Special Town Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2019

Windham, VT

Having been warned, the legal voters of the Town of Windham met at the Meeting House in Windham, Vermont on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Michael McLaine, Town Moderator. Michael McLaine read the warning aloud and explained the procedures to be followed during the meeting.

Article 1: To elect a Selectboard member (to fill vacancy created by the death of a Selectboard member, term to expire at Town Meeting 2021).

Motion: To nominate Peter Chamberlain as Selectboard member—moved by Bob Bingham.

Motion: To close nominations and have the clerk cast one ballot for Peter Chamberlain as Selectboard member—moved by Walter Woodruff, seconded by Kathy Scott.

Vote: Peter Chamberlain was elected as Selectboard member by unanimous vote.

Article 2: Shall the Town of Windham vote on all public questions by Australian ballot?

Erin Kehoe requested that Article 2 be voted by paper ballot. At least 7 voters were in favor of voting by paper ballot. Michael McLaine announced the article would be voted by paper ballot and opened discussion. Several residents expressed their viewpoints on the question.

Motion: To close discussion and move the question to vote by paper ballot—moved by Bob Bingham, seconded by Asa Goodband.

Vote: Motion on Article 2 failed (No: 61; Yes: 40)

Article 3: Shall the Town of Windham elect town officers by Australian ballot?

Motion: To move the question—moved by Alison Trowbridge, seconded by Carolyn Partridge.

Brief discussion followed.

Motion: To close discussion and move the question to vote by paper ballot—moved by Bob Bingham, seconded by Jim Corriveau.

Vote: Motion on Article 3 failed (No: 48; Yes: 39; 1 missing ballot—87 ballots cast, 88 voters)

Article 4: Shall the Town of Windham adopt all budget articles by Australian ballot?

Motion: To move the question—moved by Vance Bell, seconded by Carolyn Partridge.

Brief discussion followed.

Motion: To close discussion and move the question to vote—moved by Dan Reilly, seconded by Bob Bingham.

Vote: Motion on Article 4 failed by majority vote.

Motion: To adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 8:00 p.m.—moved by Kord Scott, seconded by Ellen McDuffie.

Vote: Unanimous.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Michael McLaine, Town Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Maureen Bell

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 Kord Scott

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Peter Chamberlain