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April 3, 2017

Pursuant to the Warrant with return of service attached thereon, the legal voters of the Lynnfield Center Water District in the Town of Lynnfield, Massachusetts met in the Lynnfield Middle School cafeteria at 505 Main Street in said town on Monday, April 3, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Town Moderator Arthur J. Bourque III who announced that the meeting was being recorded for the sole purpose of producing the written minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Bourque requested permission for the following nonmember of the District to be admitted but they would not be allowed to participate in the voting:

Dan Tomcello, Lynnfield Villager
Dr. Iocco, Lynnfield resident, speaker
Melanie Higgins, Advocate Press
Dr. John Fisher, Marblehead MA, speaker
Diane Hammerbeck, Assistant Town Clerk
Sue McDonough, Lynnfield resident, poll worker
Annmarie Vendola, Lynnfield resident, poll worker
Shirley Siciliano, Lynnfield resident, poll worker
Carmela Dalton, Lynnfield resident, poll worker
Joan Bourque, Lynnfield resident, poll worker
Donna Conlon, Lynnfield resident, poll worker

There being no objection, the above named individuals were admitted.

Mr. Bourque read so much of the Warrant as precedes the Articles set forth within and announced that unless there was an objection, he would dispense with reading of the Articles until they could be taken up individually as well as the signatures of the Water Commissioners on the Warrant and the return of service appearing thereon. He stated "I hold in my hand the Return of Service certifying that the Warrant has been posted in accordance with the by-laws of the Lynnfield Center Water District". There being no objection he proceeded to Article 1.

Mr. Bourque then read Article 1 of the Warrant. It was moved by Commissioner Leccese and duly seconded, that Arthur J. Bourque III be chosen and sworn in as Moderator of the Meeting. There being no objection Mr. Bourque was chosen Moderator by acclamation and was duly sworn in by Town Clerk Trudy Reid.

The Moderator then read Article 2 and announced that Stefan S. Taschner was nominated by having met the requirements of the District Bylaw and was therefore the only candidate for Clerk of the District. It was moved by Commissioner Lamusta and duly seconded, that Stefan S. Taschner be elected Clerk of the District for a term of one year and that the Moderator be authorized to cast one ballot for said election. The Moderator cast one ballot in accordance with the motion and declared that Stefan S. Taschner was duly elected Clerk of The Lynnfield Center Water District for a term of one year by acclamation.



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The Moderator then read Article 3 and announced that James S. Alexander was nominated by having met the requirements of the District Bylaw and was therefore the only candidate for Treasurer of the District. It was moved by Commissioner Leccese and duly seconded, that James S. Alexander be elected Treasurer for a term of one year and that the Moderator be authorized to cast one ballot for said election. The Moderator cast one ballot in accordance with the motion and declared that James S. Alexander was duly elected Treasurer of The Lynnfield Center Water District for a term of one year by acclamation.

The Moderator then read Article 4 and announced that Kenneth H. Burnham was nominated by having met the requirements of the District Bylaw and was therefore the only candidate for Water Commissioner of the District. It was moved by Commissioner Lamusta and duly seconded, that Kenneth H. Burnham be elected Water Commissioner for a term of three years and that the Moderator be authorized to cast one ballot for said election. The Moderator cast one ballot in accordance with the motion and declared that Kenneth H. Burnham was duly elected Water Commissioner of The Lynnfield Center Water District for a term of three years by acclamation.

The Moderator asked if the body would like to set a time limit other than the Robert's Rules limit of ten minutes for speakers on the following articles. It was moved, duly seconded, and voted by a majority voice vote that there be a time limit of three minutes per speaker unless there is a motion and vote to extend the time beyond the three minutes for a given speaker.

