

Draft Report
Town of Norwich Information Meeting to

November 1, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Selectboard Chairman John Pepper.

A motion made by Bonnie Munday seconded by Mary Layton to nominate John Pepper to moderate the meeting. Motion Passed.

The meeting is being held this evening to discuss Article One on the ballot for the November 6, 2018 General Election. The Article reads as follows:

Article 1. *Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich re-establish a revolving Affordable Housing Reserve Fund with previously appropriated funds approved by Norwich voters to be distributed and administered according to a process adopted by the Selectboard in consultation with the Town Manager, the Norwich Planning Commission, and the Affordable Housing Subcommittee?*

Jeff Lubbell and Stuart Richards both endorse this Article saying that there is a need for affordable housing in the area. This money was initially voted on in 2005 and again in 2008 and 2012.

Richards noted that in the last 25 years there has been no affordable housing built in the Town and it has been 40 years since Senior Housing has been addressed.

This money would be used for research, studies, and possibly a down payment on land that may come available for affordable housing.

Creigh Moffatt give a brief history of the money noting that in 2004, a piece of property became available for affordable housing but a local resident would have had to put up the money to hold the property and the Town lost the chance.

This money was put aside in the event another piece of property were to become available in the future we would have the money to start the purchase of the property.

Moffatt also noted that this money would also show the State that the Town of Norwich is seriously looking into affordable housing.

Daniel Johnson also spoke in support of this article.

Linda Cook noted that Creigh Moffatt has worked hard on this in the past.

A motion made by Layton, seconded by Lubbell to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie J. Munday
Norwich Town Clerk