

TOWN OF STONINGTON  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
April 4, 2022

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Stonington was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on April 4, 2022 at the Stonington High School, by First Selectman Danielle Chesebrough. Also, in attendance were Selectwomen June Strunk and Deborah Downie. Town Attorney Brian Estep was also present.

First Selectman Chesebrough asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. First Selectman Chesebrough then asked for nominations for Moderator. Selectwoman Downie nominated Eric Janney and being properly seconded by Selectwoman Strunk, Mr. Janney was unanimously elected Moderator of the meeting. Town Clerk, Sally Duplice served as Clerk.

The Moderator explained that there will be a vote taken by paper ballot after the discussion has ended and if anyone has not yet checked in and gotten a yellow slip to please go to the checkers at the back of the auditorium. Upon entrance, Peggy Cawley, Christopher Rose and John Godin checked electors and/or property owners from the voting list and the most current grand list.

The Moderator asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Call recorded immediately preceding this page. Hearing no objection, the Moderator read the resolution to waive the reading of the first item of the Call.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, That the reading of the resolution to be presented to this Special Town Meeting under the first item of the Call be waived, and the full text of the Resolution, a copy of which has been made available to all those in attendance at this meeting, be incorporated into the text of this meeting.

Full text of the Ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF STONINGTON, CONNECTICUT, PROVIDING FOR REDISTRICTING OF VOTING DISTRICTS.**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Connecticut Reapportionment Commission has done redistricting of General Assembly districts as a result of the 2020 census results; and

**WHEREAS**, the State's redistricting results in a Town local district being located in two (2) different General Assembly districts; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, a local voting district may not be situated in two (2) different General Assembly districts; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to comply with the Connecticut General Statutes, the Town of Stonington must amend its voting districts.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF STONINGTON IN LAWFUL TOWN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**Section 1.** That the ordinances of the Town of Stonington be amended by adding a section to read as follows:

The Town of Stonington shall have five (5) voting districts which boundaries shall be as set forth on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein.

**Section 2.** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 3.** If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof is held to be invalid such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of any other part of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions of applications; and to this end the provisions of this ordinance and the various applications thereof are declared to be severable.

This Ordinance shall become effective following approval by Town Meeting and fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper having a substantial circulation within the Town of Stonington.

Adopted:  
Effective:

Hearing no objection, the Moderator recognized First Selectman Chesebrough to read the abbreviated Resolution on the Call.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF STONINGTON IN LAWFUL MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED:**

To consider and vote on a resolution to adopt an Ordinance of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, establishing amended boundaries of the Town's voting districts so as to comply with the Connecticut General Statutes and the new State Legislative Districts established by the State of Connecticut Reapportionment Commission.

Being properly seconded, the Moderator then called on the Registrars of Voters, Elissa Bass and Peggy Roberts, for their presentation on the redistricting of voting districts.

Before opening the floor to discussion, the Moderator recognized Town Attorney Estep for any further input or thoughts to share.

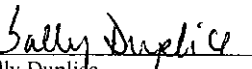
The Moderator opened the floor to discussion. Bob Tabor spoke against the State changing our town's local district into two different General Assembly districts and questioned the benefit this has to the Town of Stonington. Ashley Gillice expressed her concern for not only changing the polling place for part of Pawcatuck again but also that the new polling place will be in a church.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a paper ballot vote. Town Clerk, Sally Duplice and checker Christopher Rose tallied the votes and the Moderator read the results. Those in favor of approving the Resolution was 23. Those opposing the Resolution was 3. The Moderator declared the Resolution was approved.

There being no further business to come before the Special Town Meeting, the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

/s/ Sally Duplice  
Town Clerk

Received for record this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

  
Sally Duplice  
Town Clerk