

Special Town Meeting
Tuesday February 7, 2023
Town Garage Community Room

First Selectman, Don Stein called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with approximately 25 residents in attendance.

Deb Brydon nominated John Lavieri moderator and Ray Pech seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations and John Lavieri was elected moderator.

John Lavieri called for nominations for secretary. Ray Pech nominated Holly Krouse and it was seconded by Deb Brydon. Motion carried to close nominations and Holly Krouse was elected secretary.

John Lavieri called for a motion to waive the reading of the warning. Arthur Roy moved to waive and it was seconded by Ray Pech. All were in favor.

Item 1: It was moved by Ray Pech and seconded by Erica Dyndiuk to appoint resident Paul Sutter to fill the position on Stanclift Cove due to the resignation of Wil Wesley. As there was no other resident at the meeting interested, Paul was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy from 2/7/2023 through the remainder of the term ending 12/31/2023 and into the next term of 1/1/2024 through 12/31/2026 with many voiced thanks from the residents in attendance.

Item 2: It was moved by Erica Dyndiuk and seconded by Denise Walker to consider the new Open Burning Ordinance. Don Stein led the discussion giving a number of safety reasons behind this new ordinance. Chris Tooker asked if there was already a town ordinance in place for open burning. Don explained that there is not, but that we have had a process in place for years on obtaining a burning permit and rules to follow. This new Town Ordinance takes the information found from that process, State Statutes, and DEEP rules and puts them all into one place to make it easier for our residents to access and hopefully understand and follow. Paula Cutcomb had specific questions about the way she burns in her fire pit and if she would be in compliance and Arthur Roy asked about his process of burning for agricultural purposes. After answering those questions and assuring the residents that there is no intention to hire any fire police, the motion carried to accept the new ordinance as written.

Item 3: Deb Brydon moved to approve the change to the Snowstorm Parking Ordinance and Erica Dyndiuk seconded. Resident John McPherson stood up and spoke of his feelings against this ordinance change. He feels it's "over the top" with ticketing and/or towing cars and that there are many people who park on the roads during the winter months having family parties and that it's unfair to require them to move their vehicles. He also feels that residents need to be able to leave their cars on the road in order to properly snow blow their driveways when getting home from work. Don Stein responded to his concerns and spoke about the consideration and safety of all living in the neighborhood. It's very inconsiderate and dangerous for residents if the town plows are unable to keep the roads cleared of snow because there are cars left out overnight. After more discussion, the motion was moved by Philip Walker and a vote called for. The revision to the ordinance passed with the majority in favor of and one nay vote.

Item 4: The motion was made by Deb Brydon and seconded by Ray Kauslaitis to discuss and act on the program. Nick Lukiwsky and Don Stein explained that this plan gives the Board of Selectmen prior approval for the next 5 years to use LoCip monies for capital improvements without needing to call a town meeting to authorize the usage. Residents asked if this impacted our town taxes in any way. Don explained that it did not as this is money received from the State to help offset expenses which helps keep taxes down for Barkhamsted. All voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40p.m.

Attest:

Holly P. Krouse
Barkhamsted Town Clerk