SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

September 22, 2014

The Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with 81 registered voters and 3 guests present, meeting the 5% quorum requirement of 28 registered voters.

The meeting acted on the following business:

The Moderator asked for consent for Jim Barry, Western Massachusetts Regional Coordinator for the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources Green Communities Division, to speak if no one from Town could answer a particular question. There were no objections; so ordered by the Moderator.

Motion under Article 1:

That the town amend the Town of Warwick Zoning Bylaws by adopting the By-Right Solar Zoning Amendment for renewable energy generation facilities, as described in Article 1 of this special town meeting warrant.

Bill Lyman made a motion in writing: To pass over Article 1, until after Article 2 is voted upon. There was a second to the motion. The Moderator rephrased the motion to delay action on Article 1 until Article 2 was voted upon. Motion passed by a vote of 39 – 25. The discussion on Article 1 was postponed.

Motion under Article 2:

That the town enact a new General Bylaw, entitled “Stretch Energy Code” for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, as described in Article 2 of this special town meeting warrant.

At 8:27 p.m., after 72 minutes of discussion, Ed Hawes Called the Question. The motion was seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 80-1.

ARTICLE 2 was APPROVED 45 – 33.

ARTICLE 1 was APPROVED unanimously. The Moderator declared the vote under Article 1 as unanimous under the authority granted by a town bylaw adopted at the Annual meeting May 5, 2014: “As provided in MGL Chapter 39, Section 15: If a two-thirds vote of a town meeting is required by statute and the vote is unanimous, a count need not be taken, and the clerk shall record the vote as unanimous.”

The meeting was dissolved at 8:41 p.m. A true copy of the record.

Rosa Fratangelo   Town Clerk