

Town of Salem
Annual Town Meeting
Virtual via ZOOM
May 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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First Selectman Kevin Lyden began the meeting recognizing the many challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has caused. For their help in getting through this difficult year, Selectman Lyden took the time to thank our Emergency Responders, Town employees, Public Works, Library staff, Transfer Station, School employees, our boards and commissions, and volunteers who stepped up to provide monetary assistance and volunteer assistance such as bringing people food.

First Selectman Lyden called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

M/S/C: to elect Bob Ross as moderator for this meeting. **Chip Weston/Ed Chmielewski**

A roll call vote of all present was taken.

Ed Chmielewski, Fran Poole, Catherine Zachas, Chip Weston, Corinne Bourgeois, Deb Cadwell, Janet Griggs, Tony Griggs, Hugh McKenney, Pastor Jonathan Chechile, Kathleen Lyden, Maryann Casciano, Linda Schroeder, Matt Rucci, Jen Rucci, Michael Bednarz, Sean Reith, Shannon Haynes, Pete Silva, Steve Shelley, Skip Dickson, Sue Spang, Sue Sullivan, Tiffany Cunningham, Walt Volberg.

The motion passed unanimously.

Also present at the meeting were Agnes Miyuki and Linda Flugrad

Linda Flugrad, CCTC, Town Clerk was appointed Clerk of the meeting, and proceeded to read the notice and warning of the meeting.

Moderator Bob Ross explained we have three items to vote on.

1. 10-year Capital Budget Plan.

Motion: This is per Section 10.08C of the Salem Town Charter, the Capital Budget Plan shall be presented at the Annual Town Meeting, with the majority vote of those eligible present may approve or amend the Capital Budget plan.

First Selectman Lyden reiterated that the motion on the floor should be to approve the Capital Budget plan as presented. **M/S/C: T J Butcher, Deborah Cadwell**

Moderator Bob Ross called for discussion and hearing none a roll call vote of all present was taken.

Fran Poole, Catherine Zachas, Chip Weston, Corinne Bourgeois, Deborah Cadwell, Ed Chmielewski, Hugh McKenney, Janet Griggs, Tony Griggs, Jonathan Chechile, Kathleen Lyden, Linda Schroeder, Maryann Casciano, Matt Rucci, Jen Rucci, Michael Bednarz, Pete Silva, Sean Reith, Shannon Haynes, Skip Dickson, Steve Shelley, Sue Sullivan, Sue Spang, Tiffany Cunningham, T J Butcher, Walt Volberg, Michael Flugrad.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Motion:** to approve or move to referendum the General Government budget of \$4,191,824, Capital Expenses \$1,130,972, Board of Education \$11,050,886, for a total of \$16,373,682.

First Selectman Lyden reiterated that the motion is to move the budget to a referendum to be held Wednesday, May 12, 2021, here at Town Hall from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a YES or NO vote.

M/S/C: H. McKenney, T J Butcher

Moderator Bob Ross asked for discussion and hearing none a roll call vote of all present was taken.

H. McKenney, Deborah Cadwell, Fran Poole, Catherine Zachas, Chip Weston, Corinne Bourgeois, Ed Chmielewski, Janet Griggs, Tony Griggs, Jonathan Chechile, Kathleen Lyden, Linda Schroeder, Maryann Casciano, Matt Rucci, Jen Rucci, Michael Bednarz, Michael Flugrad, Pete Silva, Sean Reith, Shannon Haynes, Skip Dickson, Steve Shelley, Sue Sullivan, Sue Spang, Tiffany Cunningham, T J Butcher, Walt Volberg.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Proposed resolution for \$1.1 million for a new roof and replacement of HVAC equipment at Salem School

This motion is to consider and act on the proposed resolution appropriating \$1,100,000 for a new roof and replacement of HVAC equipment at Salem School

Motion: Shall the resolution appropriating \$1,100,000 for a new roof and replacement of HVAC equipment at the Salem School and authorizing the issuance of bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purposes (provided that the bonds shall be reduced by the amount of State grants received and Town funds on hand for said purposes which are estimated to be about \$550,000), be approved?

First Selectman Lyden again stated that the motion is to move this to referendum.

M/S/C: Ed Chmielewski/T J Butcher

Moderator Bob Ross asked for discussion and hearing none a roll call vote of all present was taken.

Ed Chmielewski, T J Butcher, Fran Poole, Catherine Zachas, Chip Weston, Corinne Bourgeois, Deborah Cadwell, Hugh McKenney, Janet Griggs, Tony Griggs, Jonathan Chechile, Kathleen Lyden, Linda Schroeder, Maryann Casciano, Matt Rucci, Jen Rucci, Michael Bednarz, Michael Flugrad, Pete Silva, Sean Reith, Shannon Haynes, Skip Dickson, Steve Shelley, Sue Sullivan, Sue Spang, Tiffany Cunningham, Walt Volberg.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Moderator Bob Ross stated the only other item on our agenda was for any other business to come before the meeting of which he knew of none.

Moderator Bob Ross echoed his thanks to all who have worked and volunteered for the Town during this pandemic.

Meeting Adjourned to a referendum on Wednesday, May 12, 2021: 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Flugrad, Town Clerk, CCTC