



Board of Selectmen **Public Meeting Minutes** **October 29, 2019**

The pre-Special Town Meeting was called to order at approximately 6 p.m. at the Mattacheese Middle School by Chairman Stone. Selectmen present: Erik Tolley, Tracy Post, Norm Holcomb, and Mark Forest. Also attending: Yarmouth Town Administrator, Dan Knapik.

1. Board of Selectmen Discussion, Votes and Recommendations of Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles

A discussion was held among the Board Members relative to recommending Article 8 (the single-use plastic bottles petition article). Selectman Holcomb spoke in favor of recommending the article. Selectman Tolley spoke in favor of using public education and outreach as opposed to regulation to achieve the same end result and he was supportive of that kind of effort.

Chairman Stone also favored educational outreach as a preferred approach. He also indicated his support for public availability of water stations to assist with achieving the goal of reducing single-use plastic containers. Selectman Post spoke in favor of a public outreach effort and indicated she did not support regulations.

Selectman Post made a motion to not recommend the article; seconded by Selectman Tolley. Roll call vote not to support was taken: Selectmen Post, Stone, and Tolley; Selectmen Forest and Holcomb voted to recommend the article.

Additional discussion centered on the proposed DPW building and possible use of additional sources of Town reserve accounts to lower the overall project cost. Each member of the Board indicated that they supported the present decision to use the \$250,000 from free cash and would not recommend any further use at this time.

At 6:26 PM, a discussion was held about the Finance Committee expansion. Town Administrator Knapik informed the Board that the Finance Committee voted 3-3 on the recommendation.

At 7 PM, the meeting recessed for Special Town Meeting.

- 7:44 PM: Article 1 passed by majority vote;
- 8:15 PM: Article 2 passed by a 2/3 vote;
- 8:16 PM: Article 3 passed by majority vote;
- 8:19 PM: Article 4 passed by a 2/3 vote;
- 8:23 PM: Article 5 passed by a 2/3 vote;
- 8:40 PM: Article 6 passed by a majority vote;
- 8:42 PM: Article 7 passed by a majority vote;
- 9:30 PM: Article 8 passed by a majority vote;
- 9:52 PM: Article 9 passed by a majority vote;

At 9:53 PM, a motion to adjourn Town Meeting passes.

2. Adjourn

MOTION: At 9:53 PM, to move that the Board of Selectmen adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Mark Forest

Seconded by: Tracy Post Yea 5 Nay 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel M. Knapik
Town Administrator