDLIFE REMOVAL	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
TOWN OFFICE-GENERAL SUPPLIES & EXPENSES	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
TOWN OFFICE- ASSISTANT(S) WAGES	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 18,500.00
TOWN OFFICE UTILITIES	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
TOWN OFFICE EDUCATION	\$ 200.00	\$ 500.00
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
TOWN OFFICE REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
INSURANCE	\$ 26,867.00	\$ 30,103.00
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$ 10,750.00	\$ 11,078.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
TRIO SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENT	\$ 13,470.70	\$ 14,346.32
TAX DISCOUNT	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
ASSESSING	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 26,800.00
LEGAL EXPENSE	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
2023 AUDIT	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,350.00
MMA DUES	\$ 2,890.00	\$ 3,090.00
KVCOG DUES	\$ 2,749.00	\$ 2,826.00
FIRST PARK	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,400.00
STREET LIGHTS	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
FOOD CUPBOARD	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 10,533.40
FOOD CUPBOARD SITE BUILDING FUND	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
CHILDRENS SPORTS SKOWHEGAN REC PROGRAM	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Totals	\$ 381,061.95	\$ 383,347.63

ART. 7 :

- A. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506.
- B. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the assessors the use of overlay to pay for abatements.
- C. Shall the Town vote to authorize the treasurer to collect plumbing permit fees from the plumbing inspector and in turn pay the State for such fees.
- D. To see if the Town will approve 2/12 of the budget for the **2024** fiscal year, making expenditure of funds legal during February and March **2024**.
- E. To see if the Town will vote to continue to honor the “Inter-local Agreement” with the State of Maine’s Bureau of Parks and Lands to operate and manage Lake George Regional Park. (*Skowhegan-Canaan Inter-Local, twenty-year, Agreement passed at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting*).
- F. To see if the inhabitants of the Town of Canaan will vote to turn over to **Lake George Corporation the State of Maine’s payment in lieu of taxes for 2023**, should they be reinstated to the Town of Canaan in the next year (*they were rescinded by the State in 2018*).
- G. To see if the inhabitants of the Town of Canaan will vote to allocate the snowmobile registration money received from the State of Maine for the upkeep and maintenance of trails, and to allocate any other funds received from grants designated to snowmobiling to the Canaan Bog Bouncers.
- H. To see if the Town will vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant Application and submit said applications to the Department of Economic and Community Development.
- I. To see if the Town will vote to hire equipment at state rates.
- J. To see if the Town will authorize the treasurer to collect fees & fines associated with animal control actions and apply said fees & fines to the animal control expense account.

ART. 8 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$50,000.00** to be placed in a reserve account towards a future Town Real Estate Tax assessment re-valuation.

ART. 9 : To see if the Town will vote to **open all secondary roads in Canaan to ATV access.**

ART. 10 : To see the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to donate the sports equipment and bleachers to MSAD #54 School District.

ART. 11 : To see if the Town will vote to change the Town Clerk position from elected to appointed beginning with the end of the current elected term year, 2026.

ART. 12 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for summer Camp Podooc for Canaan children in grades 1-6 implemented at Lake George Regional Park either option **A. \$15,725.00** OR **B. \$10,215.00** for up to 85 children:

A. Program to run TWO weeks - \$15,725.00

A. COVID Contingency – Should an official State Mandate be in place prohibiting LGRP engagement with volunteer staff due to pandemic protocols, LGRP will be forced to hire additional paid staff, at a cost of \$5,600, and Camp will be shortened to one week. If per LGRP discretion and or a State mandate, the camp, is forced to shut down due to pandemic conditions, LGRP will refund all applicable funds to the Town of Canaan.

B. Program to run ONE week - \$10,215.00

B. COVID Contingency – Should an official State mandate be in place prohibiting LGRP engagement with volunteer staff due to pandemic protocols at the beginning of the first scheduled week of camp, LGRP will be forced to cancel the Camp session. If per LGRP discretion and or a State mandate, the camp is shut down due to pandemic conditions, LGRP will refund all applicable funds to the Town of Canaan.

ART. 13 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,500.00 for PLANNING BOARD expenses.

Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Selectmen will use the funds as follows:

	2022 Raised	2023 Request
Chairperson	\$ 600.00	\$ 800.00
Secretary	\$ 600.00	\$ 800.00
Members	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,100.00
General Expense & Hearings	\$ 600.00	\$ 800.00
Totals	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,500.00

ART. 14 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the Road Commissioner \$25.00 per hour, not to exceed \$54,000.00 per fiscal year. Road crew and miscellaneous labor up to the rate of \$20.50 per hour. Truck driver-equipment operator up to \$22.00 per hour.

ART. 15 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250,000.00 for continued Road Improvements. (1) To improve Clarke Street; (2) For paving section of Hill Road and Nelson Hill Road.

ART. 16 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000.00** to be placed in a reserve account towards the purchase of **highway department motorized equipment** to be decided on by the Road Commissioner and approved by the Selectmen.

ART. 17 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$27,819.73** to pay the lease on the **2021 plow truck**.

ART. 18 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$75,000.00** to be placed in a reserve account toward the **replacement of culverts on the Morrill Pond Road**.

ART. 19 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$4,000.00** for **second mowing of roadsides**.

ART. 20 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$198,200.00** for **Winter Road Maintenance**.

Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Selectmen will use the funds as follows:

	2022 Raised	2023 Request
Labor	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 56,000.00
Salt & Sand	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
Gas/Diesel/Oil	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
Hired Equipment & Towing	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Garage Maintenance	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,700.00
Garage Supplies	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Utilities	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 8,000.00
Totals	\$ 184,700.00	\$ 198,200.00

ART. 21 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$134,200.00** for **Summer Road Maintenance**.

Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Selectmen will use the funds as follows:

	2022 Raised	2023 Request
Labor	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 52,500.00
Hired Equipment & Towing	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,500.00
Gravel/Sand/Geo-Textile	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Culverts	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Pavement Maintenance	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,500.00
Dust Control	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Gas/Diesel/Oil *	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Tires	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Education	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Signs/Posts/Mulch Hay	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,000.00
911 Road Signs	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Roadside Brush Cutting, Mowing & Removal	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Totals	\$ 114,400.00	\$ 134,200.00

ART. 22 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$28,250.00** for **CEMETERIES**.

Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Selectmen will use the funds as follows:

	2022 Raised	2023 Request
General Care of Cemeteries	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Soldier Lots	\$ 600.00	\$ 500.00
Restore Headstones (non-perpetual)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Maintain Cemetery Roads	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Utilities	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Fence	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Roof	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Totals	\$ 24,050.00	\$ 28,250.00

ART. 23 : To see if the Town will vote to pay the **Sexton \$18.00** per hour and **helpers \$13.80 - \$14.50**.

ART. 24 : To see if the town will raise or appropriate **\$42,921.36** for municipal health insurance for full-time employees (*amount based on three full time employees*).

100%	\$42,921.36
75%	\$32,191.02
70%	\$30,044.95

ART. 25 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$62,013.00** for the **LIBRARY**.

Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Selectmen will use the funds as follows:

	2022 Raised	2023 Request
General	\$ 19,450.00	\$ 15,000.00
Librarian Director Salary	\$ 22,464.00	\$ 24,050.00
Personnel	\$ 18,243.00	\$ 22,963.00
Totals	\$ 60,157.00	\$ 62,013.00

ART. 26 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,830.00** for **CANAAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**.

Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Selectmen will use the funds as follows:

	2022 Raised	2023 Request
Electricity	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00
Heating	0.00	\$ 500.00
Lawn Mowing	\$ 390.00	\$ 450.00
Museum Supplies	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Fire Extinguisher Inspection	\$ 40.00	\$ 80.00
Totals	\$ 1,130.00	\$ 1,830.00

ART. 27 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,300.00** for lighting fixtures and installation for the **Canaan Historical Society**.

ART. 28 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$80,500.00** for the **CANAAN FIRE DEPARTMENT**.

Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Selectmen will use the funds as follows:

	2022 Raised	2023 Request
Fire Chief	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Department Expense - General	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Assistant Chief (1)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Captains (2)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
EMS Administrator	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Firefighter Nominal Fee/Stipend	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Firemen/Rescue Equipment & Training, Immunization & Fire Prevention Week	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
Matching Funds	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Equipment/Truck Maintenance	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
Fire Chief Personal Truck Used for Dept. Business	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Totals	\$ 80,500.00	\$ 80,500.00

ART. 29 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000.00** to add to the reserve account for replacement of **Fire Department motorized equipment**.

ART. 30 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$160,300.00** for **SOLID WASTE REDUCTION**.

Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Selectmen will use the funds as follows:

	2022 Raised	2023 Request
Solid Waste Reduction Board Manager	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
SWR Manager Assistant	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
SWR Secretary - Danielle McCormick	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
General Expense	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Waste Collection Weekends	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Utilities	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Labor	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal/MSW Tipping Fee	\$ 71,500.00	\$ 74,100.00
Recycling Center Lease	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Contingency Fund	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Pittsfield Recycling Site User Fee	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Site Building Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Septic Disposal	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Totals	\$ 135,200.00	\$ 160,300.00

ART. 31 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$14,781.59** for **NON-PROFITS**.

Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Selectmen will use the funds as follows:

	2022 Raised	2023 Request
American Red Cross	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Community Health & Counseling	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Crisis & Counseling Centers	\$ -	\$ 1,854.09
Family Violence Project	\$ 3,875.00	\$ 4,100.00
Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Kennebec Behavioral Health Center	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
KVCAP Child & Family Serv. (Head Start)	\$ 2,300.00	\$ -
KVCAP Transportation Services	\$ -	\$ 650.00
Maine Public Broadcasting Network	0.00	\$ 100.00
Northern Light Home Care & Hospice	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Senior Spectrum Generations	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center	\$ 768.00	\$ 768.00
Somerset Economic Development	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
The Children's Center	\$ 1,090.00	\$ 1,211.50
The Lifeflight Foundation	\$ 569.00	\$ 548.00
Totals	\$ 15,902.00	\$ 14,781.59

ART. 32 : To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate **\$72,163.64** from **Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds** (*aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds*) received by the Town from the federal government for purposes they deem advisable so long as they adhere to the specific terms and conditions that limit the use of the funds.

ART. 33 : To see if the Town will vote to appropriate 100% from Local Road Assistance Program (formerly URIP) to reduce the **2023** taxes.

ART. 34 : To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from an *anticipated* amount of motor vehicle excise tax to fund the highway expenditures, **\$375,000.00**.

ART. 35 : To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from surplus to reduce the **2023** taxes, **\$300,000.00**.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that, in addition to the regular town office hours, the Registrar of Voters will be on duty Saturday, March 18th, the day of Town Meeting, from 9:00 a.m. until meeting adjourned and Monday, March 20th, 2023, the day of election, from 8:00 a.m. until the election of officers, required by law to be by ballot, shall have been completed to hear and decide upon the application of persons claiming a right to vote.

Given under our hands the ____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

Megan Smith

Daniel Harriman

Charles Worcester

A True Copy of the Warrant,

Attest: _____
Denise Stetkis, Clerk of Canaan