

MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2021

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman Thomas D. McKeon at 8:00 p.m. Nominations were opened for Moderator. George Neal nominated Christopher Johnstone; he was seconded by Martha Neal. There being no other nominations from the floor and by hand vote Christopher Johnstone was declared Moderator. The Moderator read the call of the meeting.

Item No. 1. The moderator stated that Chuck Buchanan has decided not to continue and asked for nominations from the floor. Hope Carfiro nominated Kevin Robichaud she was seconded by George Neal. By hand vote he passes, Kevin Robichaud (U) was appointed regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission to serve a term of three years (October, 2021 to October, 2024).

Item No. 2. The Moderator stated that this is a vacancy position and asked for nominations from the floor. Kate Kennedy nominated Duncan McClave she was seconded by Martha Neal. There being no other nominations from the floor and by hand vote Item No. 2 the passes. Duncan B. McClave (R) was appointed alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission to serve a term of three years (October, 2021 to October, 2024).

Item No. 3. The Moderator stated that this is a vacancy position and asked for nominations from the floor. Martha Neal nominated Dave Goulet she was seconded by Becky Roy. There being no other nominations from the floor and by hand vote Item No. 3 passes. David A. Goulet (U) was appointed alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission to serve a term of one year (October, 2021 to October, 2022).

Item No. 4. The Moderator stated that this is a vacancy position and asked for nominations from the floor. Martha Neal nominated Jen Larocque she was seconded by George Neal. There being no other nominations from the floor and by hand vote Item No. 4 passes. Jennifer Fairchild Larocque (D) was appointed alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission to serve a term of two years (October, 2021 to October, 2023).

Item No. 5. The Moderator stated that there are three positions to fill. The three positions are held by Carol Sherwood, Tim Brainard and Cathie Norton, they all wish to continue. The moderator opened nominations from the floor. Hope Carfiro nominated Tim Brainard, she was seconded by Scott Norton. Tom Norton nominated Cathie Norton and was seconded by Scott Norton. Scott Norton nominated Carol Sherwood and was seconded by Kate Kennedy. Kate Kennedy nominated John Fredsall and was seconded by Diane Johnstone. At this point the Moderator asked the Democratic and Republican Registrars of Voters, Karen Odell and Sherri Gray and to continue by paper ballot. Ballots were passed out; the voters were instructed to vote for three. After much confusion the instructions were given again and the Registrars of Voters picked up the ballots. The results of the vote are as follows: John Fredsall 38; Tim Brainard 36; Carol Sherwood 34 and Cathie Norton 10.

John E. Fredsall (U); Timothy T. Brainard (R) and Carol Sherwood (R) are each appointed regular members of the Zoning Board of Appeals each to serve a term of two years (October 2021 to October 2023).

Item No. 6. The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. Tom Norton nominated Cathie Norton and was seconded by Karen Odell. Hope Carfiro nominated Sarah Carfiro and was seconded by Matt Klimkosky. Again, the Moderator asked for paper ballots. The Registrar of Voters handed out and collected ballots. The results of the vote are as follows: Cathie Norton 7; Sarah Carfiro 34. Sarah E. Carfiro (U) was appointed alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to serve a term of three years (October, 2021 to October, 2024).

Item No. 7. The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. Kim Janak nominated Cathie Norton and was seconded by Tom Norton. There being no other nominations from the floor and by hand vote Catherin C. Norton (R) was appointed to fill a vacancy as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to serve a term of one year (October, 2021 to October, 2022).

Item No. 8. The Moderator stated that there are three positions to fill and opened nominations from the floor. Kim Janak nominated Roxanne Puhalski and was seconded by Hope Carfiro; Roxanne Puhalski nominated Chris Waring and was seconded by Martha Neal; Kim Janak nominated Ryan Farrell and was seconded by Roxanne Puhalski. There being no other nominations from the floor and by hand vote Item No. 8 passes. Roxanne M. Puhalski (D); Christopher John Waring (U) and Ryan W. Farrell (U) were appointed members of the Recreation Board each to serve a term of three years (October 2021 to October 2024).

Item No. 9. The moderated stated that this position is currently held by Cathie Norton. Cathie would like to continue, the Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. Tom Norton nominated Cathie Norton and was seconded by Scott Norton; Kate Kennedy nominated Alesia Maltz and was seconded by Marty Neal. The Moderator asked for paper ballots. The Registrar of Voters handed out and collected ballots. The results of the vote are as follows: Cathie Norton 10; Alesia Maltz 38. Alesia Maltz (D) was appointed regular member of the Historic District Commission to serve a term of five years October 2021 to October 2026)

Item No. 10. The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. Marty Neal nominated Sally Estock and was seconded by Jim Millar. There being no other nominations from the floor and by unanimous voice vote Sarah W. Estock (R) was appointed to fill a vacancy as a regular member of the Historic District Commission to serve a term of one year (October, 2021 to October, 2022).

Item No. 11. The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. There being no nominations from the floor the vacancy term of two years for a regular member of the Historic District Commission remains a vacancy.

Item No. 12. The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. There being no nominations from the floor the vacancy term of two years for an alternate member of the Historic District Commission remains a vacancy.

Item No. 13. The Moderator introduced Andrew Bakulski, Chairman of the Colebrook Board of Education to described the scope of the project. He stated that there will be many structural upgrades including a new modern front entrance with glass as well as the back and the classroom doors. There being no questions or discussion Item No. 13 was moved by Jim Millar and seconded by Cathie Norton. The vote was taken by hand with only one No vote. The supplemental appropriation of \$120,600 for security enhancements at the Colebrook Consolidated School was approved.

Item No. 14. The Moderator introduced Jim Millar, Chairman of the Board of Finance to explain the proposed ordinance. This ordinance was approved by the board of finance in October of 2020. The purposes of this ordinance are (i) to define what is meant by a “department” for the purposes of C.G.S. §7-348; (ii) to establish a procedure to deal with budget variances after the end of the fiscal year; and (iii) to create a contingency fund as authorized by C.G.S. §7-348. After a lively discussion it was suggested that the town should write a different ordinance or not approve this ordinance and follow the statute. Jim Millar moved Item 14 and was seconded by Matt Klimkosky. With no further discussion a hand vote was taken, yes 28 and no 4. The ordinance to clarify Connecticut General Statute 7-348 regarding supplemental appropriations and budget variances was approved.

There being no further business a motion was made by Martha Neal and seconded by Tom Norton to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Attest: Debra L. McKeon
Town Clerk