

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
RTM Republican Caucus
MEMORANDUM



From: Pamela Iacono, RTM Minority Leader

To: Betsy Browne Miller, Town Clerk

Date: October 1, 2019

Re: Special Meeting

Per the Charter 4.3 Meetings, Section C Special Meetings: The Republican RTM Caucus hereby submits the signatures necessary to call for a special meeting of the RTM. In addition, the Republican caucus would like to highlight Rule 21. of the RTM Rules to Regulate: "Members of the public may speak once on each item upon such terms and conditions as the Moderator shall impose. Speakers addressing a resolution properly before the body shall identify themselves and use one of the microphones available." We point out this rule to ensure that members of the public have an opportunity to speak to the item we have called for at the Special Meeting.

Thank you.

cc: M. Herley, Deputy Minority Leader

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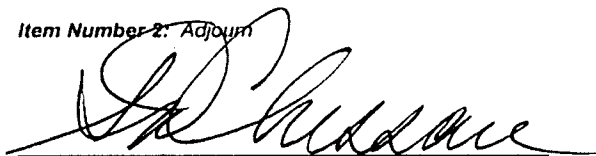
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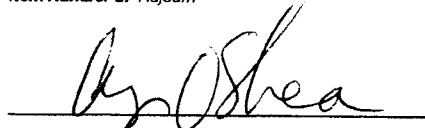
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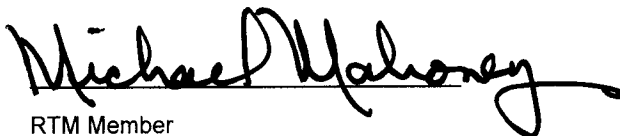
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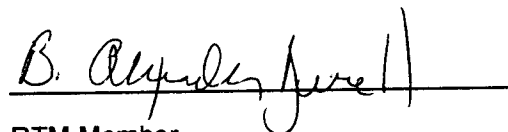
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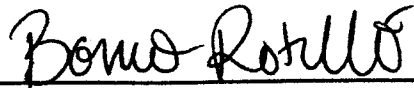
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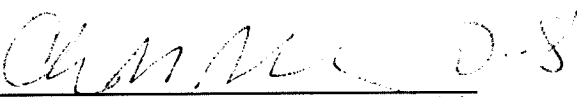
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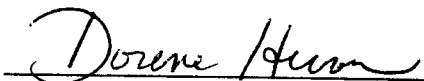
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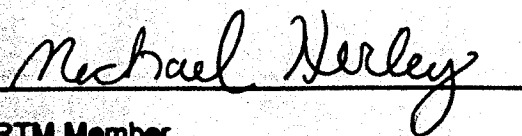
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