

POMFRET
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
April 9, 2014

Moderator Kevin Geiger called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. He asked Patrick Potter to bring the recorder around to those who wished to speak.

Article 1: Selectboard member, to serve through Town Meeting 2016

Bill Emmons nominated Doug Tuthill, and Mark Warner nominated Phil Dechert. Doug Tuthill spoke to his strengths in knowing the trucks and roads in town, and being honest and straightforward. Phil Dechert spoke about his organizational skills and town government experience. Melanie Williams spoke in favor of both candidates, saying that either would be assets to the town in different ways. Paper ballots were cast, with Phil Dechert was declared winner, having received 45 votes to Doug Tuthill's 42 votes.

Article 2: Lister, to serve through Town Meeting 2017

Norm Buchanan nominated Dustin Frazier. There were no other nominees. Several members of the assembly requested that Dustin speak and tell a little about himself. He said that he will do his best, and that due to his age he brings a clean slate to the position. Bill Emmons moved that the clerk cast one ballot for Dustin Frazier, and Art Lewin seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 3: Trustee of Public Funds, to serve through Town Meeting 2017

Members of the assembly requested clarification as to what the position entails, and Marge Wakefield and Michael Reese responded. Mark Binder asked why there needed to be three members, to which Marge Wakefield replied that it is the law, and Janis Murcic clarified the point. JoAnn Webb nominated Michael Doten to serve in the position, and spoke to his integrity and intelligence. Gary Smith asked how much money the Trustees oversee, and how that money is being invested. Laura Kent described the funds and how they are currently being spent or not spent. Michael Doten was declared elected.

Article 4: Other business

Bill Emmons thanked Phil Dechert for his work on the Planning Commission, and then expressed that the commission needs another member or two. Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at the town office.

Rebecca Fielder reminded the assembly that dog licenses were due on April 1st, and that the late fee is now in effect to license your dog. A current rabies vaccination certificate is needed for all registered dogs. The constable will begin ticketing owners of unlicensed dogs in the next few weeks.

Bill Emmons moved to adjourn at 7:45 PM. The new officers were then sworn to their duties by Rebecca Fielder.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Fielder, Town Clerk

Minutes approved by:

Date:

