



## Town of Burlington

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018  
7:00 PM  
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM**

The Special Town Meeting of electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings in the Town of Burlington, CT was called to order at 7:07 pm by First Selectman Theodore C. Shafer. Selectmen James Chard, Carl Salsedo and Thomas Zabel were present. Selectman Cheryl Byrne was absent.

Fifty-five (55) individuals were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

The moderator reviewed the protocol for casting written ballots and asking questions/comments.

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

Jim Chard made a motion to consider and act upon the purchase of Covey Road Parcel from the City of New Britain; seconded by Carl Salsedo.

Shafer reviewed the particulars of the 15 acre parcel owned by the City of New Britain.

- Erin Stewart, Mayor of New Britain offered the Town of Burlington the Right of First Refusal for the purchase of this land.
- This property is Water Company land that has been reclassified to Class 3. Only Class 3 land can be sold to the public per State Statute.
- Two viable bids have already been made. One offer is from a developer. The bid was for \$276,000.
- Current Taxes being paid by New Britain are \$2049. This would be lost revenue for the town.
- The parcel has Covey Road frontage; is 15 Acres; zoned R44 (Residential) and has a Black Spruce Bog on the Northern boundary.
- The Town has no plans for the use of this parcel at this time; it would be a “buy and hold” for possible future use and development of the Central Business Zone.
- There is \$340,000 in the “Land Purchase Reserve Fund” that would be used for this acquisition. There would be no further taxation.
- Cost per student in Region #10 School System per year \$16,000; approximately 75% of the Town budget goes to the school system.

Mr. Shafer opened the floor for questions and comments.



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### Questions and Comments

Steven Perry	187 East Chippen Hill Rd
Jerry Mullen	65 Canton Rd
Carl Labbadia	549 George Washington Tpke
Todd Coleman	75 Hunters Crossing
Jason Boucher	41 Spielman Highway
Kathleen Neuhausser	52 Covey Rd
Scott Tharau	34 Middlecroft Rd
Mark Ramponi	28 Covey Rd

There being no further comments or questions Shafer called a brief recess for voting by paper ballot at 7:56 pm. Results of the vote will be read at the end of the meeting by the Registrar of Voters.

The meeting was called back to order by Shafer at 8:02 pm.

Tom Zabel made a motion to consider and act upon an easement for Monce Road Fire Station between the Town of Burlington and Eversource; seconded by Carl Salsedo.

Tim Tharau, Fire Marshal for the Town of Burlington gave a brief overview of the need for this easement. This is a housekeeping issue. Any real estate purchases or transactions need to go to a Town Meeting vote per the Charter. The transformer is at the back of the Fire Station Building. This easement would be for utility purposes only. There is no cost to the town.

There being no questions or comments; Shafer called a recess for voting by paper ballot at 8:07 pm.

The meeting was called back to order and the results of voting on questions were read by Donna Rusgrove, Republican Registrar of Voters.

Question 1: "Shall the Town of Burlington purchase the Covey Road Parcel from the City of New Britain?"

Question 1 passed by paper ballot. YES: 48 NO: 7

Question 2: "Shall the Town of Burlington authorize Theodore C. Shafer to execute an easement for the Monce Road Fire Station property between the Town of Burlington and Eversource?"

Question 2 passed by paper ballot. YES: 50 NO: 3

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Chard, seconded by Carl Salsedo. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary-Jane Ugalde  
Town Clerk