

**Special Congregational Meeting, November 11, 2018**

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
Congregational Vote to Approve Change in Annual Meeting Date  
Sunday, November 11, 2018**

*Sent to Council by email for review November 12, 2019  
To be Approved by the Congregation at the February 24, 2019 Annual Meeting*

**Opening:** Moderator, Chuck Farrell opened the meeting at 11:17 AM.

**Establishment of a Quorum:** Counters Kitty Norton, Phil Blomquist, John Pfahler and Judy Jones counted the members present and informed the Clerk, who declared that the members present were in excess of the stated quorum of 42 and it was possible to conduct the business of the meeting.

**Call to Order:** The quorum established, Chuck Farrell, called the Special Meeting of the Second Congregational Church in Newcastle Maine to order.

**The motion:** Phyllis Ives, on behalf of the Board of Trustees moved that the Church Bylaws, Article IV (Policies and Procedures), Section B (Church Services and Meetings, b.) be amended to read "the last Sunday in February". *This will change the date of the Annual Meeting from the last Sunday in January to the last Sunday in February.*

**Background for motion:** It is important to note that every Treasurer, Office Manager and Trustee for decades has struggled to have the Church financials prepared in time for a January annual meeting. Final bills for funds expended in the previous year come in late. Last minute pledges arrive. And most importantly, we never know what the pledges will be. Moving the Annual Meeting date to the end of February will give the Church a much more accurate and final annual report without the pressure on those who need to prepare it.

**The Vote:** The Congregation voted to unanimously to change the date of the Annual Meeting to the last Sunday in February.

**Closing:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Farrell, Clerk