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April 17, 2024

Special Town Meeting

The Town Meeting was called to order by First Selectman Melissa Lindsey at 7:02 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the call of the meeting was read by Holly Smith, Town Clerk. Mark Beninson made a motion to accept the call as read, seconded by Laurie Landa. Call passed by voice vote.

Melissa Lindsey asked for nominations for a Moderator. Dan McDermott made a motion to nominate Cheryl Reedy as moderator, seconded by Keith Landa. Hearing no further nominations, Melissa Lindsey declared Cheryl Reedy as moderator.

Moderator Reedy welcomed everyone and explained the purpose and process for the Town Meeting. Moderator Reedy read Resolution #1 and #2 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 \$14,105,707 from the General Fund, and \$539,455 from the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund, and \$2,499,112 from other Governmental Funds, as recommended by the Board of Finance, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 be approved.

Resolution #2

BE IT RESOLVED, that the appropriation of Education Expenditures totaling \$55,071,776 from the General Fund, and \$119,577 from the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund, as recommended by the Board of Finance, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 be approved.

Moderator Reedy asked for a motion to set the date and time for the machine vote. Mark Beninson made a motion to hold the vote on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., seconded by Keith Landa. Moderator Reedy called for discussion on the motion. Elisa Becket-Flores made a motion to amend the motion to hold the vote on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and recommended setting the date and time for Saturday, April 27th from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. expressing concern for the extra hours being difficult to staff, as well as, the additional cost for hours that are not historically well attended.

Moderator Reedy made a motion to move the Amended motion to the floor for discussion, seconded by Mark Beninson. A discussion was had; 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 people working rotating schedules and mentioned we had many days for early voting he felt the same process should be followed and he felt the amended timing does not allow for a group of citizens to vote. After hearing no further discussion, Moderator Reedy called for a vote on the Amendment to set the date for Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Vote passed by a voice vote.

Paul Gouveia made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Laura Coniglio approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

70 Registered Voters

0 Property owners

11 Children

Voice Votes

Video Recorded

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Z. Smith
Town Clerk