

**Special Town Meeting
December 21, 2016
6:30PM at the Fire barn**

There were approximately 80 citizens in attendance

Article 1) Rich Ruhlin from Cornish, was elected moderator to preside over the meeting

Call to order. A motion was made to use secret ballot voting. This was seconded.
Vote results: 30 For 22 Against. Motion carried.

Article 2) Shall the Town of Cornish adopt a moratorium on retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana social clubs for a period of 180 days, unless extended by the Town of Cornish Selectmen.

A motion to Article 2 was made and seconded to start discussion. Motion to call the question was seconded. Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk passed out ballots. Ballots were counted by the Town Clerk, ballot clerks Janet Carper and Diann Perkins, with Warden John MacIntyre overseeing. Results of the vote: 54 For 14 Against.

Call to vote to approve Article 2 as read, ballots were passed out. The vote was carried: 60 For 12 Against.

Motion to change the process of secret ballot voting to show of hand voting, was seconded and ballots were handed out. Motion carried with results of the vote: 43 For 31 Against.

Article 3) Shall the Town of Cornish adopt a moratorium on all Dam activity and/or alteration of water levels in ponds regulated by a Dam through non-natural means for a period of 180 days, unless extended by the Town of Cornish Selectmen.

A motion to Article 3 was made and seconded to start discussion. The Selectmen, Fire Chief, Scott Pingree and Cliff Whitney spoke on this topic. Motion to call the vote was seconded. With no clear majority the Moderator and Town Clerk counted hands, with a result of: 50 For 23 Against.

The vote to approve Article 3 as read was carried with a vote of: 38 For 31 Against.

Article 4) Shall the Town of Cornish vote to raise an amount for Pike Hall renovations not to exceed \$210,000, with funding to be secured at the discretion of the Selectmen by the means of a bank loan, unexpended funds (surplus), or a warrant article in March 2017 or any combination thereof. Said funds are to be used in conjunction with the capital already allocated for this project.

A motion to Article 4 was made and seconded to start discussion. The Selectmen and Karen James spoke on this topic. Motion to stop debate and call the question. The motion did not carry. There was more discussion on the topic.

Motion to stop debate and call the question was made and seconded. The motion to call the question was approved with a clear 2/3 majority. The vote to approve Article 4 as read was carried with a clear 2/3 majority.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 PM