

## Groton Special Town Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 14, 2017

The Citizens of the Town of Groton, who are legal voters in Town Meeting are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Groton Community Building in Groton Village on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

The Groton Town Meeting officially opened at 6:00 P.M. by the Moderator Brent Abare. The Flag Salute was done. Moderator Brent Abare read the rules of the body.

Moderator Brent Abare read the Special Groton Town Meeting Warning.

**Article 1:** Shall the Town of Groton vote to purchase from the Estate of Ernest J. Cilley real property located at 1494 Scott Hwy., Groton, VT. consisting of 2.68 acres and dwelling (located beside and behind the Community Building and Emergency Service Building for the amount of \$98,000.00. Colleen Darling, Administrator of Estate and James Cilley agree to sign a document releasing the Town of Groton from responsibility for any damages incurred to said property.

Wayne Dyer called the motion to accept the article as printed. The motion was seconded.

Where was much discussion for and against alone with pros and cons of the purchase of the Estate of Ernest J. Cilley consisting of a building and 2.68 acres more or less?

Dave Sanville called the vote. Caroline Diggins seconded the motion.

There were 54 show of hands to end discussion and 21 show of hands to extend the discussion. The vote to end the discussion passed.

Brent Abare called the motion to accept the article as printed. The motion was seconded.

A paper ballot vote was called for by seven people and approved.

Moderator Brent Abare re-read article one. A paper ballot vote took place with the results being: 86 ballots cast, 43 yes votes to purchase 43 no votes not to purchase for a tie.

Moderator Brent Abare cast the deciding vote of yes to purchase the property. Article 1 passed by 44 votes.

There were several out-burst concerning the vote. One individual David Boyce from the losing side, was dismissed from the Assembly for intimidating and insulting voters from the prevailing side. During the discussion for Reconsideration, another individual Mary Ellen Boyce from the losing side was dismissed from the Assembly for attempting to disrupt the process for the vote.

Moderator Brent Abare read article 2.

ARTICLE 2: To transact any other business to properly come before this meeting. There was discussion concerning the reconsideration to vote again on article one.

Moderator Brent Abare explained it is possible to reconsider the vote. The vote to reconsider is not a vote to amend it can be debatable. An individual from the prevailing side Phillip Gibney motioned to reconsider the vote. The motion was seconded.

Richard Montague recommended to table the vote for reconsideration.

Wayne Dyer recommended to vote no on the reconsideration tonight and get up a petition.


After much discussion a vote to hold the reconsideration vote was voted on by voice vote.

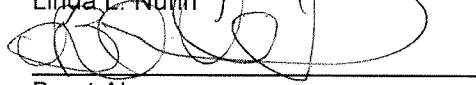
Yes would be to reconsider and no would be to end the discussion. There were 26 yes and 39 no votes. The discussion was to end the reconsideration vote.

Richard Montague made the motion to adjourn. Caroline Diggins seconded the motion.

The Groton Special Town Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Linda L. Nunn

  
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Brent Abare

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Election Official