

The Town of Canaan provides fire service to half of Dorchester.

The Town bills Dorchester \$7,672 for fire service. Of this amount, \$2,660 is administrative overhead.

The proposed funding formula for the school tax based on 80% ADM and 20% relative tax base, would impact the Town of Dorchester by \$4,603.

The proposed funding formula would positively impact Canaan by \$485,759. It would also positively impact Orange by \$31,211 and Grafton by \$59,108.

The passage of the proposed warrant article to change the formula will most likely be determined by fewer than 200 votes.

In 2016, Dorchester voted against the proposed school budget with a vote of 95 against and 45 in favor of the budget.

To pass the funding formula, it will require that Dorchester make a sacrifice against their interest in the amount of \$4,603 and cast at least 100 votes in favor of the article.


Canaan appreciates the willingness of a neighboring town to support Canaan when it is in need.

In the event that the funding article passes and Dorchester's support of the article played a role by being in favor of the article, Canaan wants to return support to the taxpayers in Dorchester.


Canaan will reduce the fire service fee by \$4,603 a year for the five years that the new formula will unquestionably be in effect, recognizing that the formula may change back in the sixth year.

Canaan appreciates Dorchester's support and acknowledges that Canaan needs that support and the support is not in Dorchester's financial interest.

Canaan pledges to work with Dorchester when Dorchester is in need in the future as we do now with ambulance and fire coverage.



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