

Informational Hearing Minutes
for 2022 Annual Town Meeting

Morrill Homestead Education Center and via zoom

February 19, 2022 at 9:00 am

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am

Present: Toni Pippy, Lisa Bragg, Pat Kelly, Rett Emerson, Mary Linehan, David Grant, Aaron Dotter, Jeff Solsaa

Others participating: 91 participants via zoom

Moderated by David Grant.

1. Moderator clarified that the purpose of the hearing was to provide adequate information about the Articles on the ballot to voters to allow for informed voting using Australian Ballot on March 1, 2022 for the Annual Town Meeting.

2. Election of Officers (Article 5). Contested vacancies were invited to speak.

- David Paganelli presented his desire to offer his services
- John Freitag presented his experience
- Brian Johnson introduced himself

Article 2: Chair presented how the 2021 budget ended up at year end, and 2022 budget highlights for general and highway funds.

Article 3: Moderator clarified the article.

Article 4: Moderator clarified the article.

Article 6: Moderator clarified the article.

Article 7: Moderator clarified the article.

Article 8: Christa Wurm presented the article, noting that the Rec Board presented the petition to include the article on the ballot at the request of Barbara and Wally Smith. Discussion about whether Town should take responsibility for maintenance of the Pocket Park.

Article 9: Selectboard presented rationale and plan for feasibility study and purchase of Tilles Property. Extensive discussion about the physical condition of the current Town Office, needs of the Town for municipal building and meeting space, the steps that would be taken if the article was adopted, the options if the article is not adopted and other options that could be considered. Key

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am

Recording of the meeting is available on the Town website. A technology glitch resulted in failure to record some early sections of the hearing; however the full discussion of Article 9 was recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Linehan
Recording Secretary