

TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN, VERMONT

Special Meeting

Selectboard, Water & Sewer Commissioners, Liquor Commissioners, Cemetery Commissioners

SPECIAL Meeting -- Thursday, January 18, 2024 -- 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85646551688>

Phone: 1 929 205 6099 | Meeting ID: 8564 655 1688

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Members Present: Glen Traverse, Bob Richards, Chadd Viger, Jason Coupal (on phone), Rich Greenough

Others Present: Town Manager Joe Gunter, Recording Secretary Claire Stanley

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Richards called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Warning Review: Mr. Traverse commented Re: Article #3 that if no one shows interest in the two Lister positions, there will be only one Lister. Petitions for open positions are due the 29th so there is time; also voters can do write in.

Re: Article 23 -- . . . retaining the downtown area parking configuration . . . A legal opinion was received stating that this is a matter conferred, by statute, on a Town's legislative body. The Selectboard may choose, or not, to include the petition as an article in the Town Meeting warning. The vote will be non-binding and the recommendation is that it be warned as "advisory" so that voters are informed of its non-binding effect. There followed discussion of the pros and cons of inclusion, noting that the Board most likely would be cast in a bad light either way it was decided. Manager Gunter suggests to include the petition in the Warning as advisory which would start more conversation. Mr. Coupal **made a motion to accept the Warning including Article #23 (advisory) downtown parking configuration**; seconded by Mr. Traverse and passed 3 – 2 with Mr. Greenough and Mr. Viger dissenting.

Mr. Coupal **moved to adjourn** at 7:34 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Traverse and passed.

Respectfully submitted: Claire Stanley

Glen Traverse, Board Clerk