

Town of North Canaan
Special Town Meeting
June 23, 2025
Town Hall, 100 Pease Street, North Canaan, CT

Present: Residents of the Town of North Canaan, approximate count 150

Assistant Town Clerk, Marilisa Camardi, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Motion made by Michael O'Connor to nominate Brian Allyn Sr as moderator. Seconded by John Jacquier. Motion carried.

No other nominations were made. Motion to close nominations made by John Jacquier
Seconded by John O'Connor. Motion carried.

Nominations closed and Brian Allyn Sr was approved to serve as moderator for the meeting.
All considerations were read into record:

- 1) Conduct public hearing on agenda items #2 and #3.

Opening statement by First Selectman Brian Ohler. Thanked everyone for coming.

Resident Trooper contract – supports approval for the safety of all residents and business owners. Cost reduction from previous contract. Funds approved in FY 2025-26 budget.

Tripartite ordinance – Supports 4 year appointed terms for tax collector, town clerk and treasurer. These positions are appointed in many CT towns. Good change for North Canaan as it will broaden the application pool by allowing non-North Canaan residents to hold position.

Discussion: Several community members voiced questions and concerns regarding the change, the lack of notice and lack of opportunities for public to discuss. Request for referendum or question on November ballot rather than town meeting vote. Letter from Chris Jacques read into record.

Christian Allyn made motion to close public hearing. Seconded by Sean Claydon. Motion carried.

- 2.) Consider and take action on the proposed two-year Resident Trooper contract.

Motion was made by Christian Allyn to vote by paper ballot for item #1 – Resident Trooper Contract Seconded by Steven Allyn. Motion carried.

Ballots were collected and counted by Patricia Keilty, Registrar of Voters, Rosemary Keilty, Registrar of Voters, Marilisa Camardi, Assistant Town Clerk and Clementine “Bunny” McGuire.

Item PASSED with 148 votes counted: 128 yes and 20 no.

3.) Consider and take action on the proposed tripartite ordinance to create four-year appointed terms for the positions of Treasurer, Tax Collector and Town Clerk.

First Selectman, Brian Ohler, acknowledged the communities concerns regarding this proposal and made a motion to table item #3 until further discussions and hearings can be conducted.

Motion seconded by Deb Elden. Motion carried.

Motion to close the meeting made by Douglas Humes. Seconded by John Jacquier. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Marilisa Camardi, Assistant Town Clerk