

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Town of New Gloucester June 19, 2019

The Special Town meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m., by the Town Clerk, Carrie Castonguay.

The Clerk led the Town Meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Nomination of: Donald Libby

Nomination by: Beverly Cadigan

Seconded by: James Fitch

No other nominations were made.

Motion to close nominations: James Fitch

Seconded by: Kathleen Potter

Those in favor of closing nominations: All

Opposed: None

Nomination of Donald Libby carried.

3 votes were cast for Donald Libby.

Donald Libby was elected Moderator.

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the Moderator.

Karen Gilles moved and Beverly Cadigan seconded a motion to allow non-resident Department Heads to speak which includes Town Manager, Town Planner, Librarian, Parks & Recreation Director, Public Works Director and Finance Director. The vote carried unanimously.

The Moderator said he is using the Maine Moderators Manual and asked that all cell phones are silenced.

Article 2. Shall an ordinance entitled Town of New Gloucester Property Tax Assistance Ordinance, be enacted?

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a program to provide property tax assistance to persons 70 (seventy) years of age and over, whose household income is \$40,000 or less, who reside in the Town of New Gloucester. Under this program, the Town of New Gloucester will provide a tax refund to those individuals who qualify as New Gloucester resident beneficiaries of the State of Maine Residents Property Tax Program pursuant to Chapter 907 of Title 36 of the Maine Revised Statutes and meet the criteria established by this Ordinance.

Motion: Kathleen Potter moved that Article 2 have passage as presented

Second: James Fitch

Discussion: Carlton Wilcox, James Fitch, Peter Bragdon, Carrie Castonguay, Penny Hilton, Linda Chase, Steven Libby, Beverly Cadigan, Stephen Hathorne, Laura Sturgis, Joanne Cole, George Colby and Frank Staton commented on this article

Motion: Jerry Witham motioned to move the question

Second: Stephen Hathorne

Vote: It was unanimous to move the question

Vote: The motion on Article 2 failed

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 from funds approved at the May 6, 2019, Annual Town Meeting, Article 26 (revenues - undesignated fund balance), to fund the Property Tax Assistance Ordinance.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 3 have passage as presented

Second: Roger Levasseur

Discussion: None

Vote: The motion on Article 3 failed

Article 4. Shall an ordinance entitled Town of New Gloucester Public Safety Ordinance be enacted?

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish in the manner provided by law, a municipal public safety department ordinance. The further purpose of this ordinance is to provide the maximum legal protection available to the chief of the department, municipal public safety personnel and to best protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of New Gloucester.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 4 have passage as presented

Second: James Fitch

Discussion: Roger Levasseur and Stephen Hathorne commented on this article

Vote: It was voted that Article 4 have passage as read

Article 5. Shall an ordinance entitled March 2019 Amendments to the Town of New Gloucester Zoning Ordinance – Changes Concerning Site Plan Review Submissions Requirements, be enacted?

The following changes are proposed to the site plan submission requirements with the intention of making them clearer for applicants and easier to process for the planning board and town staff. No requirements have been removed from the current list, only moved and/or rephrased. One additional requirement has been added to require that condominium association documents or other shared ownership information is submitted when appropriate. This will allow the planning board to make sure that they reflect the town's review in terms of maintenance and site conditions.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 5 have passage as presented
Second: Kathleen Potter
Discussion: None
Vote: It was voted that Article 5 have passage as read

Article 6. Shall and ordinance entitled Town of New Gloucester Ordinance Establishing A Moratorium on Large Scale Solar Energy Systems be enacted?

The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit the development and installation of large-scale solar projects. Enactment of this moratorium will enable the town to study and develop appropriate land use regulations concerning such systems.

Motion: Stephen Hathorne moved that Article 6 have passage as presented
Second: James Fitch
Discussion: Peter Bragdon, Scott Hastings, Carlton Wilcox, Stephen Hathorne, James Fitch, Linda Chase, Steve Chandler, and Steven Libby commented on this article
Motion: Stephen Hathorne motioned to move the question
Second: Beverly Cadigan
Vote: It was unanimous to move the question
Vote: It was voted that Article 4 have passage as read

Article 7. Adjourn

Hal Bartlett moved and Kathleen Potter seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Carrie Castonguay
Carrie Castonguay, Town Clerk

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**ADDENDUM TO SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
PERTAINING TO ARTICLE 4 VOTE**

The original Minutes state Article 4, was voted to have passage as read.

After reviewing the recording from the June 19, 2019, Special Town Meeting, the motion in the original Minutes are incorrect.

After discussion was completed on Article 4, the moderator, Donald Libby, asked for a vote. The hands raised for yes or no was too close to call. Moderator D. Libby than asked for a count of hands raised for yes or no votes. The ballot counters said there was 17 yes votes and 17 no votes, resulting in a tie. Moderator D. Libby declared the motion failed.

This Addendum serves as correction to the original minutes.

Respectively submitted,
Sharlene Myers, Recorder

ATTEST:



Paul R. First, Interim Town Clerk