

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MINUTES 4-03-2024**

The electors and citizens qualified to vote in the Town of Franklin are hereby warned that a Special Town Meeting will be held at the Franklin Town Hall at 7 Meetinghouse Hill Rd, 6:00 pm, Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024 to hear and act on the following business:

Attendance: Alden Miner, First Selectman; Russell C. Beisiegel, Selectman; Thomas A. Craney, Selectman; Lynda Feder-Craney, Town Clerk

Absent: None

Public: see attached attendance sheet(s)

1) First Selectman Alden Miner called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

2) Elect a Moderator:

Selectman Tom Craney nominated Richard Handfield as Moderator.

Russell Beisiegel Seconded. So voted.

Moderator Richard Handfield read the warning:

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1) Call the meeting to order. 2) Elect a moderator. 3) Approve the line-item transfers; #2000.60 for \$120,319.00 and #2300.10 for \$26,923.00. 4) Appropriate \$344,155.00 from the unassigned fund balance; \$299,386.00 to 22-23 BOE budget and \$44,916.00 to the 22-23 General Government budget. 5) Update the Agricultural & Conservation Commission Ordinance. 6) Update the WPCA Ordinance. 7) Approve updated Registrar of Voters Emergency Contingency Plan. 8) Adjournment

3) Approve the line-item transfers; #2000.60 for \$120,319.00 and #2300.10 for \$26,923.00.

Richard Weigart made motion to approve line item transfer #2000.60 for \$120,319.00 and to #2300.10 for \$26,923.00 from contingency line item. Kelsey Allard Seconded. Discussion

Voice Vote: Yes # Unanimous No# - Motion Approved

4) Appropriate \$344,155.00 from the unassigned fund balance; \$299,386.00 to 22-23 BOE budget and \$44,916.00 to the 22-23 General Government budget.

First Selectman Alden Miner said “ I need to bring a correction to your attention, the town clerk noticed that the two amounts don’t add up to be \$344,155.00, it should be \$344,302.00.

Steve Lain made motion to approve correction \$344,302.00 and to appropriate from the unassigned fund balance \$299,386.00 to 22-23 BOE budget and \$44,916.00 to the 22-23 General Government budget. Discussion

Voice Vote: Yes # Unanimous No# - Motion Approved

5) Update the Agricultural & Conservation Commission Ordinance.

First Selectman Alden Miner - Only change is in Section III – B membership to eliminating the words “No member of the Commission may simultaneously serve as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Inland Wetlands Commission or the Zoning Board of Appeals”.

Unsure why that is in there, not in the others. Discussion

Kelsey Allard made the motion to remove the sentence Alden stated from the Agricultural and Conservation Commission Ordinance. Steve Lain Seconded. Discussion

Voice Vote: Yes # Unanimous No# - Motion Approved

6) Update the WPCA Ordinance.

First Selectman Alden Miner – Explained that currently there is just the three selectmen on WPCA, and the Selectmen have agreed to add 2 more members to make it 5 members.

Discussion

Kelsey Allard made the motion to change WPCA membership from three members to five members in Section 1 as presented. Steve Lain Seconded. Discussion

Franklin Water Pollution Control Authority is hereby modified and Section 1 of the Ordinance is replaced as follows:

Section 1. There shall be five (5) members of the Franklin Water Pollution Control Authority consisting of the three (3) members of the Board of Selectmen and two (2) members of the general public appointed by the Board of Selectman. All members of the Franklin Water Pollution Control Authority shall serve without compensation. The two (2) members of the general public appointed by the Board of Selectmen shall serve for a two (2) year term ending on the 15th day of November in even-numbered years, except that, for the first appointments following the enactment of this ordinance, the two (2) members of the general public appointed by the Board of Selectman shall serve from their date of appointment through November 15, 2024 or until their replacement is appointed.

Voice Vote: Yes # Unanimous No# - Motion Approved

7) Approve updated Registrar of Voters Emergency Contingency Plan.

First Selectman Alden Miner – The state made a change to titles and Barbara Konow (ROV) told Alden town needs to update our Election Emergency Contingency Plan. The state changed Election Day Registration (EDR) to Same Day (In-Person) Registration (SDR) in Emergency Contingency Plan and added Early (In-Person) Voting (EV). Discussion. Town Clerk added all the state is doing is changing names because they didn't want two names starting with an E. (Was AB (absentee voting) & EDR (Election Day Registration). And **NOW** it is [AB (absentee voting), SDR (same day registration) and EV (early voting).

Richard Weingart made the motion to approve the mentioned name changes in the Registrar of Voters Emergency Contingency Plan per the changes the state has made.

Steve Lain Seconded Discussion

Voice Vote: Yes # Unanimous No# - Motion Approved

8) Adjournment

Richard Handfield made the motion to Adjourn. Lynda Feder-Craney Seconded

Adjourn at 6:17pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Feder-Craney, Franklin Town Clerk