

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
MAY 7, 2019**

Members Present: Shana M. Shufelt, Chair
Brian T. Valcourt, Vice-Chair
Steven J. Ouellette
Ann E. Boxler, Clerk
Richard W. Brewer

Also Present: Timothy J. King, Town Administrator
David Jenkins, Town Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. in the cafeteria at Westport High School.

Discussion Items

Chairman Shufelt noted that she had a few questions for Attorney Jenkins. She said that she had heard that a resident would be reducing the elected Treasurer's salary in Article 3 from \$68,979 to \$1. It was mentioned that the Treasurer's full budget would be voted on in Article 4. The Board questioned if the salary was reduced in Article 3 and the Treasurer's budget was not reduced in Article 4 could the Town use that money to pay someone else? Town Counsel responded that the Town is free to set the elected Treasurer's salary as it seems fit. He continued by saying that Town Meeting appropriates the money and gives the Board of Selectmen the right to spend it as it seems fit.

Chairman Shufelt talked about the school drainage and easement articles (Articles 31 & 32). David Jenkins stated that he was still advising the Board of Selectmen not to comment on the articles. He doesn't believe the Town is liable but could be willing to compromise.

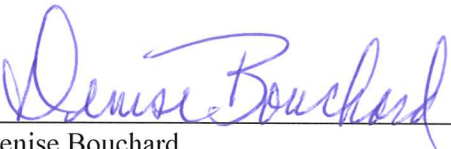
Chairman Shufelt reported that the Finance Committee was recommending that the acquisition of the Westport Camping Grounds (Article 13) be by excluded debt (debt exclusion). However, the Westport Camp Grounds Evaluation Committee and the Board of Selectmen felt that the purchase should be by included debt. There was some discussion with the Board agreeing not to take any action but to state that they are supportive of the purchase.

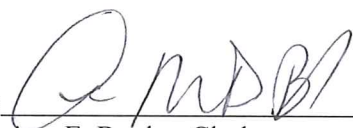
The Board of Selectman recessed their meeting at 6:40 p.m.

The Annual Town Meeting was dissolved at 11:39 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

Selectman Ouellette made a motion to adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 11:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Valcourt and was voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Denise Bouchard
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

APPROVED: 
Ann E. Boxler, Clerk