

**TOWN OF SALISBURY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 26, 2013**

A Special Town meeting legally called and warned was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Salisbury Congregational Church, 30 Main Street, Salisbury, Connecticut.

Town Clerk, Patricia H. Williams, called the meeting to order at 7:57 p.m. with approximately 325 people in attendance.

Pastor Diane Monti-Catania from the Salisbury Congregational Church welcomed everyone and read the church's disclaimer.

Dean Hammond made a motion to elect Len Stewart as Moderator of the meeting, George Kiefer seconded the motion. Chris Janelli made a motion to close nominations, Keith Moon seconded, and with a unanimous vote in favor, Len Stewart was elected Moderator of the meeting.

Moderator Len Stewart asked the town clerk to read the call of the meeting. (see attached) The Town Clerk said that there was a scrivener's error in the call and on the ballot for the first question on the second line. There should be a comma after the word "votes", and that the comma after the word "selectmen" should be deleted.

Charlie Vail made a motion to vote the questions by paper ballot, to have ballot tellers count the votes, and to vote by circling the answer on the ballot, which Keith Moon seconded. There being no objections, the motion was approved. Kathy Lauretano asked if someone had already marked their ballot, would they be able to get a replacement. Registrar of Voters Margie Vail stated that it would be considered a spoiled ballot and could be replaced by the Registrars inexchange for the spoiled ballot.

Don Mayland moved and read the first resolution:

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Town of Salisbury approve the adoption of the following ordinance:

"At any time as the Town of Salisbury shall elect its first selectman, the votes cast, including any valid write-in votes, for an unsuccessful candidate for first selectman shall NOT be counted as votes for him or her as a member of the Board of Selectmen."

The resolution was seconded by Rusty Chandler. Don Mayland gave a brief history of how the first selectman's role has changed over the years. He stated that it is now a full-time position as CEO of the Town. Several citizens spoke in favor of the resolution, with one citizen speaking in opposition. Jane Kellner made a motion to move the previous question to a vote, with Keith

Moon seconding the motion. With a majority vote in favor of this motion, the question was moved to a vote by paper ballot.

The following ballot clerks were sworn in by the Town Clerk: Kayla Johnson, Jane Kellner, Charlie Kelley, Janet Lynn, Mike Flint and Margie Vail.

The voting began by paper ballot at 8:15 and ended at 8:30 p.m. at which time the meeting resumed while the votes were being tallied.

The Town Clerk was asked by the Moderator to read the second item on the call of the meeting.

Katherine Kiefer moved and read the second resolution:

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Town of Salisbury approve the adoption of the following ordinance:
“Electors of the Town of Salisbury may vote for two candidates for the office of selectman, as well as for one candidate for the separate office of first selectman. Minority representation rules of Section 9-167a of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, shall still apply to determine those elected to the Board of Selectmen, so that no more than two members of the same political party may be elected members of the Board of Selectmen at any time as provided in said statute.”

The resolution was seconded by Eileen Epperson. Katherine Kiefer explained the proposed ordinance. There was a lengthy discussion, both for and against, the proposed ordinance. Eileen Fox made a motion to move the previous question to a vote, and Allen Cockerline seconded the motion. With a majority vote in favor of the motion, the resolution was moved to a vote by paper ballot.

Moderator Len Stewart then read the results of the ballot vote on the first question which was:
Do you approve the adoption of the following ordinance:

“At any time as the Town of Salisbury shall elect its first selectman, the votes cast, including any valid write-in votes, for an unsuccessful candidate for first selectman shall NOT be counted as votes for him or her as a member of the Board of Selectmen.”?

The results of the vote were:

YES: 270 VOTES

NO: 56 VOTES

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The Moderator declared the first ordinance adopted.

The assembly began to vote by paper ballot on the second question.

The Town Clerk read the results of the ballot vote on the second question which was:

Do you approve the adoption of the following ordinance:

“Electors of the Town of Salisbury may vote for two candidates for the office of selectman, as well as for one candidate for the separate office of first selectman.

Minority representation rules of Section 9-167a of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, shall still apply to determine those elected to the Board of Selectmen, so that no more than two members of the same political party may be elected members of the Board of Selectmen at any time as provided in said statute.”?

The results of the vote were:

YES: 271 VOTES

NO: 50 VOTES

The Moderator declared the second ordinance adopted.

The moderator adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia H. Williams
Town Clerk