

Special Town Meeting

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Via Zoom Meeting

Donald Stein, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. with 12 residents and one non-resident in attendance.

Matt Kelly nominated John Doyle moderator and Mark Mahoney seconded the nomination. Motion carried to close the nominations and John Doyle was elected moderator.

Erica Dyndiuk nominated Holly Krouse secretary and Nick Lukiwsky seconded. Motion carried to close nominations and Holly Krouse was elected secretary.

Holly Krouse, Town Clerk, read the warning for the meeting. Motion made by Matt Kelly and seconded by Melissa Roy to approve the motion on the table.

Discussion: Don Stein gave background for the reason to request the change of this ordinance. One of the Barkhamsted Representatives on Stanclift Cove Authority hasn't been attending meetings. He will not officially resign even though he has missed the last 7 meetings with 5 of them being consecutive, which is causing a hardship on the rest of the Authority. There is a resident who is very interested in becoming a member of the Authority. Don also pointed out that the ordinance change would not take effect until 15 days after published, so the date of March 9 would not be the effective date. A second issue in the motion is the wording that uses the word "elected". The wording that is used in the ordinance in regards to membership is that they are "appointed" by the legislative body. Discussion ensued about the differences between appointed and elected boards and what authority the Board of Selectmen have to appoint or remove members that were appointed or elected at a Town Meeting by the legislative body. The town attorney recommended that the modification to the ordinance include the wording that a vote of the selectman's decision be ratified at the next scheduled Town Meeting. Matt Kelly amended his original motion to change the wording on the last line of the subparagraph to read "If that vote is positive, a new member will be appointed to fill the vacant seat". All voted in favor of the new motions. The vote was then taken on the amended motion which passed with the majority voting in favor.

Another motion was then made and seconded to table the items 2, 3 and 4 on the warning until the next annual Town Meeting on May 4, 2021. All were in favor and meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

Submitted by



Holly P. Krouse
Barkhamsted Town Clerk

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