

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
November 18 , 2023
MIDDLEFIELD TOWN HALL

Present:

Selectboard: Chair Ann Marie Visconti, Member: Curt Robie. Regrets: Tamarin Laurel-Paine
Town Clerk Suzanne C. Lemieux Assistant Town Clerk: Mark W. Doane

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noreen Suriner as Moderator for this meeting. Motion passed unanimously

Moderator Noreen Suriner opened the meeting at 10:00 with a quorum of 28 residents and a warrant that was duly posted. Pledge of Allegiance was given immediately after the opening.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 30 passed on the 2024 annual Town warrant authorizing a \$57,010.00 payment on the 2012 International Tandem Axle Truck to be reimbursed out of the FY 2024 capital stabilization account and then to be reimbursed out of the FY 2024 capital stabilization account and then to be reimbursed out of the FY 2024 free cash balance or take any other action related thereto.

After a lengthy discussion ,a motion was made and seconded to vote on Article 1. Voters were asked to raise their registration cards to vote. It was too close to count. A standing hand count was then taken which resulted in 13 against and 14 in favor. Article 1 requires a 2/3rd vote. Article 1 did not pass.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to take \$61,719.00 out of school stabilization funds to offset school expenses for FY 2024 or take any other action there to.

A motion was made and seconded to vote on Article 2. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made and seconded to amend Article 2 by taking out 25% (\$17, 875) out of the School Stabilization account. This would leave a balance of \$53,125. Voters were asked to raise their cards to vote for amendment to Article 1. Seven cards were in favor. The rest opposed . Motion to amend Article 2 did not pass.

Voters were asked to raise their cards to vote on Article 2. Six cards were in favor. The rest opposed. Motion did not pass on Article 2.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will take any other action there to.

Resident Ray Gero asked the Selectboard to petition the state to rename the new bridge in Bancroft after Jeremy Bouffard who was killed in combat Aug 22, 2007 in Iraq at the age of 21. Daniel Nye, Central Hampshire veteran's agent told Ray that the rules have changed since then. Now the Selectboard can petition the State to name the bridge without written permission. The family has since moved out of town . The Board will look into this.

Problems with the staff and condition of the trailer housing the post office was discussed.

Motion to dissolve the meeting at 10:55 was seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne C. Lemieux, Town Clerk