

Special Town Meeting
September 26, 2019

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of New Fairfield was held at the Community Room at 33 Route 37 on September 26, 2019. The location for this meeting was changed from the Community Room to the Senior Center at 33 Route 37 in anticipation of a larger attendance than the Community Room could accommodate. A notice of the location change was posted on the Community Room door. The Meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. (E.T.), by First Selectman Pat Del Monaco.

After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the Town Clerk read the Notice of the meeting and stated that said Notice, signed by the Selectmen, had been posted on the Town signpost on September 18, 2019, and that a copy thereof had been published in The News-Times, a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of New Fairfield, in its issue of September 19, 2019.

Pat Del Monaco called for nominations for moderator. Samantha Mannion nominated John McCartney, seconded by Peggy Katkocin, approved unanimously. John McCartney was chosen and acted as Moderator.

The Moderator then explained that in accordance with Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of New Fairfield voted to remove Items 3 and 4 from the call of the Special Town Meeting to an Adjourned Town Meeting to be held on a date not less than seven (7) days nor more than fourteen (14) days after the date of such Special Town Meeting, between the hours beginning no earlier than 6:00 A.M. and not later than 12:00 Noon and ending at 8:00 P.M. (E.T.), as determined by the Special Town Meeting, all in accordance with Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended.

The Moderator stated that in accordance with Section 7-6 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, only an elector of the Town or a citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, was liable to the Town for taxes assessed against him based on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the last completed grand list of the Town or who would have been so liable if not entitled to an exemption as a blind person or as a veteran or as a parent or surviving spouse of a veteran would be entitled to vote at the adjourned town meeting and that absentee ballots shall be available as provided by law at the Town Clerk's office during business hours.

The Moderator then appointed Elaine Jordano and Donna Freeborn as checkers and tellers.

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The following communication from the Board of Finance was received, accepted and ordered incorporated in the minutes:

**Town of New Fairfield
Board of Finance
4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, CT 06812**

September 17, 2019

To the Board of Selectmen and
the Legal Voters of the Town
of New Fairfield

At a special meeting of the Board of Finance held September 17, 2019, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED:

That the resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$84,220,000 For The Planning, Design, Construction, Renovation, Demolition, Equipping And Furnishing Of The New Fairfield High School And Related Costs And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$84,220,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town at a Special Town Meeting.

RESOLVED:

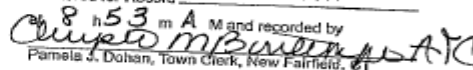
That the resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$29,190,000 For The Planning, Design, Construction, Renovation, Demolition, Equipping And Furnishing Of The Consolidated Early Learning Academy And Meeting House Hill School And Related Costs And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$29,190,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town at a Special Town Meeting.

Very truly yours,



Chairman
Board of Finance

Received for Record SEP 20 2019

8:53 AM and recorded by

Pamela J. Dolan, Town Clerk, New Fairfield, CT

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The following communication from the Board of Selectmen was received, accepted and ordered incorporated in the minutes:

Town of New Fairfield
Board of Selectmen
4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, CT 06812

September 17, 2019

To the Legal Voters of
the Town of New Fairfield

At a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on September 17, 2019, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED:

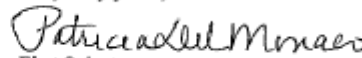
That the resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$84,220,000 For The Planning, Design, Construction, Renovation, Demolition, Equipping And Furnishing Of The New Fairfield High School And Related Costs And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$84,220,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town at a Special Town Meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$29,190,000 For The Planning, Design, Construction, Renovation, Demolition, Equipping And Furnishing Of The Consolidated Early Learning Academy And Meeting House Hill School And Related Costs And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$29,190,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town at a Special Town Meeting.

In addition, at said special meeting, the Board of Selectmen voted pursuant to Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, that the foregoing resolutions be removed from the call of the Special Town Meeting, and be submitted to a referendum vote at an Adjourned Town Meeting to be held on a date not less than seven (7) days nor more than fourteen (14) days after the date of such Special Town Meeting, between the hours beginning no earlier than 6:00 A.M. and not later than 12:00 Noon and ending at 8:00 P.M. (E.T.), as determined by the Special Town Meeting, all in accordance with Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended.

