

February 26, 2015

### Special Town Meeting

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by First Selectman Susan Chapman at 6:41 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the call of the meeting was read by Pamela Dohan, Town Clerk. John Hodge made a motion to accept the call as read, seconded by Donald Blackwell, passed by voice vote.

Susan Chapman called for nominations for moderator. Kim Hanson nominated Michael Gill, seconded by Cheryl Reedy. Being no further nominations, Susan Chapman asked the town clerk to cast one ballot for Michael Gill as moderator; so cast.

Moderator Gill read the Resolution:

Be it Resolved that amending Section 16-57 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of New Fairfield regarding Elderly Tax Relief, as recommended by the Board of Finance: (1) To increase the qualifying income limits for the elderly tax credit benefit to \$47,000 for a single applicant and \$57,000 for a married applicant for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015, and to provide that such limits shall thereafter be adjusted annually for inflation as provided in G.S. §12-170aa; (2) to increase the qualifying income limits for the elderly tax deferral benefit to \$60,000 for a single applicant and \$70,000 for a married applicant for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015, and to provide that such limits shall thereafter be adjusted annually for inflation as provided in G.S. §12-170aa; (3) the elderly tax credit to \$1,609 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015 and to provide that the elderly tax credit shall thereafter be increased annually by the percentage increase in the portion of the annual budget to be funded by taxes; and (4) to eliminate the \$200 supplemental elderly tax credit be approved.

Wesley Marsh made a motion to move the Resolution to the floor for discussion, seconded by John Hodge. Moderator Gill called for discussion. Discussion was held by Rudy Behrens, Teri Lent, Steve Green, Amy Tozzo, Steve Rowe, Mike Nanocchio, Bob Stryker, Tom Weisenberger, Mike Gill, Cheryl Reedy, John Hodge, Olga Nanocchio, Adrian Bing-Zaremba, Roger Flocke, Phil Buonanno, Mary Behrens, Elizabeth Ricci, Warren Schomber and Kim Hanson.

During discussion, Al Mardis made a motion to amend the Resolution to include "(5) and to provide for review of this ordinance by the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen starting on July 1, 2020 and each 5<sup>th</sup> year thereafter", seconded by John McCartney. Town Attorney Jack Keating was consulted as to the legality of amending a Resolution for a town meeting that had been advertised as such. Attorney Keating stated he did not believe it could be amended at the meeting given that it was "recommended by the Board of Finance". Moderator Gill ruled the amendment out of order. After all discussion, Marty Gucker called the question, seconded by John Hodge, approved by voice vote. Moderator Gill called for a vote on the Resolution. Resolution approved by voice vote.

Moderator Gill called for a motion to adjourn. Susan Chapman made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Kim Hanson; approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

83 registered voters, 2 property owners and 1 visitor in attendance

Voice Votes

Taped

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela J. Dohan  
Town Clerk