

**ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2016
7:30 PM
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM**

The Annual Town Meeting of electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings in the Town of Burlington, CT was called to order at 7:31 pm by First Selectman Theodore C. Shafer. Selectmen James Chard, Roger Powell and Carl Salsedo were present.

Twenty-seven (27) individuals were present.

First Selectman Shafer called for nominations for moderator. Selectman Chard nominated and John Achilli seconded Ted Shafer as moderator of the meeting. Upon no further nominations a motion to close nominations was made by Chard and Salsedo. Ted Shafer was voted moderator by unanimous voice vote.

Call of the meeting was read by Mary-Jane Ugalde, Town Clerk.

ITEM #1: To consider and act upon the acceptance of the Town Budget in the amount of \$34,804,823 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016.

First Selectman Shafer asked for a motion to accept the 2016-2017 budget of \$34,804,823. Andy Klimkoski moved to accept the 2016-2017 budget; Mike Boucher seconded. Gerald Mullen of the Board of Finance gave a brief summary of the budget. The budget increased \$1.06 million. The biggest impact was an increase of approximately \$656,000 (2.7%) to the school budget. Some new or increased Town expenditures include a full time assistant in the Finance department; State mandated classes for the registrars of voters; increase cost to health insurance, retirement fund and Legal fees. The increase to the contingency Fund will cover any unknown factors such as the Library completion date; contract negotiations; and state funding that is not guaranteed. The police budget was lowered \$100,000 by cutting a State Trooper and hiring a full time Police officer. The total expenditures increased by 3.15%. The maximum increase to the mil rate will be .6 (\$60 per every \$100,000 assessment).

Mullen opened Item #1 to questions or discussion.

Roger Powell	76 Charolais Way
Barbara Dahle	100 Spielman Highway

Upon no further questions, Mr. Shafer called for a voice vote. Item #1 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

ITEM #2: To authorize the requisition from the State of CT LOCIP Funds the sum of \$75,000 and to use those monies for Capital Improvement to the Town.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Item #2 by Chard and Powell.

Mr. Shafer noted these funds would go toward the town's paving program. It is a Local Improvement Capital Improvement Program that is 100% funded by the State with no match from the town.

No questions were presented. The vote was called by Mr. Shafer and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Carl Salsedo, seconded by Sue Brault. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Jane Ugalde
Town Clerk