

Democratic Caucus for the Town of Canaan  
Center on Main, Falls Village  
July 18th 2023, 7:00PM

1. Call to order by temporary (DTC) Chair 7:03 PM
2. Pat Mechare nominates Vance Cannon as temporary chair, Noelle Lamuniere seconds the nomination, and it was unanimously approved.
3. Dave Barger nominated Dan Carr as the temporary secretary, and Donna Heinz seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
4. The temporary secretary read the caucus notice.
5. Nominations
  - A. First Selectman:
    - i. iDave Barger is nominated by Pat Mechare, and the nomination is seconded by Barbara Reily. Pat Mechare spoke about Dave Barger's qualifications for the role.
    - ii. Denise Cohn nominates Greg Marlow, and it is seconded by Dale McDonald. Denise Cohn spoke about Greg Marlow's qualifications for the role.
    - iii. Daly Reville nominated Thom Wilson, Colter Rule seconded the nomination and spoke on Thom Wilson's qualifications for the role.
    - iv. Dick Heinz moved to close the nominations for first selectman, and Pat Mechare seconded the motion, unanimously approved.
    - v. Noelle Lamuniere moved to have paper ballots for first selectmen and selectman voting, Janet Hanna seconded - unanimously passed
    - vi. Voting results: Thom Wilson received 14 votes, Greg Marlow received 9 votes, and Dave Barger received 16 votes. Dave Barger was endorsed by the caucus
  - B. Selectman:
    - i. Chris Kinsella is nominated by Jodie Bronson, Pat Mechare seconded.
    - ii. Thom Wilson is nominated by Daly Reville, and Colter Rule seconds the nomination.
    - iii. Dave Barger moved to close the nominations for Selectman, Pat Mechare seconded it, and it unanimously passed
    - iv. Voting Results Thom Wilson received 14 votes, Chris Kinsella, receives 26 votes, and 1 abstention. Chris Kinsella was endorsed by the caucus
  - C. Board of Finance 2 6-year terms
    - i. Daly Reville nominates Thom Wilson, seconded by Colter Rule.
    - ii. Dan Silverman nominates Corina Flemming, seconded by Chris Kinsella
    - iii. Amy Wynn nominates David Wilburn, seconded by Dave Barger
    - iv. Dave Barger moves to close nominations, seconded by Dick Heinz, All in favor.
    - v. Dick Heinz moves to paper ballot, Dave Barger seconds, all in favor
    - vi. Voting Results: Corina Flemming received 28 votes, Dave Wilburn received 16 votes, and Thom Wilson received 27 votes, Corina Flemming

and Thom Wilson are endorsed by the caucus.

- D. 4-year vacancies to fill on board of finance
  - i. Dick Heinz nominates Dave Wilburn, Dave Barger seconds. Dan Silverman spoke on behalf of Dave Wilburn
  - ii. Colter Rule nominates Daly Reville, Dan Shaw seconds, Colter Rule spoke on Daly Reville's behalf.
  - iii. Denise Cohen nominates John Steines, Dale McDonald seconds
  - iv. Pat Mechare moves to close; Janet Hanna seconds to close, unanimously moved.
  - v. Colter Rule moves for a paper ballot, Pat Mechare seconds, 24 for, 8 opposed for vote by paper ballot
  - vi. Voting Results: Daly Reville 6 votes, John Steines 11 votes, Dave Wilburn 19 votes. Dave Wilburn is endorsed by the caucus.
- E. Two-year term (replacing Joel Jones) on board of finance
  - i. Chris Kinsella nominates John Steines, Denise Cohen seconds.
  - ii. Colter Rule nominates Daily Reville, Dan shaw seconds.
  - iii. Dick Heinz moves to close, Dave Barger seconds.
  - iv. Pat Mechare moves for a paper ballot, Colter Rule seconds, 15 for, 14 against
  - v. Voting results: Daly Reville is endorsed by the caucus
- F. Board of finance alternates 2 full 4-year vacancies
  - i. Dan silverman nominates Denise Cohn, Dale McDonald 2nd
  - ii. Mary Palmer points out that a paid town employee cannot serve on the Board.
  - iii. Amy Wynn nominates Ginger Betti, Chris Kinsella 2nds
  - iv. Dave barger moved to close, Chris Kinsella 2nd
  - v. All vote yes with one abstention; Denise Cohn is endorsed by the caucus
- G. One person to fill Dave Wilburn's position: 2-yr term for board of finance alternate
  - i. Colter Rule nominates Daly Reville, Laurie Wadsworth seconds
  - ii. 1 opposed, 2 abstentions, all others vote in favor; Daly Reille is endorsed by the caucus
- H. One nomination for Kellogg BOE
  - i. Laurie Wadsworth nominates Emily Wilson, Chris KInsella seconds
  - ii. Chris Kinsella moves to close the nominations; Dave Barger seconds
  - iii. Unanimous approval; Emily Wilson is endorsed by the caucus
- I. Board of assessment appeals - One position 4-year term
  - i. Dick Heinz moves to close the nominations, Dave barger seconded
  - ii. All approved
  - iii. No nominations from the caucus

- J. Board of Assessment Appeals 2-year term
  - i. Mary Palmer nominates herself for Board of Assessment Appeals 2-year vacancy, Amy Wynn seconds
  - ii. Pat Mechare moves that the secretary cast a ballot
  - iii. Secretary casts ballot; Mary Palmer endorsed by caucus
  
- K. Two positions on Zoning Board of Appeals 4-year term
  - i. Pat Mechare nominates Barbara Riley , Dave Barger seconds
  - ii. Denise Cohn nominates Dick Heinz, Dave Barger seconds
  - iii. Janet Hanna moves the secretary cast one ballot, Pat Mechare second, all approve
  - iv. Secretary casts ballot; Barbara Riley and Dick Heinz endorsed by caucus
  
- L. Zoning Board of Appeals alternate 4-year term
  - i. Chris Kinsella nominates Joel Bronson, Dave Barger seconds
  - ii. Janet Hanna moves the secretary cast the ballot
  - iii. Secretary casts ballot; Joel Bronson endorsed by caucus
  
- M. Region 1 Board of Education
  - i. Dave Barger nominates Pat Mechare, second by Barbara Riley
  - ii. Dave Barger moves secretary casts a ballot, second by Janet Hanna
  - iii. Secretary casts ballot; Pat Mechare endorsed by caucus
  
- N. Four Constables - four-year terms
  - i. Thom Wislon nominates Colter Rule, second by Laurie Wadsworth
  - ii. Barbara Deinhardt nominates Dan Shaw, second by Dan Silverman
  - iii. Dick Heinz nominates Terry Blass, Dave Barger seconds
  - iv. Barbara Riley Nominates Janet Hanna, Pat Mechare seconds
  - v. Mary Palmer moves to close nominations, Laurie Wadsworth seconds
  - vi. Dave Barger moves to approve the nominees, Pat Mechare seconds, all Approve.
  - vii. Colter Rule, Dan Shaw, Terry Blass, and Janet Hanna endorsed by caucus
  
- O. Move to adjourn by Noelle Lamuniere; second by Laurie Wadsworth, all heartily concur

Respectfully Submitted by Dan Carr