



## Town of Burlington

**ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017  
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 7:35 pm by First Selectman Theodore C. Shafer. Selectmen James Chard, Roger Powell, David Bereza and Carl Salsedo were present.

Fifty-two (52) individuals were present.

First Selectman Shafer called for nominations for moderator. Selectman Chard nominated and Roger Powell seconded Ted Shafer as moderator of the meeting. Upon no further nominations a motion to close nominations was made by David Bereza and Carl 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 \$35,555,448 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017.**

First Selectman Shafer asked for a motion to accept the 2017-2018 budget of \$35,555,448. Gerry Mullen moved to accept the 2017-2018 budget; Ellie Parente seconded.

Gerald Mullen of the Board of Finance gave a brief summary of the budget. The budget increased 2.2% over last year. The biggest impact was an increase of 3.4% to the school budget. By making some changes to the Town's budget (paying off a fire truck and clearing up some bonds) the Board of Finance was able to create a decrease of 1.2% in the Town's portion of the budget. Monies were used from the surplus to pay off the fire truck and bonds. With a tax collection rate of about 100% and an increase to the Grand List of 1.1% our bond rating remains healthy. The surplus account is approximately \$4.5 million to \$5 million; roughly 14% of the budget. The new fire house, library and land purchased for fields on Johnnycake Mountain Road will be bonded this summer.

The initial cuts the State of Connecticut has projected for Burlington is \$1.7 million to \$2 million dollars. Most of the cuts are monies for education (ECS funds). The Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools has agreed to adjust their expenditures should the ECS funds not come through from the State. The amount of money that the Town could be cut (not educational funds) is about \$600,000. There are several avenues that



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the Town could use to make up for these funds to cover expenditures: draw from the Contingency Fund; have a Special Assessment; use Surplus Funds.

### Questions and Comments

Barbara Dahle	100 Spielman Highway
Mark DiOrio	26 Hart Street
Richard Miller	11 Cricket Lane
Linda Kobylarz	349 Jerome Avenue

Duncan Forsyth, legal counsel for the town spoke about the options the Town could take should State Funding fall short.

1. Cut Expenditures
2. Use Surplus Funds
3. Board of Selectmen implement a Supplemental Tax Bill

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

**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 Jim Chard and Roger Powell.

Mr. Shafer noted these funds would go toward the town's paving program. It's 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 David Bereza. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary-Jane Ugalde  
Town Clerk