

MINUTES of ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - November 25, 2019

MINUTES of Annual Town Meeting held November 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Saybrook Middle School, 60 Sheffield Street, Old Saybrook, Connecticut, with approximately 45 persons attending.

Carl Fortuna, First Selectman, called the meeting to order and introduced newly elected Selectman Matthew Pugliese. Following the Pledge of Allegiance Selectman Fortuna called on Jacob Schneider, Joe Bradley, Emmy Skiles and Megan Maselli (a quartet from the Old Saybrook Senior High School) who sang the "Star Spangled Banner". Everyone appreciated the phenomenal job they did. On a motion duly made and seconded, Christina Antolino was unanimously voted Moderator of this meeting. Moderator Antolino asked that the Town Clerk, Sarah V. Becker, read the call of the meeting.

ITEM 1. To amend Article XI of the Town Code which is entitled "Harbor Management Commission", specifically Chapter 8-56, "Powers, Duties and Responsibilities", to add a sub-section "'I" which shall read as follows: "To manage, control and regulate those waterfront facilities set forth in Chapter 209 of the Old Saybrook Code entitled "Waterways", and any additional such waterfront facilities assigned to it by the Town of Old Saybrook or the Board of Selectman". A copy of the amendment is on file in the Old Saybrook Town Clerk's Office, the Acton Public Library and on the Old Saybrook Website.

Moderator Antolino called on Michael Cronin, Town Counsel, to review this amendment for which he stated the reasons for the request and noted that this change will ultimately eliminate any questions regarding jurisdiction of responsibility.

On a motion duly made and seconded, Item 1 was unanimously ADOPTED.


ITEM 2. To receive and act upon the reports of the town officials as printed in the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

The Moderator called on First Selectman Fortuna who thanked Jennifer Donahue for the outstanding job she did compiling and proofing the 2019 Annual Report. He further noted that this is not only a compilation of town department reports, it also contains information from other organizations in Town as well as an "In Memoriam" section, Town of Old Saybrook Profile and listing of Town employees and members of boards and commissions. The cover of the report is impressive, photographed by Kevin Frechette of Old Saybrook.

Selectman Fortuna spoke about the Dedication of the 2019 report honoring Susan, Janis and Richard Esty for their many years of volunteerism, serving on boards/commissions as Chairmen or just participating making decisions for the welfare of the townspeople. They each spoke crediting their parents for instilling in them their love of Old Saybrook. Selectman Fortuna thanked them for all the time they have given to town matters over the years and he noted that volunteers are an integral part of the community. He then presented each with a framed copy of the Town Report cover and Dedication page.

On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah V. Becker, CCMC
Town Clerk