

**ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018
7:30 PM
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM**

The Annual Town Budget Meeting of electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings in the Town of Burlington, CT was called to order at 7:34 pm by First Selectman Theodore C. Shafer. Selectmen James Chard, Carl Salsedo and Tom Zabel were present. Cheryl Byrne was absent.

Forty-six (46) individuals were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Salsedo made a motion to waive the full reading of the text of the Solid Waste and Recyclable Collection ordinance and the Town of Burlington's Constable Ordinance. Chard seconded the motion. Handouts with the full text of the ordinances were supplied. No questions were asked; the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

Salsedo made a motion to amend Item #3 on the agenda to read: "To consider and act upon the revision of the Town of Burlington's Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance" and to amend Item #4 of the Agenda to read: "To consider and act upon the revision of the Town of Burlington's Constable Ordinance". Chard seconded the motion. Shafer noted with Town Council approval, that the change (adding "act upon") was made to unify the language with the other items listed on the agenda. There being no questions, the motion passed by voice vote. There was one opposed vote.

ITEM #1: To consider and act upon the acceptance of the Town Budget in the amount of \$36,056,821 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018.

First Selectman Shafer asked for a motion to accept the 2018-2019 budget of \$36,056,821. Gerry Mullen moved to accept the 2018-2019 budget; Andrew Klimkoski seconded.

Anthony DiNicola, Chairman of the Board of Finance gave a status report of the 2017-2018 budget. The Town lost roughly \$900,000 of State Funding this past year. The 2017-2018 budget will balance. The new 2018-2019 budget is mostly flat with only a few increases; the bonding for the Library, Firehouse, Johnnycake Mountain Land purchase and the retirement

plan. The actuarial numbers for the retirement plan showed the town was off in its budgeting and additional funds need to be added to the retirement fund. This years' budget increased \$501,000 from last year's budget. Burlington will be losing approximately \$560,000 of state funding for the 2018-2019 budget. The Town will need to make up one million dollars over last year. (The increase and the funds not be funded by the State) The grand list did increase by sixteen million dollars which will contribute \$540,000 in taxes toward this year's budget. Tax Collection rate is 100-101 percent. Surplus monies were used to balance this year's current budget. The unallocated surplus for the Town is over five million dollars with a bond rating of AA+. Burlington is in a healthy position financially. The Board of Finance is looking to increase the mil rate by .5. They will be meeting after the Budget Meeting to set the new mil rate.

Questions and Comments

Barbara Dahle	100 Spielman Highway
Andrew Klimkoski	40 Wildcat Lane
Don Desiderato	8 Wyndham Lane
Linda Kobylarz	349 Jerome Avenue
Richard Miller	11 Cricket Lane
Ellie Parente	50 Stage Coach Road

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 and to further authorize the First Selectman to execute all necessary documents related to same.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Item #2 by Tom Zabel and Carl Salsedo.

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.

ITEM #3: To consider and act upon the revision of the Town of Burlington's Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance.

Selectmen Salsedo and Chard made a motion and seconded to accept Item #3 on the agenda as modified.

Rob Jorgenson, Chairman of the Solid Waste Commission gave an overview of this revised ordinance and an overall history of the solid waste program in Burlington. The original Solid Waste Ordinance was passed in 1985 after the dump was closed, and the Recycling Ordinance

was passed in 1991. Because there is common language in both ordinances it was decided to update both and combine into one ordinance and delete any out dated language or practices. The Town is in the process of codifying all ordinances and having them available online for the public to view. The additions proposed to the ordinance are as follows: 1) a clear definition of what a residence is and the limiting apartments to four. Any building with over four apartments is considered a non-residential residence and trash removal is not provided by the town; 2) a new section was added for residential collection containers now that the town has automated trash collection. The town has invested over \$300,000 for the trash and recycle containers. This addition to the ordinance states the town's ownership and the residents' responsibility to maintain the containers. 3) The last addition was a clause authorizing the Board of Selectmen the right to modify the rules and regulations for trash collection. 4) The \$200 fine has been changed to \$100. Jorgenson went over the scavenging clause already in the current recycling ordinance and the reason it remains in the revision. The language was established by the DEP. Without this clause the town could be in violation of its contract with the trash vendor. The vendor makes money during heavy trash with items put at the curb. The Ordinance does have penalties for noncompliance for both residents and for the vendor. The Town has not issued a fine in the thirty-three years since the inception of the scavenging rule. Any problems have been handled verbally. There is a swap shack at the recycling center where residents can drop off items that can be acquired by other residents use instead of leaving at the side of the road.

Jorgenson answered questions regarding the future of the recycling. Recycling will change dramatically in the future. China will no longer accept recyclable that have over a 5% contamination rate. A huge portion of recyclable plastics had been shipped to China. That has now stopped. This will have a ripple effect through the recycling business. Burlington makes \$9/ton recyclable products. In the future the town could go from making money on recyclables to paying to have them removed.

Mr. Shafer introduced Mark Bodman, Director of the Bristol Recourse Recovery. This is a trash to energy consortium that Burlington belongs to. A progression of events over the last several years has led to a Trade war with China and now with Canada and the European Union because of tariffs placed on products by the United States. The future of recyclable products is murky.

Discussion and Questions

Anthony DiNicola	10 Candlewood Road
John Hanson	36 Deerfield Trace
Barbara Dahle	100 Spielman Highway
Jeanne Lowrey	58 Main Street
John Stiefel	35 Saw Mill Road
John Hebert	168 Stone Road
Karen Hebert	168 Stone Road
Tom Zabel	10 Wyndham Lane
Tim Tharau	453 Jerome Avenue
Kimberly Cyr	42 Claire Hill Road
Linda Kobylarz	349 Jerome Avenue

Richard Miller

11 Cricket Lane

Tony DiNicola made a motion to end discussion and move the questions to a vote; seconded by Mark Crawley. The motion passed by voice vote. One opposed.

Shafer reread the motion of Item #3. There being no further questions or discussion the motion passed by hand vote.

Yes Vote: 31

No Votes: 9

ITEM #4: To consider and at upon the revision of the Town of Burlington's Constable Ordinance.

Tom Zabel made a motion to accept Item #4 on the agenda; seconded by Carl Salsedo.

Shafer gave a brief overview of the changes to the Appointment of Constables Ordinance. The original ordinance was adopted on February 14, 1981. There were some slight wording changes to 71-10 of the ordinance granting the Board of Selectmen, or the majority thereof, the power to appoint constables as may be necessary. The changes to 71-11 of the ordinance removes the language regarding political parties and the number of constables that can be appointed by the board. It also outlines the provisions that the board may remove a constable from that position. Section 71-12 (Terms of Office) was completely repealed. Constables are hired and have no term limits. Currently the terms are two-year limits.

Discussion & Questions

John Stiefel	35 Saw Mill Road
Linda Kobylarz	349 Jerome Avenue
Kimberly Cyr	42 Claire Hill Road
Tom Zabel	10 Wyndham Lane
David Goshdigian	15 Deerfield Trace

Mark Crowley made a motion to end discussion and move the question to a vote and was seconded by Richard Miller. The Ordinance passed by hand vote.

Yes Vote: 27

No Vote: 4

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Chard, seconded by Carl Salsedo. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary-Jane Ugalde, Town Clerk