

Town of Dublin Select Board Meeting April 12, 2021

Meeting conducted Via Zoom in attendance: Chris Raymond, Carole Monroe, Susan Peters, Nancy Campbell, John Morris, Chris Raymond, Pam Cox, Nancy Markuson, Jack Lucas, Traceymay Kalvaitis, Sterling Abram, Steve Baldwin, Brie Morrissey and Judy Knapp

CALL TO ORDER: Chris Raymond called the Hearing to order at 7:00 PM.

SB2 Hearing

Chris introduced the petition warrant article and read it out:

Article 4

To see if the Town shall adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before Dublin, NH on the second Tuesday of March.

John Morris spoke to the warrant and how he feels like this would allow more people to vote. There is still Deliberative Session which is different from a Town Meeting; it happens a month earlier and then voting would be at the regular time in March.

Questions and Comments:

The question was asked about how many people attend Town Meeting voting as opposed to voting. The answer was about 100-200 for Town Meeting; about 400 for voting. The comment was made that Conval has moved to SB2 and their attendance has reduced dramatically.

Susan shared a conversation that she had with someone from Rindge. Their turn out for the deliberative session is lower but there are some other venues for information like social media and the newspapers to inform voters.

A comment was made by Nancy about how the schedule will change for budgeting. A question was asked if this was reversable if it passed and it is with a 60% majority vote. Brie read out some figures about other towns satisfaction with SB2.

Sterling spoke to the value of face to face communication that we will lose if we change the format of Town Meeting.

Steve spoke to the rights of citizens to say their peace at town meeting.
The warrant for SB2 will be voted on at Town Meeting by secret ballot open for one hour.
John made some parting remarks and reiterated his position of allowing more people the opportunity to vote.
ADJOURNMENT:
Motion to Adjourn: A motion was made by Carole and seconded by Susan to adjourn at 7:31 PN Roll call vote: Chris, yes; Carole, yes; Susan, yes.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Katherine M. Fuller
Chris Raymond
Carole Monroe
Susan Peters