SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF LITCHFIELD REGION 20 ELECTION TO FILL VACANCY DECEMBER 6, 2023

A Special Meeting of the Town of Litchfield was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at the Litchfield Intermediate School Auditorium. There were approximately 253 people in attendance. First Selectman, Denise Raap, called the meeting to order at 7:29 pm, due to electors being checked in at arrival by the Registrars of Voters. The election would be by paper and each elector was given a blank ballot upon checkin. Lisa A. Losee, Town Clerk, served as Clerk.

Jeffrey Zullo made a motion that Cleve Fuessenich preside as Moderator. It was seconded by Jonathan Torrant. There were no other nominations. Motion was made and seconded to close nominations. All were in favor. It was then unanimously voted by voice that Cleve Fuessenich serve as Moderator. Motion carried.

The Call of the Special Meeting Election was made available to all in attendance and is attached to these minutes as Exhibit A.

The Town Clerk read the Certificate of Posting which is attached to these minutes as Exhibit B.

Item 1: To elect one (1) member from the Town of Litchfield to the new Regional School District 20 Board of Education formed pursuant to the referendum held June 28, 2022, in order to fill a vacancy with term expiration of June, 2025.

The Moderator stated that the following rules would apply: Persons nominating a candidate would have the opportunity to speak at the podium for 2 minutes on behalf of their nominees. Following a second nod, candidates would then have 5 minutes to speak on their own behalf. All nominators would speak first then all candidates would speak.

The Moderator then called for nominations from the floor.

Nominee #1: Matt Terzian
Nominated by: Danny Clock
Seconded by: Jonathan Torrant

Nominee #2: Margaret Hunt
Nominated by: Michelle Marrin
Seconded by: Gary Waugh

Nominee #3: <u>Kara Cruoglio</u> Nominated by: <u>Leila Pesce</u> Seconded by: <u>Michael Zakriski</u> J. Zullo moved to close nominations, seconded by John Bongiorno. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

After all had the opportunity to speak, the electors were called to place their ballots in one of 2 ballot boxes supervised by the Registrar of Voters.

253 ballots were cast. 1 was rejected due to an individual writing 2 candidate's names on a single ballot. Ballots were counted by 2 teams: Nancy Southard, Republican Registrar with Lynette Kyasky, Republican Clerk Registrar and Barbara Putnam, Democrat Registrar with Jill Bigelow, Democrat Deputy Registrar. The results were as follows:

Tally:

Matt Terzian: 133 Margaret Hunt: 33 Kara Cruoglio: 86

The Moderator declared Matt Terzian elected to serve on the Region 20 Board of Education for the Town of Litchfield to fill the vacancy with term ending in June, 2025.

J. Zullo made motion to adjourn said meeting, seconded by J. Bongiorno. The meeting ended at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Losee Town Clerk

Exhibit A

TOWN OF LITCHFIELD NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 6, 2023

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Litchfield pursuant to Section 10-46(b)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes that a Special Town Meeting will be convened on December 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Litchfield Intermediate School, 35 Plumb Hill Rd., Litchfield, CT for the following purpose:

1. To elect one (1) member from the Town of Litchfield to the new Regional School District 20 Board of Education formed pursuant to the referendum held June 28, 2022, in order to fill a vacancy with term expiration of June, 2025.

Dated at Litchfield, Connecticut this 21st day of November, 2023.

John Bongiorno

Dan Morosani

Jodiana Tenney

BOARD OF SELECTMEN TOWN OF LITCHFIELD

Any persons requiring special assistance should contact First Selectman Denise Raap between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 860-567-7550.

RE 15 am
11.15 am
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Exhibit B

POSTING CERTIFICATE NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 6, 2023

I, Lisa A. Losee, the duly elected Town Clerk of the Town of Litchfield, Connecticut, hereby certify that there has been posted in the office of the Town Clerk, on the Town website, and all other places designated by the Town on November 28, 2023, the Warning of Special Town Meeting to be held on December 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Litchfield Intermediate School, that which was caused to be published in the Republican-American, a newspaper having a substantial circulation in the Town of Litchfield, in its issue of November 28, 2023; which publication was at least five days prior to the holding of said Town Meeting (counting the date of publication but not the date of the meeting). Those eligible to vote at this meeting must be electors of the Town of Litchfield.

Signed and sealed at Litchfield, Connecticut this 28th day of November, 2023

Lisa A. Losee,

Town Clerk