

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 7:01 P.M. in the All Purpose Room of Killingworth Elementary School on May 20, 2019.

Emergency evacuation procedures were reviewed by First Selectwoman Iino, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Regina M. Regolo moved to nominate Robert T. Rimmer to serve as Moderator; seconded by Louis C. Annino, Jr. There being no further nominations, and following a voice vote, the motion to nominate Robert T. Rimmer 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 voting would be conducted by voice unless a motion was made to the contrary.

Town Clerk Dawn Rees Mooney read the call of the meeting, as well as a memo from First Selectwoman Iino explaining that the Board of Selectmen had unanimously voted to remove the first two items from the call of the this meeting and submit them to the voters at a town referendum on June 4, 2019, as follows:

1. To adopt the Budget recommendation of the Board of Finance of an Operating Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$5,321,467.
2. To adopt the Budget recommendation of the Board of Finance of a Capital Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$1,773,655.

Marcel T. Couture moved to accept the call of the meeting as modified by the First Selectman's memo; seconded by Katherine R. Smith. Following a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Iino informed those in attendance of the need to add item to tonight's agenda extending the hours of voting at the above referenced June 4, 2019, referendum. Mrs. Iino introduced and made the following motion:

To add the following item to the agenda: To extend the voting hours at the June 4, 2019, Town Budget Referendum to 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Seconded by Louis C. Annino, Jr. There being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Iino introduced and made the following motion:

3. To approve a Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Seconded by Louis C. Annino, Jr. Mrs. Iino clarified that this 10-year plan is not a commitment. Phillip Stull questioned the absence of the Lower Roast Meat Hill Paving and drainage project and Mrs. Iino explained that the money for this project is in this year's budget. Mr. Stull also questioned the reason only \$40,000, rather than the requested \$65,000, was included for the fire company's command vehicle sharing his impression that the Town is "nickel-and-diming" the fire fighters with regard to the command vehicle as well as life insurance. Board of Finance members Robert T. Rimmer and Marcel T. Couture clarified the process that arrived at that budgeted amount for the vehicle. Following this discussion, the motion carried with one dissenting vote.

Mrs. Iino introduced and made the following motion:

4. To confirm the Selectmen's appointment of Jamie Mowat Young to the Representative Policy Board, South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority for a term ending June 30, 2020.

Seconded by Elizabeth W. Dennis. Mrs. Iino noted that this position had previously been held by Richard Albrecht. Following this explanation, the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Iino introduced and made the following motion:

5. To approve and accept the Annual Report of the Board of Finance for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

Seconded by Louis C. Annino, Jr. There being neither questions nor discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Iino introduced and made the following motion:

To extend voting hours at the June 4, 2019 Town Budget Referendum to 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Seconded by Louis C. Annino, Jr. Mrs. Iino explained that extending the voting hours from 12:00 noon to 6:00 a.m. will match the hours of the RSD#17 School Budget Referendum schedule for that same day. Following this brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Upon the conclusion of business, Louis C. Annino, Jr. moved to adjourn the meeting and Marcel T. Couture seconded. The Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Rees Mooney
Town Clerk