

**Special Town Meeting
Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2018 at 6:45pm
Town Hall Meeting Room**

In attendance: Woody Bliss, Moderator; Susan Moch, Parliamentarian; Randi Derene, Clerk; First Selectman Chris Spaulding, Selectman Brian Gordon, Selectman Stephan Grozinger; Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Town Attorneys Ira Bloom and Nick Bamonte, Registrar Katia Colaprico, Town Clerk Donna Anastasia, Weston Residents.

This meeting was videotaped and can be viewed on Channel 79 and on our Town of Weston website.

First Selectman Chris Spaulding called the meeting to order at 6:52pm.

Woody Bliss led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First Selectman Spaulding introduced the members of the Board of Selectmen and then asked for a motion to nominate Woody Bliss as moderator. Harvey Bellin moved and First Selectman Spaulding seconded to appoint Woody Bliss as moderator. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bliss read meeting rules and appointed Randi Derene as clerk and Susan Moch as Parliamentarian.

Harvey Belling moved and First Selectman Spaulding seconded to waive the reading of the call of the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bliss then read the question to be answered at tonight's Special Town Meeting: **"Shall the Town of Weston lease to the Friends of Lachat, Inc, a two story residential structure at the Lachat Town Farm in accordance with the terms of a lease agreement reviewed by the Town Attorney and made available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk and on the Town of Weston website?"**

Mr. Bliss asked for a motion to limit public comments to 3 minutes per person. Harvey Bellin moved and First Selectman Spaulding seconded to limit comments to 3 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

First Selectman Spaulding moved and Harvey Bellin seconded that the Town of Weston lease to the Friends of Lachat, Inc, a two story residential structure at the Lachat Town Farm in accordance with the terms of a lease agreement reviewed by the Town Attorney and made available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk and on the Town of Weston website. Selectman Grozinger provided background information on the proposed lease.

Harvey Bellin of 7 Maple Street asked why the lease doesn't specify the property around the farmhouse and he would like to know if the document deals with the grounds. Selectman Grozinger said the lease is just for the building itself and the Friends of Lachat will continue to operate on the property around it.

Bill Barron of 19 Lakeside Drive stated the lease doesn't reflect the exact uses permitted of the farmhouse. Selectman Grozinger replied they wanted to give the Friends of Lachat flexibility on how to use the house, for instance they might use the 1st floor as an art gallery and the 2nd floor as a residence.

Mr. Bliss called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Rone Baldwin moved and Harvey Belin seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously at 7:11 pm.

Minutes taken by Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant.