

**RESOLUTION**

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On March 13th, 2017 at approximately 4:30 PM, Town Moderator Dennis Ford determined the forecasted weather presented an unnecessary risk to the safety of voters who would need to travel to the polls to vote. In making this decision the moderator received information from the New Hampshire Municipal Association and Town Counsel Attorney Sharon Somers as to the authority of the moderator to postpone the voting day pursuant to RSA 40:4.

**40:4 Duties. –**

*I. The moderator shall preside in the town meetings, regulate the business thereof, decide questions of order, and make a public declaration of every vote passed, and may prescribe rules of proceeding; but such rules may be altered by the town.*

*II. In the event a weather emergency occurs on or before the date of a deliberative session or voting day of a meeting in a town, which the moderator reasonably believes may cause the roads to be hazardous or unsafe, the moderator may, up to 2 hours prior to the scheduled session, postpone and reschedule the deliberative session or voting day of the meeting to another reasonable date, place, and time certain. The date originally scheduled shall continue to be deemed the deliberative session or voting day of the meeting for purposes of satisfying statutory meeting date requirements; provided, that in towns or districts that have adopted RSA 40:13, the postponement shall not delay the deliberative session more than 72 hours. The moderator shall employ whatever means are available to inform citizens of the postponement and the rescheduled deliberative session or voting day.*

The moderator postponed the voting day from March 14th, 2017 to March 16th, 2017. The voting times and the location remained the same. The notice was posted on the town website on March 13th, 2017 at 5:20 PM. The notice was also posted on the sign boards and doors of the Alexandria Municipal Building, 45 Washburn Road, and

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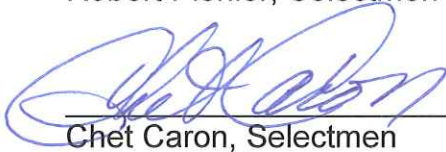
THEREFORE, the moderator acted within his authority. Further, he acted in the best interest of the voters by postponing the voting session of town meeting in the interest of public safety. The safety of the citizens of this town is of the foremost concern to its officials. The decision to postpone ensured the safety of citizens and allowed for the processes of democracy to occur without unduly infringing upon the right to vote.

After a properly noticed public hearing on this date in accordance with the provisions of HB 329 which was passed into law on April 21st, 2017 we do hereby ratify the 2017 Town Meeting and all actions taken by the legislative body by vote of the people on March 16th, 2017.

The resolution was adopted by the Board of Selectmen on May 16th, 2017

  
George Tuthill, Chairman

  
Robert Piehler, Selectmen

  
Chet Caron, Selectmen

**Public Hearing Minutes**  
**May 16, 2017**  
**Public Hearing to Ratify the 2017 Voting Results**

- **Members Present:** George Tuthill, Chet Caron and Robert Piehler
- The hearing came to order at 7:13 p.m
- Mr. Tuthill read the following resolution:

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The Selectmen received positive input to adopt the resolution.

Mr. Piehler made a motion to adopt the resolution; Mr. Caron seconded; all approved. The resolution was signed.

Public hearing adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant

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