

Minutes for Special School District Meeting  
December 6, 2008

The legal voters of the Town of Peacham met at the Peacham Congregational Church in Peacham on December 6, 2008 at 10:00 AM. Voters then acted on the following article:

Article 1      “Shall the voters of the Peacham School District authorize its School Board to add a seventh and eighth grade educational program to be offered at the Peacham Elementary School?”

The Moderator, Robert Ide, presented some general ground rules about how the Meeting should progress.

John Marshall gave a welcome from the Peacham Congregational Church and announcement that lunch would be available following the Meeting.

Three phases of the Meeting’s progression were announced by the Moderator: presentation by the School Board and subsequent questions by the voters, general statements pertaining to the article, and voting on the article.

Don Davis requested that the Meeting start with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Janet St. Onge moved that Article 1 be introduced. Jane Woodhouse seconded.

Jean Dedam was recognized to speak on behalf of the Peacham School Board.

Wendy Morgan requested that when the vote on Article 1 is taken that it be done by paper ballot. The Moderator asked and confirmed that there were 6 additional voters willing to support the request.

Moderator requested that the three people who were present from the School administration be allowed to speak if they wished. They were Wendy Olcott, Peacham School Principal, Martha Tucker, CCSU Superintendent, and Rob Billings, CCSU Business Manager. There was no objection.

Extensive questions to the School Board and statements pertaining to the Article were presented.

Gary Swenson moved to call the question. Voice vote taken. So voted, motion to call the question was approved.

Moderator announced voting results. There were a total of 180 ballots cast. 91 votes were needed for passage. Voting results were: 123 no, 57 yes.

Moderator declared Article 1 defeated.

Diana Senturia suggested that due to the excellent public turnout for this Saturday meeting, that the Selectboard and Town consider changing the March Town Meeting to a Saturday.

Martha Ide moved that the Meeting be adjourned. John Marshall seconded. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 12:27 PM.

The foregoing is approved and attested by:

Peacham School Directors

Jo Anne Post

Jean Dedam

Wynne Browne

Moderator

Robert Ide

Clerk to the School District

Bruce Lafferty