Very truly yours,


Patricia Abdul Monae
First Selectman

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at 8 h 53 m A M and recorded by

Pamela J. Dohan, Town Clerk, New Fairfield, CT

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Moderator McCartney introduced and read the following resolution by its title, copies of the entire resolution having been made available to those present:

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$84,220,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, DEMOLITION, EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING OF THE NEW FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AND RELATED COSTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$84,220,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

The question to be voted on at the Adjourned Town Meeting shall read as follows:

“Shall the resolution entitled ‘Resolution Appropriating \$84,220,000 For The Planning, Design, Construction, Renovation, Demolition, Equipping And Furnishing Of The New Fairfield High School And Related Costs And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$84,220,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose’, of which it is expected that an estimated \$22,570,000 shall be reimbursed by the State of Connecticut, as introduced and read at a Special Town Meeting held September 26, 2019, be approved ?”

The form of the ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

“Shall the \$84,220,000 appropriation and bond authorization, of which it is expected that an estimated \$22,570,000 shall be reimbursed by the State of Connecticut, for the planning, design, construction, renovation, demolition, equipping and furnishing of the New Fairfield High School be approved? YES/NO”

Moderator McCartney stated that voting on the proposed resolution would occur at the Adjourned Town Meeting to be set at the end of the Town Meeting.

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Moderator McCartney introduced and read the following resolution by its title, copies of the entire resolution having been made available to those present:

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$29,190,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, DEMOLITION, EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING OF THE CONSOLIDATED EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY AND MEETING HOUSE HILL SCHOOL AND RELATED COSTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$29,190,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

The question to be voted on at the Adjourned Town Meeting shall read as follows:

“Shall the resolution entitled ‘Resolution Appropriating \$29,190,000 For The Planning, Design, Construction, Renovation, Demolition, Equipping And Furnishing Of The Consolidated Early Learning Academy And Meeting House Hill School And Related Costs And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$29,190,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose’, of which it is expected that an estimated \$10,830,000 shall be reimbursed by the State of Connecticut, as introduced and read at a Special Town Meeting held September 26, 2019, be approved ?”

The form of the ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

“Shall the \$29,190,000 appropriation and bond authorization, of which it is expected that an estimated \$10,830,000 shall be reimbursed by the State of Connecticut, for the planning, design, construction, renovation, demolition, equipping and furnishing of the Consolidated Early Learning Academy and Meeting House Hill School be approved? YES/NO”

Moderator McCartney stated that voting on the proposed resolution would occur at the Adjourned Town Meeting to be set at the end of the Town Meeting. The Adjourned Town Meeting must be held on a date not less than seven (7) days nor more than fourteen (14) days after the date hereof, and that voting hours begin no earlier than 6:00 A.M. and not later than 12:00 Noon and end at 8:00 P.M. (E.T.). Electors and persons qualified to vote as aforesaid will cast their votes at the Meeting House Hill School, New Fairfield, Connecticut.

Eric Alviti made a motion that the Adjourned Town Meeting be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019, and that voting hours begin at 6:00 A.M. and end at 8:00 P.M., seconded by John Pendergast.

Jeff Alviti made a motion to call the question and vote on holding the Adjourned Town Meeting on Saturday, October 5, 2019 beginning at 6:00 A.M. and end at 8:00 P.M., seconded by John Pendergast.

Moderator McCartney called for a vote on the motion to call the question, approved unanimously by voice vote.

Moderator McCartney then called for a vote on the motion to hold the Adjourned Town Meeting on Saturday, October 5, 2019, and that voting hours begin at 6:00 A.M. and end at 8:00 P.M. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Moderator McCartney announced that that the motion was adopted and that the Adjourned Town Meeting would be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019, and that voting hours begin at 6:00 A.M. and end at 8:00 P.M.

Moderator McCartney stated that voting will be by machine vote. Those in favor of the resolution referred to in the question shall fill in the oval “Yes” under such question. Those not in favor of the resolution referred to in the question shall fill in the oval “No” under such question. Absentee ballots will be available at the office of the Town Clerk as provided by law.

Voting will take place pursuant to the provisions of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, and the votes will be cast and canvassed and the results determined and certified as nearly as may be in accordance with the laws governing the election of Town officials.

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There being no further business, Cheryl Reedy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Keith Landa; approved unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 P.M. (E.T.)

99 registered voters, 3 property owner and 3 visitors in attendance.

Voice Votes

Taped

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela J. Dohan
Town Clerk