



# Town of New Fairfield

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May 10, 2023

### Special Town Meeting

The Town Meeting was called to order by First Selectman Pat Del Monaco at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the call of the meeting was read by Holly Smith, Town Clerk. Tom Quigley made a motion to accept the call as read, seconded by Cynthia Ross-Zweig. Call passed by voice vote.

Pat Del Monaco asked for nominations for a Moderator. Millie Kellog made a motion to nominate Tom Quigley as moderator, seconded by John McCartney. Wes Marsh made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Laurie Landa. Hearing no further nominations, Pat Del Monaco declared Tom Quigley as moderator.

Moderator Quigley read Resolution #1, #2 and #3 and stated they would be removed for submission to the voters by machine vote at such date and time as may be determined:

#### Resolution #1

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the appropriation of Town Government Expenditures totaling \$13,721,500 from the General Fund, and \$822,070 from the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund, and \$3,391,605 from other Governmental Funds, as recommended by the Board of Finance, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 be approved.

#### Resolution #2

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the appropriation of Education Expenditures totaling \$51,911,168 from the General Fund, and \$148,575 from the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund, as recommended by the Board of Finance, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 be approved.

#### Resolution #3

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the advisory questions "is the Town Budget too high or too low" and "is the Education Budget too high or too low" be approved.

Moderator Quigley asked for a motion to set the date and time for the machine vote. Wes Marsh made a motion to hold the vote on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., seconded by Elisa Becket-Flores. Moderator Quigley called for discussion on the motion. Cynthia Ross-Zweig made a motion to amend the motion to hold the vote on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and recommended setting the date and time for Tuesday, May 23, 2023 from noon – 8 p.m. suggesting May 20, 2023 was a religious holiday, townspeople are used to voting on a Tuesday, and too many events are occurring in town on a Saturday.

Moderator Quigley made a motion to move the Amended motion to the floor for discussion, seconded by Mark Beninson. A discussion was had; Wes Marsh and Elisa Becket-Flores stated historically this type of budget vote has been held on a Saturday and felt this was the best time logistically and with the most participation. Mark Beninson spoke of the Holiday and the process not allowing for a group of citizens to vote. After hearing no further discussion, Moderator Quigley called for a vote on the Amendment to set the date for Tuesday, May 23, 2023 from noon – 8 p.m.

Vote failed by a voice vote.

Moderator Quigley made a motion to discuss the motion made by Wes Marsh to hold the vote on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. After hearing no discussion, Moderator Quigley called for a vote to set the date and time for the machine vote to be Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 10.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m.

Vote passed by a voice vote.

Wes Marsh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John McCartney approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

22 Registered Voters

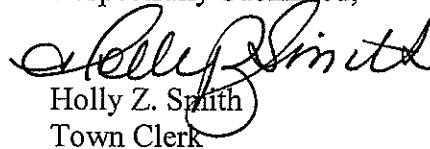
0 Property owners

2 Children

Voice Votes

Tape

Respectfully Submitted,



Holly Z. Smith  
Town Clerk