



## Special Town Meeting

October 13, 2020

A Special Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. This being the first in-person Town Meeting held since the onset of Covid-19 restrictions, wearing masks and social distancing was required by all in attendance. The meeting was attended by the Board of Selectmen including First Selectman Angus McDonald and Selectmen Duane Gates and Jim Olson. Sixteen residents including members of the Board of Finance and Planning and Zoning Commission, were also in attendance. The meeting was recorded via Zoom.

First Selectman Angus McDonald called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Gates made a motion to appoint Leonard Rodriguez as Moderator of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Olson and was approved by voice vote. Rodriguez appointed Town Clerk Amy Winchell to act as clerk of the meeting who then read the call.

A motion to accept the call as read was made by Charlie Brashears and seconded by Olson. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Motion to approve Item #1 was made by Gates and seconded by Kastner.

### **1. To approve actions of the Board of Selectmen's regular meeting of February 25, 2020:**

#### **Appointment to Community Health Committee:**

**Dawn Norton:**

**Term to expire: 12/01/2021**

There being no discussion, a voice vote was held and Item #1 was unanimously approved.

Motion to approve Item #2 was made by Kastner and seconded by Lori Guerette.

### **2. To approve actions of the Board of Selectmen's regular meeting of August 25, 2020:**

#### **Appointment to Planning & Zoning Commission:**

**Daphne Stroud: regular member**

**Term to expire: 12/01/2022**

Discussion: McDonald noted regular member David Basilone had resigned so Stroud was being moved up from an alternate position.

There being no further discussion, a voice vote was held and Item #2 was unanimously approved.

Motion to approve Item #3 was made by Guerette and seconded by George Eckenroth.

**3. To approve actions of the Board of Selectmen's regular meeting of September 8, 2020:**

**Appointments to Planning & Zoning Commission:**

<b>Marian Staye – alternate member</b>	<b>Term to expire: 12/01/2022</b>
<b>Stanley Rheinheimer – alternate member</b>	<b>Term to expire: 12/01/2021</b>

Discussion: McDonald noted that the candidates were reviewed by all three members of the Board of Selectmen and were both well qualified to serve on this board.

There being no further discussion, a voice vote was held and Item #3 was unanimously approved.

Motion to approve Item #4 was made by Kastner and seconded by Brashears.

**4. To approve actions of the Board of Selectmen's regular meeting of September 22, 2020**

**The acceptance of the additional 400+ feet of new road on Hoopole Hill Road as well as the additional land along the existing town road which will increase the right of way to fifty feet**

Discussion: McDonald stated that work done on this Town road was completed enough to release the performance bond for this development. Gary Clark asked why the Town was responsible for work done on this road. Kastner, as a member of PZC, explained that State Statute requires a town to improve and maintain town roads as necessary for a subdivision. McDonald added this was a formality and the developer could sue the Town if we choose not to refund the bond.

There being no further discussion, a voice vote was held and Item #4 was approved with one dissenting vote.

Motion to approve Item #5 was made by Guerette and seconded by Eckenroth.

**5. To approve actions of the Board of Finance's regular meeting of September 22, 2020**

**To create a new line item in the ZEO budget titled Consulting Services that will be funded at \$42,000.00. To transfer \$17,299.00 in the ZEO salary line to the Consulting Services line. To increase the Consulting Services line by a transfer of \$24,701.00 from the unappropriated surplus**

Discussion: McDonald reviewed that the Town had been unsuccessful in replacing our Zoning Enforcement Officer but was benefitting from the hire of CHA Consulting Services in the interim. Alan Paradis, as a member of PZC, spoke to the benefits of

hiring a firm vs. an individual and taking advantage of the breadth of services this firm offers.

There being no further discussion, a voice vote was held and Item #5 was unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Eckenroth and seconded by Guerette to adjourn. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

ATTEST:

Amy M. Winchell, Town Clerk