

January 22, 2009

Special Town Meeting

First Selectman John Hodge called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, First Selectman Hodge asked the Town Clerk to read the call of the meeting. Before the reading of the call, Thomas Quigley raised a point of order regarding whether the call had been properly noticed. First Selectman Hodge asked Town Clerk Janice Zackeo to read the call of the meeting, after which First Selectman Hodge addressed the point of order raised by Thomas Quigley. Mr. Hodge noted that the call of the meeting only needs to state the purpose of the meeting; the Resolution goes into more depth on the meeting specifics. Michael Gill made a motion to accept the call as read, seconded by Donald Blackwell, approved by voice vote with one abstention.

First Selectman John Hodge called for nominations for moderator. Kim Hanson made a motion to nominate Ronald Oliveri, seconded by Paul Bruno. Thomas Corbett made a motion to nominate Cheryl Reedy, seconded by Kim Hanson. Ed McCue made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Donald Blackwell, approved by hand and voice vote. Upon receiving the majority of votes, Ronald Oliveri was approved as moderator.

Moderator Oliveri read Resolution #1:

Resolution #1:

Be it Resolved that the Town of New Fairfield accept an Environmental Protection Agency water grant funds in the amount of \$151,800 as set aside in 2003 by Congress for the use by the Town of New Fairfield to help two water infrastructure projects vital to the Town of New Fairfield, the creation of a potable water line to the New Fairfield Senior Center at 33 Route 37 and to supply a comprehensive study required by DEP/DPH, for the Town Center and School District water infrastructure. The local cost share will be funded by a combination of DSS funds awarded to the Senior Center and the STEAP Funds recently awarded for water infrastructure from the town center to the school district and the expenditure thereof be approved.

Thomas Corbert made a motion to move Resolution #1 to the floor for discussion, seconded by Cheryl Reedy, approved by voice vote. Moderator Oliveri opened Resolution #1 for discussion. After discussion by Thomas Quigley, Steve Polizzi, owner of Rural Water Company; John Hodge, Rudy Behrens, Martin Andrews, Cheryl Reedy and Moderator Oliveri; Ralph Langham made a motion to call the question, seconded by Kim Hanson. Motion to call the question passed by 2/3 majority hand and voice votes, per the opinion of the moderator.

Moderator Oliveri asked if there were any objections. Marty Andrews requested a hand count. First Selectman Hodge requested a separation of the room. The Registrars of Voters counted 35 yes votes and stated there were 50 voters in attendance. Moderator Oliveri determined that the motion was approved by 2/3 majority vote.

Moderator Oliveri called for a vote on Resolution #1. The vote had one opposed and one abstention. Resolution #1 approved.

Donald Blackwell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kim Hanson, approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

50 Registered Voters
9 Visitors
Hand, Voice & Division of Room Votes
Taped

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice D. Zackeo
Town Clerk