

MINUTES

WOLCOTT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

JUNE 7, 2022

WOLCOTT SCHOOL

Joe Hester-Ingram opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. He then read the Warning.

Article 1. Shall the voters elect town officers by Australian ballot? 17VSA Section 2680(a) and 17 VSA Section 2680(b)?

Roger LaChance made the motion to accept the article as read. Cindy Lowell seconded the motion.

Discussion was opened to the floor. Bill Cotton thought that there were not enough people from the town to represent voter's intent. Why do away with tradition. Cindy Lowell disagreed with Bill, more people will vote if it is Australian ballot. Karen McKee who brought the petition to the Selectboard felt that every voter had a right to vote without affecting their jobs. David Holton thought it was time to change and he was for it. Walter Reeve felt that voter participation and candidates who would fill these positions will go down. Bill Cotton said that Vermont is unique with Town Meeting and we shouldn't do away with it. Kurt Billings agreed with his wife Karen that the way we vote has to change. Roger LaChance felt that if candidates got signatures they would have to get to know the residents better.

Cindy Lowell made the motion to call the question. Scott Lacoss seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Show of hands: 24-yes

12-no

Article was passed.

Belinda Harris Clegg explained that with this vote next town meeting will be different.

School Budget and Town Officials will be Australian ballot

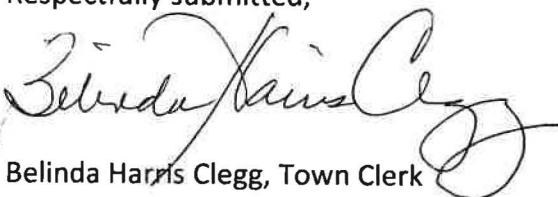
School Officials and Town Budget will be from the floor.

Joe Hester-Ingram would like something put on the Town website directing candidates of the procedure to run.

Linda Reeve made the motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Belinda Harris Clegg, Town Clerk



Election Official