

Town of Woodstock
Selectmen Public Hearing on Warrant Articles
February 10, 2021
Via Zoom

Selectmen: R. Gil Rand, Charyl Reardon, Scott Rice

Staff: Judy Welch

Town Counsel: Laura Spector-Morgan

Moderator: D. Kenneth Chapman

Budget Committee Members: Roberta Vigneault, Kara Sellingham, Chad Morris, Steph Tower, Helen Jones

Public: Sharon Carroll, Paul Bankosky, David Beaudin, Tom Sabourn, Jim & Connie Chesebrough, John MacKay, Tiffany Baumgardner, Jacquelyn Wilson, Bill Waterhouse, Lisa & Bob Viveiros, Lorraine Logiudice, Bill Mellett, Betsy Scrafford, Mike Donahue Jr., Annie Anderson, Barbara Avery, Ellie Harvey, Janelle Bard, John Durocher, Mike Donahue, Charlie & Pauline Harrington, Suzan Ballmer, John Callahan, Hanna Kinne, Pat Timbury, Mark Pitts, T. Chamoun, Kelsee Beaudin, Dalton Bentley, Lisa Khalil, Ruth Ballmer, Kevin Foley

Scott opened the public hearing at 5:21pm and turned the hearing over to Charyl.

Charyl shared a PowerPoint presentation and read each Warrant Article aloud.

Ken explained that he and the Board of Selectmen have carefully chosen to move forward with a Virtual Town Meeting for April 13, 2021 out of concern for the protection of our community's health and safety. Regrettably, the Woodstock Town Hall is not set up properly to socially distance residents who attend Town Meeting to vote on Warrant Articles.

Ken noted that although Town Meeting will not be in-person, voters will have the opportunity to virtually attend three public hearings via Zoom that will allow voters to listen and submit questions, comments, and suggest amendments for Warrant Articles.

Ken pointed out that after the three public hearings, voting residents will have the ability to vote on all Warrant Articles by ballot which will include absentee, drive-up, or by traditional booth voting on April 13, 2021 at the Town Hall in lower Woodstock from 10am-6pm.

Scott opened the hearing up to public participation.

There was discussion pertaining to Article 2.

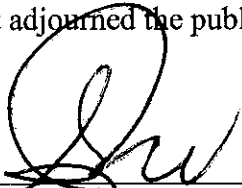
Laura explained the Optional Annual Meeting Procedures (Article 2) refers to the Virtual Meeting Sessions the Town is hosting prior to Annual Meeting day, to review and discuss the Warrant Articles and the Alternative Ballot. Voters will receive a separate Alternative ballot in addition to the Official Election ballot to vote on the Warrant Articles. Laura pointed out that for any votes to count on the Warrant Articles numbered 3-26, a majority "YES" vote is required on this question.

There was discussion related to Capital Reserve Funds and Expendable Trust Funds:

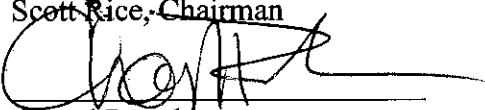
1. How are they established?
2. What is the difference between the two?
3. How are they funded?
4. Who has the authority to expend?

Charyl will research the CRF and ETF questions and revisit at the next hearing.

Scott adjourned the public hearing at 5:42pm.



Scott Rice, Chairman



Charyl Reardon



R. Gil Rand

March 23, 2021
Date