The Moderator then read Article 5 of the Warrant. The Petitioner, Ms. Erika Wilson of 130 Lowell Street Lynnfield made a motion which was duly seconded:

That the District vote to authorize the Superintendent at the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners to reinstate the fluoridation of the District water supplies at the appropriate levels set forth by Mass DEP and DPH, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Moderator noted that the Motion made does not include the language "and to not reconsider this action for a period of five years" as it was printed in the handout. The Petitioner decided to eliminate that language from her motion. The motion is within the four corners of the Warrant Article and if someone wishes to include that language they need to make a motion to amend the Petitioner's motion and bring it to a vote.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Wilson spoke in support of her motion stating there is scientific evidence of the benefits of fluoridation of the drinking water in a public water supply in order to reduce tooth decay. Ms. Wilson made a motion, which was duly seconded, and voted by a majority voice vote to allow Dr. John Fisher to speak as an expert, as past President of the Massachusetts Dental Society, and as a general dentist practicing in Salem MA, in favor of her motion on Article 5. It was moved, duly seconded, and voted by a majority voice vote to extend Dr. Fisher's time limit to speak from three



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minutes to five minutes. Dr. Fisher cited his credentials as an expert and noted in his experience he observes a marked reduction in tooth decay of his patients who reside in communities with fluoridated public water supplies compared to nearby communities without fluoridation. He stated there is no health risk with fluoride in water. It was moved, duly seconded, and voted by a majority voice vote to allow Dr. Iocco to speak. Dr. Iocco spoke in support of the article citing his experience in his dental practice. Ten residents spoke in support of the article 5 citing the points made by the dentists who spoke. Two residents spoke in opposition citing that residents should have the choice to add fluoride to their own diet or not rather than having it in their drinking water. One speaker read a letter from the Lynnfield Board of Health that supports the fluoridation of public drinking water supplies.

Commissioner Leccese made a motion, that was duly seconded, and voted by a majority voice vote to amend the petitioner's pending motion on article 5 to add back in the language "and to not reconsider this action for a period of five years" to the end of the motion.

Following the very lengthy discussion on Article 5 the Moderator called for a ballot vote on the amended article 5 and it was voted that the District authorize the Superintendent at the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners to reinstate the fluoridation of the District water supplies at the appropriate levels set forth by Mass DEP and DPH, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Environmental Protection Agency, and to not reconsider this action for a period of five years by a vote of 51 yes and 14 no.

The Moderator then read Article 6 of the Warrant. Ms. Erika Wilson made a motion which was duly seconded and it was unanimously

VOTED: That the sum of \$50,000 be appropriated to cover costs such as; engineering services, construction, materials, permit fees, legal fees, testing and other related expenses for reinstating the fluoridation of the District water supplies at the appropriate levels set forth by Mass DEP and DPH, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Environmental Protection Agency. Said sum shall be met by transferring the sum of \$50,000 from Surplus Funds (Free Cash) to the new Reinstatement Fluoridation Account 7155.

Clerk Taschner made a motion which was duly seconded and it was unanimously

VOTED: That the District take articles 7 through 26 out of order and that they be passed by consent agenda in accordance with the Motions for the Articles as they appear in the handout.



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DISCUSSION: The Moderator explained the process and procedure for a Consent Agenda for the remaining articles 7 through 26. He questioned the body to see if one or more voters wanted any of the individual articles to be removed from the Consent Agenda and then to be acted upon individually. He called out the numbers of the articles on the Consent Agenda one at a time, 7, 8, 9, etcetera. There were no requests to take any of the articles individually. Articles 7 through 26 were voted upon as a group with no discussion.

Commissioner Leccese made a motion which was duly seconded and unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn Sine Die.

The meeting adjourned accordingly at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
STEFAN S. TASCHNER, Clerk
Lynnfield Center Water District

A true copy, Attest _____

Town Clerk Trudy Reid administered the Oath of Office to the three newly elected officials of the District. Stefan S. Taschner as Clerk, James S. Alexander as Treasurer and Kenneth H. Burnham as Water Commissioner, were duly sworn in.