

TOWN OF CANAAN - TOWN MEETING

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026 @ 7:00PM

Minutes

Meeting was held at the Falls Village Emergency Services Center, 188 RT & South, Falls Village, CT 06031.

Canaan First Selectman, David Barger called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

There were 39 electors and 1 grand list voter, in attendance.

The first order of business was to elect a moderator.

First Selectman David Barger asked for nominations for moderator. Pat Mechare nominated Lou Timolat, nomination was seconded by Carmela Barger. Hearing no further nominations, a motion to close nominations was made by Chris Kinsella, seconded by Judy Jacobs. Vote was unanimous to close nominations. Vote was unanimous for Lou Timolat to serve as moderator.

First Selectman asked Town Clerk, Johanna Mann to read the call of the meeting.

Town Clerk read the call.

Lou Timolat was seated as the moderator. The Moderator took a moment to explain their role as a moderator.

Motion was made by Mary Palmer, seconded by David Barger to move item 1 per call.

Town Clerk read item 1 again.

1. Shall the Town of Canaan appropriate up to the sum of \$2,503,382.00 for general municipal purposes for Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027?

Martin Deeg requested the vote for item 1 be paper ballot, seconded by Mary Palmer.

The Moderator asked Carmela Barger and Melissa Lopes to help facilitate the paper ballot voting.

There was discussion regarding item 1.

Thom Wilson moved to close discussion, seconded by Michelle Hansen.

Paper ballot and pens were handed to all electors.

Paper ballots were collected by Carmela Barger and Melissa Lopes.

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Votes were counted in public view. No- 9, Yes- 28. Item 1 Passed.

Motion was made by Mary Palmer, seconded by Christian Allen to move item 2 per call.

Town Clerk read item 2 again.

2. Shall the Town of Canaan appropriate up to the sum of \$2,449,328.00 for educational expenses for the Lee H. Kellogg School for Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027?

(Region One expenses for the Town of Canaan are \$1,752,589.00 which has been approved by referendum bringing the total education expense to \$4,201,917.00)

Martin Deeg requested the vote for item 2 be paper ballot, seconded by Peter Jensen.

Moderator took a vote of whether to do a paper ballot or not. Vote Count: Paper – 11 Not Paper- 24

By show of hands, motion carried unanimous.

Motion was made by Pat Mechare, seconded by David Barger to move item 3.

Town Clerk read item 3 again.

3. Shall the Town of Canaan appoint the following as official Depositories of the Town of Canaan: National Iron Bank, Salisbury; NBT Bank, Salisbury and North Canaan; Torrington Savings Bank, Falls Village; Northwest Community Bank, Salisbury; Union Savings Bank, Goshen and the Connecticut Short Term Investment Fund for the Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027?

Motion carried, unanimous.

Motion was made by Mary Priestman, seconded by Chris Kinsella to move item 4.

Dave Barger explained the history of the ordinance and the reasoning behind having this ordinance in our town.

4. Shall the Town of Canaan consider and act upon *An Ordinance Concerning a Tax Abatement for Surviving Spouse Following a Line of Duty Death?*

Motion carried, unanimous.

Motion was made by Pat Mechare, seconded by Chris Kinsella to move item 5.

5. Shall the Town of Canaan consider and act upon *An Ordinance Concerning Becoming a Member Town of the Northwest Resource Recovery Authority?*

There was discussion regarding item 5.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Motion made by Mary Palmer to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alan Turner.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.


Respectfully submitted,



Johanna M. Mann

Town Clerk

I certify that these minutes are a true and accurate record of the above proceedings.



Lou Timolat

Elected Moderator as Presiding Officer