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S P E C I A L M E E T I N G O F T H E V O T E R S
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Members Present: Ellen Kane; Bard Hill; David Sander; Lincoln Bressor; Steve May

Absent: None

Others Present: Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager; Jim Feinson; Breck Knauff, VYCC; Sam Gaulty; Judy Rosovsky; Martha Marciel; Amy May; Jim Monahan; Ian Stokes; Jean Bressor; Christa Kemp; Wright Preston; Brad Elliott; Bob Low; Lou Borie; Cathleen Gent; Kris Nelson; Cecelia Danks; Phil Huffman; Trevor Sanger; Rob Peterson; and others.

Ellen Kane called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

1. Welcome and Statement of Question

Ms. Kane opened the meeting and explained that the Voters of Richmond were called to answer the following question: Shall the voters decide the Andrews Forest Conservation Reserve Fund Request Question by Australian Ballot at the March 7, 2017 Town Meeting?

Ms. Kane asked for comments.

Bob Heiser of the Vermont Land Trust thanked everyone involved in this project and getting it to Town Meeting. He said that he supported the funding question being asked by Australian Ballot as it would allow the most people to weigh in on the decision.

Judy Rosovsky, Conservation Commission chair, endorsed the project and agreed with Mr. Heiser.

There being no further comments, Ms. Kane restated the question two more times, and then asked for a voice vote. Ms. Kane reminded everyone that only Richmond voters could vote on this question.

Following the vote, Ms. Kane declared that the ayes had the question, and the Andrews Forest Conservation Reserve Fund request would be decided by Australian Ballot at Town Meeting.

2. Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Sander to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Bressor. So voted.