Results of 2022-07-11 Special Town Meeting

STM began at 7:00 PM : Administrative Assistant Duane Pease was lauded for his service to the Town. Mr. Pease has recently retired.

Article 1: To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum $50,000 to fund the position of Town Administrator for the fiscal year of 2023 or take any other action thereto

The Selectboard is breaking down the financial elements of the article, such as salary , work schedule, insurance. Some qualifications required for the position include grant writing and chief procurement officer that were discussed. A good administrator will return more money in grants than what it would cost the town to pay the person.The Board is looking at the possibility of sharing a town administrator with the Town of Washington. Washington may have a grant for that purpose. Doreen Black has been hired as an emergency replacement for Duane as the selectboard finds it difficult to handle the workload. Audience questions included 'what would happen if there was no qualified applicant to be found for the position, some suggesting that the board should have a back up plan. Others thought it would benefit the town because a good administrator will return more money in grants than what it would cost the town to pay that person. Lengthy discussion ensued.

A Motion was made and seconded to have a closed ballot vote. The Moderator asked for an Aye vote to signify being in favor of a secret ballot. The Majority voted Aye, A Nay vote to signify not being in favor was asked for. Few voices were heard. Motion passed.

The Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to distribute yes and no paper votes . The voters returned their vote to the Town Clerk. The count was 13 Aye votes and 10 Nay votes. Article failed.

Discussions evolved about the moving of the monument located in front of the highway department to an adjacent area.

The Moderator asked for a vote to dissolve the town meeting at 7:52. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux
Town Clerk