

Town of North Canaan Board of Finance Budget Workshop April 3, 2024

Present: Chairman Doug Humes, Bill Minacci, Brian Allyn Sr., Chris Sorrell

Chairman Humes called budget workshop to order at 7:30

NCES budget – there was a discussion regarding the possibility of the electricity needing an additional increase. Dr. Roy is assuming they will be able to cover an increase if it were to occur. Discussion of the new AC units. There were no further discussions.

Municipal budget - The chairman brought copies of the Salisbury and Falls Village budgets which show the percentages. He feels it would be helpful to add this to the town's budget showing what was expended the previous fiscal year and the percentages as it may answer questions prior to having to ask. Mr. Sorrell questioned the Executive Assistant increase. It is due to a payrate increase and change in hours. Mr. Sorrell asked about the new software. It combines everything. Cheryl Duntz explained that the system is for permitting and is also connected to the assessor's office as well. There is no more paper, everything has gone electronically. It is now contractual yearly. It did not lessen the amount of work and in some instances it causes more work. Selectman Ohler explained that there are more homeowners doing their own work, so they are needing help. The old paper files are staying where they are. Mr. Minacci questioned the amount the library requested, being less this year. Selectman Ohler stated he has spoken to them and there is no issue with the amount they requested.

April 10, 2024, 7:00pm is the next regular meeting.

Chairman closed the workshop at 7:44pm Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary