



Cape Elizabeth Town Council

Minutes Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Special Meeting

Town Hall Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.

James M. "Jamie" Garvin, Chairman
Nicole Boucher
Valerie J. Deveraux
Jeremy A. Gabrielson
Caitlin R. Jordan
Penelope A. Jordan
Gretchen R. Noonan

The special meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Garvin.

Roll Call by Town Clerk Pro Tem Matthew E. Sturgis

All members of the town council were present except Councilors Caitlin Jordan and Gretchen Noonan.

Matthew E. Sturgis, Town Manager

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Citizen Opportunity for Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda

Stephanie Anderson, 24 Merrimac Place suggested establishing an ad-hoc committee assisted by the successful bidder of the Affordable Housing Study RFP. A committee will provide broad citizen participation.

Public Hearing Citizens Petition to Send Town Center Affordable Housing Amendments to Referendum

Chairman Garvin opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Mary Ann Lynch, 2 Olde Colony Lane favors a November 2022 vote. There is no urgency. November provides a much larger turnout.

Phyllis Wagstaff, 32 Westminster Terrace provided comments written before the developer pulled out of the project. A large apartment would ruin the character of the town. The process is moving too quickly. Favors the Comprehensive Plan.

David Greaves, 5 Wildwood Drive favors an election as soon as possible. Wants to hear from the entire town.

Tim Thompson, 6 Pine Ridge Road favors an election as soon as possible. A special election will avoid a vote in June coinciding with the school bond. Draw to a close and negative discourse.

Ruthanne Haley, 49 Brentwood Road favors an election as soon as possible. The Town needs to heal.

Tony Owens, 19 Sea View Avenue favors an early vote for a timely solution and healing process.

Kevin Justh, 9 Spruce Lane is indifferent between a June and November vote, however favors November 2022. Scheduling when most will vote is democracy, fiscally responsible to combine with another election and the housing diversity study will be complete by then.

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Reed Gramse, 12 Cunner Lane favors an election as soon as possible.

Nancy Thompson, 6 Pine Ridge Road said those who signed the petition want this to be done and resolved expeditiously. Concerned about the discourse in the town. Want to work together so everyone is informed and backs this and there is no more fighting.

Polly Wilcox, 17 Cape Woods Drive favors an election as soon as possible.

Sara Lennon, 54 Cranbrook Drive favors an election as soon as possible. The spirit of the charter is to move the process along.

Annie Christy, 2 Brownstone Lane favors an election as soon as possible.

After hearing no further comments the hearing was closed at 7:33 p.m.

Item #160-2021 Scheduling the Vote Relating to the Citizens Petition to Send Town Center Affordable Housing Amendments to Referendum

Moved by Penelope A. Jordan and Seconded by Nicole Boucher

ORDERED, the Cape Elizabeth Town Council will vote on December 13, 2021 to schedule the citizens petition referendum vote relating to the Town Center Affordable Housing Amendments adopted on October 13, 2021.

(5 yes) (0 no)

Citizens may at this point in the meeting raise any topic that is not on the agenda that pertains to Cape Elizabeth local government.

None

Adjournment

Moved by Jeremy A. Gabrielson and Seconded by Penelope A. Jordan

ORDERED, the Cape Elizabeth Town Council adjourns at 7:49 p.m.

(7 yes) (0 no)

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra M. Lane, Town Clerk

Minutes were prepared upon review of the rebroadcast of the meeting.