



Town of Burlington

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, January 25, 2016

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 Chard, Powell and Salsedo were present.

Sixty-nine (69) individuals were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Nominations for moderator of the meeting were opened. Jim Chard/Roger Powell nominated Theodore C. Shafer. No further nominations were received. A motion to close nominations was made and passed.

[Salsedo/Chard]

Theodore C. Shafer was appointed moderator for this meeting.

Shafer gave a brief overview of the protocol for addressing questions or statements during discussions of the agenda items.

Mary-Jane Ugalde, Town Clerk read the call of the meeting. The entire Resolution (attached) for Item #3 was read into record.

ITEM #1: TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015.

The moderator asked for a motion to accept the 2014-2015 annual report. A motion to accept the budget was made by Chard and seconded by Powell.

Tony DiNicola, Chairman of the Board of Finance gave a brief overview of the town report. There were no findings, no significant deficiencies, no internal weaknesses and no reportable incidents of non-compliance. The budget surplus was \$413,000. The town continues to have strong property tax collection. The General Fund (Unrestricted Fund) is \$4.8 million; which is 14% of the budget. This is a very healthy percentage which helps with bonding. There is \$2.2 million in restricted funds

There being no comments or questions; Item #1 was passed by unanimous voice vote.



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ITEM #2: TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO APPLY FOR AND EXPEND ANY AVAILABLE 100% REIMBURSABLE GRANT PROCEEDS HAVING NO IMPACT ON THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2016 TO JANUARY 31, 2017.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Item 2[Salsedo/Powell].

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

ITEM #3: TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION REGARDING C-PACE.

A motion to adopt a Resolution Regarding C-PACE was made and seconded by Chard and Salsedo.

Alysse Lembo-Buzzelli, an associate from Green Bank gave a presentation of the C-PACE program. C-PACE stands for Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy. This program helps Burlington commercial businesses and non-profits access financing for renewable energy and energy efficiency upgrades. Any upgrades to a building that will reduce energy bills would be eligible for this financing; such as solar panels, lighting systems, HVAC systems, boilers or insulation upgrades are some examples. A benefit assessment is placed on the commercial property; the financing is set from 10-20 years and is repaid in the same manner as property taxes. Billing (a separate bill from property taxes) and collection will be done by the tax collector. It will be a fixed payment over the term of the loan payable in July and January. The lien remains with the property (like a sewer assessment lien) and the lien would be transferred to the new owners of the property should the business close. The Green Bank will re-reimburse the town for any expenditure by the town. At this time 114 towns in the state belong to this program.

Comments & Questions:

Tony DiNicola	10 Candlewood Rd
Kathy Zabel	185 West Chippen Hill Rd
Jerry Mullen	65 Canton Rd

There being no further comments or questions the moderator called for a vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.



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ITEM #4: TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO SIGN A GRANT AGREEMENT AND A CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC RECREATION EASEMENT/AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR THE TAINE MOUNTAIN PROPERTY.

Mr. Shafer asked for a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign a grant agreement and a conservation and public recreation easement/agreement with the State of Connecticut for the Taine Mountain Property. A motion was made and seconded by Powell and Chard.

Shafer was informed that the Special Town Meeting held on December 8, 2015 when the resolution was approved in regard to this matter was sufficient covered to the satisfaction of the State. Shafer asked for a motion to remove the motion from the floor. Powell made a motion to withdraw his motion and was seconded by Salsedo. The withdrawal of Item 4 was unanimously passed by voice vote.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting by Carl Salsedo and Roger Powel. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Jane Ugalde
Town Clerk