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September 17, 2024

Special Town Meeting

The Town Meeting was called to order by First Selectman Melissa Lindsey at 7:22 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the call of the meeting was read by Holly Smith, Town Clerk. Craig Rosen made a motion to accept the call as read, seconded by Jake Lindsey. Call passed by voice vote.

Melissa Lindsey asked for nominations for a Moderator. Pat Del Monaco made a motion to nominate Cheryl Reedy as moderator, seconded by Jean Flynn. Melissa Lindsey asked if there were any further nominations. Hearing none, Melissa Lindsey made a motion to close nominations, seconded by John McCartney. 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.

Resolution #1

BE IT RESOLVED that the action to rescind the ARPA funds approved by town referendum on October 11, 2022 for Sewer Design and Permitting (\$725,712), Small Business Grants (\$39,500), Pandemic Premium Pay (\$1,597), Emergency Housing Fund (\$25,000) that has not been spent or encumbered as of September 17, 2024 be approved.

Christine Garabo made a motion to move Resolution #1 to the floor, seconded by Millie Kellogg, approved by voice vote. Moderator Reedy opened Resolution #1 for discussion. After discussion by several residents including Danette Onofrio, Christine Garabo, and Jennifer Pappas. Keith Landa made a motion to amend Resolution #1 to reduce the amount from Sewer Design and Permitting by \$300,000, seconded by John McCartney. First Selectman Melissa Lindsey, Selectman Tom Perkins and Selectman Pat Del Monaco all responded to the question discussing the funds available, local permits and discussions with the Town Attorney. Christine Garabo called the question regarding the amendment, seconded by Amy Johnson. Amendment failed by voice vote. Terra Volpe commented in favor of the Sewers and Jennifer Pappas asked about the opinion of the Town attorney. Steve Immarigeon called the question, seconded by Monica Thiel. Resolution #1 vote passed by hand vote – 2 abstained.

Moderator Reedy read Resolution #2. Moderator Reedy stated that Resolution #2 will be removed for submission to the voters by machine vote at such date and time as may be determined:

Resolution #2

BE IT RESOLVED, that the expenditure of American Rescue Plan Funds of \$1,094,143 on:
Ball Pond Watershed Stormwater Drainage / Arden Avenue, Merlin Avenue and Orehill Road Phase 1, Candlewood Corners Drainage Repairs, Bear Mountain Bridge Safety Improvements, Senior Center Dam Study, Town Hall Parking Lot Drainage, Company A Firehouse Split System, Company A

Firehouse Siding, Company A Firehouse Roof, Company A Firehouse Soffit Replacement, Squantz Pond Firehouse Air Conditioning Replacement, Senior Center Exterior Doors, ARPA Voting Expenses and High School Track and Turf Field Replacement be approved.

John McCartney made a motion to move Resolution #2 to the floor, seconded by Jake Lindsey, approved by voice vote. Moderator Reedy opened Resolution #2 for discussion. After hearing no discussion, Moderator Reedy called for a vote. Resolution #2 was approved by voice vote - 1 abstained.

Moderator Reedy asked for a motion to set the date and time for the machine vote. Dan McDermott made a motion to hold the vote on Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., seconded by Elisa Beckett-Flores. Moderator Reedy called for discussion on the motion. After hearing no discussion, Moderator Reedy called for a vote on the motion to set the date for Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Motion passed by a voice vote..

Moderator Reedy read Resolution #3.

Resolution #3

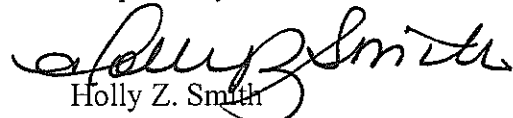
BE IT RESOLVED, that an Additional Appropriation to transfer \$600,000 from General Fund – Unreserved to Board of Education Capital and Non-Recurring Fund for the purpose of replacing the New Fairfield Stadium Turf and Track be approved.

Jake Lindsey made a motion to move Resolution #3 to the floor, seconded by Mike Ellenberg, approved by voice vote. Moderator Reedy opened Resolution #3 for discussion. After discussion by John McCartney and Joliset Miller Hiciano, Resolution #3 was approved by voice vote - All in favor

John McCartney made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jake Lindsey, approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

210 Registered Voters
4 Property owners
10 Guests
15 Children
Voice Votes
Video Recorded

Respectfully Submitted,


Holly Z. Smith
Town Clerk