TOWN OF WOODSTOCK MINUTES OF ADJOURNED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING & REFERENDUM May 3, 2023

A Special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut, was held at Woodstock Middle School, 147B Route 169, in the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut, on May 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. with approximately 80 people in attendance, for the following purpose:

- 1. To choose a moderator. Motion by Michael Dougherty, Chair of Board of Finance with a second by BOF member David Fortin, to nominate Edwin Higgins a moderator. Being no other nominations, Mr. Higgins was approved as moderator.
- 2. The moderator then asked for a motion to consider the following Resolution:

"Resolved to reinstate the ordinance known as Prop 46, as adopted at adjourned special town meeting on December 8, 1979."

With a motion by Evan McHugh, second by Dana Chapman, the motion was opened for discussion only.

The moderator asked for questions and or comments on the motion.

Those present spoke about the pros and cons of Prop 46. Topics included looking into new revenue streams, that higher spending does not make for better schooling, why aren't there more towns that have a similar ordinance and if our school spending is near the bottom in the state, why do young families still want to move here.

A good conversation by all went on until 8:30pm. Bening no further discussion,

3. A motion by Dana Chapman, second by Megan Bard-Morse was made to adjourn. The meeting properly adjourned at 8:30pm and the moderator reminded those present to vote on this issue on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at the Town Hall from 12 noon to 8pm.

Please take note that pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Woodstock Board of Selectmen has on their own initiative, removed the foregoing items 2 for submission to the voters of the Town of Woodstock by referendum to be held on May 16, 2023, from 12noon to 8:00pm at the Woodstock Town Hall. The votes will be "Yes" or "No" votes on tabulator machines. Absentee ballots are available at the Office of the Town Clerk.

Dated at Woodstock, Connecticut, this 4th day of May, 2023.

Attest: Judy E. Walberg, Town Clerk