
MINUTES
Special Town Meeting
April 3, 2023

The Town Clerk opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m. and asked for nominations for a Moderator. The Clerk recognized Ronald Eleveld, who made a motion to nominate Everett B. Dowe, III, as Moderator - seconded by Kristin Hoffman. Hearing no other nominations, the Town Clerk declared nominations closed. The motion in favor of Everett B. Dowe, III, as Moderator passed unanimously.

Moderator Dowe appointed the Town Clerk, Anna M. Posniak, as Secretary to take the minutes of the meeting and Attorney Kevin Deneen as Parliamentarian. The Town Clerk read the call of the meeting and stated that said call had been posted on the signpost on March 22, 2023 and published in the Journal Inquirer, a newspaper having a general and substantial circulation in the Town, in its issue of March 23, 2023.

The Moderator stated that any person who is an elector of the Town of Windsor or a United States citizen of the age of 18 years or more who jointly or severally is liable to the town for taxes assessed against him/her based on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the last completed grand list of the town, or would have been so liable if not entitled to an exemption as a blind person or as a veteran or as a veteran's surviving spouse or parent, is entitled to vote at this meeting.

The Moderator proposed the following rules be adopted to govern tonight's meeting.

1. Any designated member of town staff will be allowed to address the assembly for a period of no longer than 5 minutes each.
2. Only eligible voters may speak.
3. Others who are not eligible voters may be invited to respond to questions.
4. Each speaker on any motion or question shall be limited to three (3) minutes.
5. No one shall be recognized for a second opportunity to speak on any motion until all others who desire to speak on that question shall have been recognized, and no one shall be recognized for a third opportunity to speak.
6. There shall be no voting or speaking by proxy.
7. Voting on any motion will be by voice vote - if there is any doubt about a vote, there will be a standing vote.
8. No motion to adjourn shall be recognized before 15 minutes of debate has expired or until debate has been completed, as decided by unanimous consent.
9. To the extent they are not inconsistent with the foregoing rules, Town Charter and State statutes, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of this meeting.

Ronald Eleveld made a motion to adopt the rules as read by the Moderator, seconded by Kristin Hoffman. The motion in favor of adopting the rules as read by the Moderator passed unanimously.

Moderator Dowe recognized Paul Panos for the purpose of introducing and moving an ordinance for an appropriation to fund costs in connection with the Baker Hollow Road reconstruction project.

Paul Panos moved to approve an ordinance entitled **“AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,900,000 FOR COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE BAKER HOLLOW ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF \$800,000 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE APPROPRIATION; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$2,100,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE APPROPRIATION.”**

Lisa Bress seconded the motion.

Moderator Dowe asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor or against the motion.

Eric Weiner, 130 Palisado Avenue, spoke against the motion. Mr. Weiner expressed concerns that appropriation would benefit the property owner with very little economic impact for the town.

Jim Dobler, 437 Lantern Way, spoke in favor of the motion. Mr. Dobler stated his initial impression of the appropriation was it was too costly. However, after driving down the road, he realized the economic potential for building manufacturing businesses on a street with plenty of open space and not located near any residences.

Moderator Dowe asked if anyone else wanted to speak in favor or against the motion. Seeing and hearing no one, Moderator Dowe declared the debate closed and called for a voice vote on the pending motion on the floor. The moderator declared the motion passed. At the request of Mr. Weiner, a standing vote was tallied; the motion passed Yes: 50, No: 9.

Moderator Dowe recognized Donald Trinks for the purpose of introducing and moving an ordinance for the acceptance and expenditure of a Connecticut Communities Challenge Grant for 144 – 152 Broad Street.

Donald Trinks moved to approve an ordinance entitled **“THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF A CONNECTICUT COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE GRANT THROUGH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,200,000 FOR THE PROPOSED MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT AT 144-152 BROAD STREET.”**

Randy Graff seconded the motion.

Moderator Dowe asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor or against the motion.

Paul Panos, 48 Brookview Road, spoke against the motion, stating the development was a poor idea. Mr. Panos expressed concerns that the development was too dense for area further increasing traffic and litter. He stated it would be prudent to bring businesses first to downtown before additional residential units.

Eric Weiner, 130 Palisado Avenue, spoke in favor of the motion as the economic benefit for the town was demonstrated with twenty percent of the housing reserved for workforce housing. He further added that businesses invest in downtowns with a population to support those businesses.

David Mourad, 45 Prospect Street, spoke in favor of the motion. Mr. Mourad stated the grant was from the State of Connecticut and the town should not squander the opportunity to invest in our downtown.

Moderator Dowe asked if anyone else wanted to speak in favor or against the motion. Seeing and hearing no one, Moderator Dowe declared the debate closed and called for a voice vote on the pending motion on the floor. The moderator declared the motion passed.

At 6:48 P.M. Ronald Eleveld moved to adjourn the Special Town Meeting, seconded by Donald Trinks. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Anna M. Posniak
Town Clerk