

Annual Town Meeting Minutes of the Town of Westbrook, CT

The annual Town Meeting for the legal voters of the Town of Westbrook, Connecticut and all others qualified to vote on matters of said Town, was held in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Mulvey Municipal Center, 866 Boston Post Road, Westbrook, Connecticut. On April 5, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman, John L. Hall, III at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Hall led the "Pledge of Allegiance" and asked for nominations for moderator for the town meeting.

Nomination for Attorney Jonathan J. Einhorn, a Westbrook resident and registered voter, was made, seconded, and voted upon. The motion passed.

Attorney Einhorn asked the town clerk to read the call of the meeting. The call was read and accepted by the town membership.

Attorney Einhorn called for a motion to bring Item Number One to the floor. The item was moved, seconded and upon a unanimous voice vote it was

RESOLVED:: To designate May 15, 2023 as the date for the Annual Town Budget Meeting of the Town of Westbrook, Connecticut in conformance with Connecticut General Statutes, Section 7-388 for the purpose of acting upon the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Moderator Einhorn called for a motion to bring Item Number two to the floor. The item was moved and seconded. First Selectman Hall reminded the voters that only one republican voter could obtain a seat of the Board of Fire Commissioners due to the current make-up of the board and minority representation.

Attorney Einhorn asked for nominations for the two seats to be filled at this meeting. A nomination was put forth and seconded. Attorney Einhorn asked for further nominations. Two more people were nominated and seconded to fill these two seats. Attorney Einhorn asked for a vote by hand count. The town clerk did a hand count for each voter.

Members of the public did not agree with the voting process and after some brief discussion, the moderator deemed the first hand count, "declared invalid."

Moderator Einhorn conducted a second vote nominating people for each seat. The first vote results were: David Foster, Old Salt Works Road received 33 votes and Lynn (Lyndsey) Spencer received 6 votes; Kim Bennet of Pond Meadow Road received 0 votes. The moderator declared David Foster the winner of the first seat.

Another vote was taken for the second seat and the result was Lynn (Lyndsey) Spencer 8 votes and Kim Bennet received 24 votes. Moderator declared Kim Bennet the winner of the second seat. Upon completion of the votes, it was

RESOLVED: To nominate and elect two (2) Fire Commissioners to serve for a term of three (3) years to April 30, 2026 pursuant to Section 7-21 of the Westbrook Code of Ordinances.

Attorney Einhorn called for a motion to bring Item Number Three to the floor. The item was moved and seconded. A nomination was made to elect resident Jay Eno of Fishing Brook Road, the nomination was seconded, the motion passed and it was

RESOLVED: To nominate and elect one (1) Forest Commissioner for a term of three (3) years to April 30, 2026 pursuant to Section 9-162 of the Westbrook Code of Ordinances.

Moderator Einhorn called for a motion to bring item Number Four to the floor. The motion was made and seconded. There were no nominations for the Fair Rent Commission, therefore the item did not pass.

Moderator Einhorn called for a motion to bring Item Number Five to the floor. The motion was made and seconded and upon a unanimous voice vote it was

RESOLVED: That the First Selectman is hereby authorized to accept a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the Federal Highway Administration to be used for the design of the expansion and resurfacing parking area of Kirtland Landing.

Moderator Einhorn called for a motion to bring Item Number Six to the floor. The motion was made and seconded and upon a unanimous voice vote it was

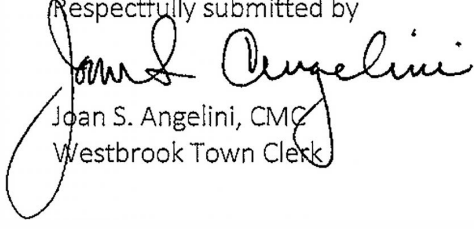
RESOLVED: That the First Selectman is hereby authorized to accept a grant in the amount of \$150,000 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to be used for the development of a Coastal Resiliency Plan for the towns of Westbrook, Clinton, Old Saybrook and Old Fenwick.

Moderator Einhorn called for a motion to bring Item Number Seven to the floor. The motion was made and seconded and upon a unanimous voice vote it was


RESOLVED: That a sum not to exceed \$5,189 be transferred from the WPCA Operating Budget to the Wastewater Management Program capital projects to cover deficits and close out the project.

Moderator Einhorn asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made, seconded, passed and the Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by


Joan S. Angelini, CMC
Westbrook Town Clerk

Received for recording on Thursday, April 6, 2023
at 2:45 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Erin A. Fitzgerald, Asst. Town Clerk