

Draft Meeting Minutes of the Special Meeting of the OLSBA on January 31, 2026 at 10am at the OL Middle School in Old Lyme, Ct

Meeting was called to order by Paul Yellen, OLSBA President at 10:20 a.m.

Paul called for a nomination for a Moderator for the meeting. Mary Kate Reynolds nominated Paul Yellen and Jack Reynolds seconded that motion. Paul then called for attendees to vote on the nomination. No one in attendance voted "no" so the meeting proceeded with Paul as Moderator.

Paul began the meeting and explained the delay in the start time was due to the number of proxy votes that were submitted by a number of residents voting in person. The process involved with proxy votes is longer than in-person due to the verification process required. Paul expressed appreciation for everyone patiently waiting for the meeting to begin.

Paul then introduced Norbert Church, OLSBA attorney, and explained that Norbert would be overseeing the proceedings. Paul then explained that only 1 vote would be allowed per household and that if more than one vote were submitted that household's vote would be negated.

The Resolution was then read by Paul and he indicated the meeting minutes from today would include a copy of the full Resolution. explained that the floor would be open for resident comments and questions but that all discussion was limited to the meeting agenda.

Paul then requested a motion to accept the resolution, to which Judeen Wrinn made the motion and Tim Larson seconded it.

Frank Meaney was the first to speak once the floor was opened up to residents. Frank expressed concern that with the Town of Old Lyme no longer included in the project that costs would go up. He stated that he believed the BOG was being disingenuous by not requiring an update on the numbers and shared his belief that it would exceed the Bond Resolution dollar amount. He questioned how the costs could stay the same when going from 4 parties to 3.

Rob Cappellucci spoke up next and stated that he believed that there was enough contingency in the numbers at this point to move forward. Rob added that Paul Yellen and the BOG have worked exceptionally hard to do the right thing throughout this project.

John Mandracchia spoke next and emphasized all of the work involved in this project being focused on doing the right thing for OLSBA, particularly highlighting the tremendous amount of effort and commitment of Paul Yellen.

Paul asked if there were any further comments and, after hearing none, he asked for a volunteer to assist with the vote count. Mark Bernacki raised his hand and then joined Rob Cappellucci to conduct the vote, with Norbert Church and Paul Yellen performing oversight and assistance.

Paul called the meeting into recess at 10:33 a.m. while the vote was conducted.

The meeting was called back to order at 11:13 a.m. by Paul and he shared the results with all in attendance:

57 - Yes

43 - No

Paul confirmed the Resolution passed and requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Judeen Wrinn made the motion and Tim Larson seconded it.