MINUTES

TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ~ DECEMBER 18, 2021

Moderator Steven John called the meeting to order at 12:03 P.M. and read out the warning:

The legal voters of the Town of Marlboro, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet outdoors in front of the Town House at 13 Town Hill Road of said Marlboro on Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. to consider and act upon the following Articles:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator.

Steven John nominated by Clarence Boston, seconded by Linda Peters.

Jonathan Morse asked that the Clerk cast a single ballot, seconded by Clarence Boston.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

Steven John elected as Moderator for this meeting.

Also present are Select Board members Julia von Ranson & Aaron Betts; Justices of the Peace Linda T. Peters, Marcia Hamilton, and David Holzapfel; Constable Clarence Boston.

Article 2: Shall the voters of the Town of Marlboro adopt all budget articles for the Town by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(c) in place of an in-person floor vote, due to the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

So moved by Nancy Anderson and seconded by Linda Peters.

Discussion:

- Dan MacArthur asked to amend the article to include "for one one year only".
- Town Clerk Forrest Holzapfel replied that Vermont law does not allow us to set a time frame, and this proposed voting methodology will be in place until a new vote changes the methodology back to the floor vote model.
- Dan MacArthur asked that we should change back as soon as possible. Clarence Boston called the question.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 32 voters were present.

The Town will adopt all budget articles for the Town by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(c) in place of an in-person floor vote, due to the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Article 3: Shall the Town of Marlboro vote on all public questions by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(d) in place of an in-person floor vote, due to the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

So moved by Gail MacArthur and seconded by Nancy Anderson.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 32 voters were present.

The Town will vote on all public questions by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(d) in place of an in-person floor vote, due to the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Article 4. To discuss any other non-binding business.

➤ Moved to adjourn by Clarence Boston, seconded by Marcia Hamilton at 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk

Steven John, Moderator

Linda T. Peters, Treasurer & Justice of the Peace