



Town of Burlington

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, January 28, 2019

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 7:32 pm by First Selectman, Theodore C. Shafer. Selectmen Chard and Byrne were present.

Twenty-one (21) individuals were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Nominations for moderator of the meeting were opened. Jim Chard/Cheryl Byrne nominated Ted Shafer. No further nominations were received. A motion to close nominations was made and passed. [Byrne/Chard]

Ted 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.

ITEM #1: TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018.

The moderator asked for a motion to accept the 2017-2018 annual report. A motion to accept the budget was made by Chard and seconded by Byrne.

Tony DiNicola, Chairman of the Board of Finance gave a brief overview of the town annual report. The Town had an unqualified opinion; meaning a clean audit. The auditor's report is found on pages 6-8 in the Annual Town Report. The Total Fund Balance is \$5,733,937. Of that amount \$310,000 are restricted funds; leaving \$5.4 million of Unrestricted Funds. This represents approximately 15% of our budget which is very healthy. Last year the Town went to bonding and sold bonds on the open market for a premium giving the town more money than expected. Intergovernmental Revenue (pg. 11 line 2) shows a (\$560,321) difference. This represents funds expected from the state for education costs that Burlington did not receive. Monies put into the budget from reserves were approximately \$330,000 to balance the budget; roughly \$130,000 was used. Revenues collected and mindfulness by the town for expenditures, kept the use of reserves to a minimum. Burlington's share of the Region #10 school budget was up by .51% from last year



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Shafer urged residents to attend Board of Education meetings. They are in their budget planning currently. The school budget represents roughly 75% of Burlington's budget. With state funding being cut it's important to understand how our money is being spent.

Comments and Questions:

John Hebert 168 Stone Road

There being no further questions the moderator called for a voice vote. Item #1 was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Copies of the Annual Report are available in the Town Clerk's Office.

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, 2019 TO JANUARY 31, 2020.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Item 2 by Selectman Chard and Byrne.

Item #2 is a housekeeping item. This allows the First Selectman to sign for any grants the town applies for during the year. Examples of the types of grants are: STEAP Grants offered by the Governor's Office and OPM; also LOCIP Grants that help with transportation projects. Burlington has been awarded grants for Jerome Avenue and a portion of George Washington Turnpike. Monies are supplied by the state; the Town does the administration of the grants.

Comments and Questions:

John Hanson 36 Deerfield Trace

Bob Rivard 10 Donna Drive

There being no further questions the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM #3: UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING STATUS OF ORDINANCE CODIFICATION. FUTURE VOTING DATE TO BE DISCUSSED.

Ted Shafer and Mary-Jane Ugalde gave an update on the final phase of the Ordinance Codification project. The Final Draft has been received from our outside vendor General Code. Informational Sessions and a date for a vote on the Proposed Ordinance Codification Ordinance are still to be determined. Handouts of the proposed ordinance; the distribution list; examples of the disposition of legislation and printed copies of the power point slides were available. The final draft along with the mentioned handouts will be posted on the website.



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Comments and Questions:

John Hebert 168 Stone Road

John Derewonko 75 George Washington Turnpike

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. [Jim Chard/Cheryl Byrne] The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Jane Ugalde

Town Clerk