

Adjourned Annual Town Meeting
January 16, 2013

The Adjourned Annual Town Meeting of the Town of East Windsor was held at the East Windsor Town Hall on Wednesday, January 16, 2013. Selectman, Denise Menard called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. A motion was made by Dale Nelson and seconded by Catherine Simonelli to nominate Denise Menard to preside as moderator. Dale Nelson made a motion to have nominations cease, seconded by Richard Pippin, Jr. Both motions passed unanimously. Town Clerk, Joanne M. Slater read the call to the meeting. Moderator, Denise Menard read the statement of eligibility to vote.

The following resolution was introduced and read by Richard P. Pippin, Jr.

Item #1 Resolved: To consider and act upon a resolution that the reports of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer and other Town officers, be accepted as printed, errors and omissions excepted.

Richard P. Pippin, Jr. moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted, seconded by Dale Nelson. The following discussion followed.

Catherine Simoneilli: Asked why this was not done in December.

Denise Menard: Stated that the audit was not complete at that point. We have a draft audit not a final one. It still has a quality control process that still to be completed. **Robert Howard, Auditor from Grant Thorton:** Stated that they should have the final audit done early next week.

Catherine Simonelli: Asked if we are accepting the reports that are the drafts.

Denise Menard: Stated that she did some research today and found that the annual town meeting that we had is under 10.3 of the Town Charter. It says that the Annual Town Meeting shall be held during the month of December each year to accept the Annual Town Report and to transact any other business coming to town meeting. It says report, not reports. It doesn't say anywhere in the Charter that the audit has to be accepted at town meeting. She checked the State Statutes to see if we have to comply with statutes by accepting this at town meeting. These Auditors do many of towns throughout Connecticut and they said that we are the only town that has insisted that it be accepted at a town meeting. She can't find any documentation that says that it's required, but we've always done it that way. The town attorney was in court all day today so she was unable to get a hold of him. She will be getting some clarification so that we know going forward exactly why were doing that. We are going to accept the draft as a draft. We are not accepting it as the audit. The Town Clerk has the obligation to advertise a notice within five days of receiving the audit in her office. A notice was advertised that the draft audit was available in her office and once we have a final audit we will re-advertise that the final audit is available for public inspection within 5 days of her receiving it.

The resolution passed unanimously.

Dale Nelson made a motion to adjourn seconded by Richard P. Pippin, Jr.
The meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne M. Slater, CCTC
Town Clerk