

ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING and SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Budget Meeting and Special Town Meeting was called to order by First Selectwoman Catherine Iino at 7:00 P.M. in the All Purpose Room of Killingworth Elementary School on May 14, 2018, to consider and act upon the following items of business:

- 1. To adopt the Budget recommendation of the Board of Finance of an Operating Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$5,221,526.**
- 2. To adopt the Budget recommendation of the Board of Finance of a Capital Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$1,727,227.**
- 3. To approve a Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2019 – FY 2028.**
- 4. To authorize the expenditure of a sum not to exceed \$12,000, to be taken from the assigned fund balance of the capital reserves, for the construction and outfitting of a sugar house at Parmelee Farm.**

Emergency evacuation procedures were reviewed by First Selectwoman Iino, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Jacob Young who is working toward his "Citizenship in the Community" badge. Gwenne Celmer moved to nominate Richard W. Albrecht to serve as Moderator; seconded by Louis C. Annino, Jr. There being no further nominations, and following a voice vote, the motion to nominate Richard W. Albrecht to serve as Moderator carried unanimously.

The Moderator thanked all those in attendance, briefly explained eligibility to vote on agenda items and noted that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. The Moderator also declared that all votes would be conducted by a voice vote unless a motion was made to the contrary.

Town Clerk Dawn Rees Mooney read the call of the meeting. Gwenne Celmer moved to accept the call of the meeting; seconded by Michele O'Toole. Following a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Iino introduced and made the following motion:

To adopt the Budget recommendation of the Board of Finance of an Operating Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$5,221,526.

Seconded by Louis C. Annino, Jr. Stephanie Warren questioned the increase in the Land Use Secretary's salary and Mrs. Iino explained that the part time Land Use Secretary position would be upgraded to a full time position and the part time Assessor Administrative Assistant position would be replaced by a full time Assistant Assessor position if the proposed budget is passed. Following this discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Iino introduced and made the following motion:

To adopt the Budget recommendation of the Board of Finance of a Capital Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$1,727,227

Seconded by Louis C. Annino, Jr. Fred Dudek Jr. questioned if resolving the lower Roast Meat Hill Road drainage problem was included in the \$436,330 line item "Road Project – Pave Lower Roast Meat Hill Rd" and Mrs. Iino explained that the drainage solution was already included in the budget. Mr. Dudek also questioned the prudence of depleting the Assigned Fund Balance of the Capital Reserves to such an extreme, asking where additional funds would be found if a project went significantly over budget. Mrs. Iino answered that funds could be transferred from the General Fund, which would still contain the recommended two month reserve balance. Following this discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Iino introduced and made the following motion:

To approve a Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2019 – FY 2028.

Seconded by Louis C. Annino, Jr. Mrs. Iino clarified that this plan is not a commitment. No discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. lino introduced and made the following motion:

To authorize the expenditure of a sum not to exceed \$12,000, to be taken from the assigned fund balance of the capital reserves, for the construction and outfitting of a sugar house at Parmelee Farm.

Seconded by Louis C. Annino, Jr. Mrs. lino summarized that this project was originally planned for next year, but the Parmelee Farm Committee has raised significant funds and hopes to start the project soon. Finance Director Regina Regolo explained that the cost to construct and outfit the sugar house will be offset by donation and grants. Following this discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Upon the conclusion of business, Mr. Albrecht adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Rees Mooney
Town Clerk