

## ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING

MAY 21, 2012

The Annual Town Budget Meeting was called to order by First Selectperson Catherine lino at 8:02 PM in the All Purpose Room of the Killingworth Elementary School on May 21, 2012. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jamie Lehane made the motion to nominate Richard Albrecht to serve as Moderator. Seconded by Joel D'Angelo. There being no further nominations, John McMahan moved that nominations be closed. Seconded by Margaret Scofield. Following a voice vote the motion to close nominations carried unanimously. Following a voice vote Richard Albrecht was unanimously elected to serve as Moderator.

Town Clerk Linda M. Dudek read the call of the meeting. Mark Williams moved to accept the call of the meeting. Seconded by John McMahan. Following a voice vote the motion to accept the call of the meeting carried unanimously.

The Moderator explained that no votes would be taken on the agenda items as petitions had been received and verified by the Town Clerk's Office requiring the town budget be taken to a referendum by machine vote. The Moderator noted that this town meeting would amend the call of the meeting to set a date and time for the referendum. He noted that questions could be asked at this meeting but no vote could be taken. Terrance Doyle moved to amend the call of the meeting to set a date and time for the referendum. Seconded by Susan Adinolfo. Following a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Moderator called for a motion on the procedure for how votes would be taken at this meeting. Margaret Bushey moved to vote by check list and ballot. Seconded by Russell Ross. Following a voice vote the motion failed.

Todd Hajek moved to vote by voice vote. Seconded John McMahan. Following a voice vote the motion carried. There were several dissensions.

Scott Perry asked about the cost of a referendum. First Selectwoman lino explained that the Registrars of Voters are not salaried and they are paid for the time they work. The polls require a specific number of workers who are also paid. She said the estimate for this referendum was around \$3,000.

There being no further questions, Mrs. lino introduced and made the following motion: That the Town of Killingworth hold the budget referendum on May 31, 2012 and the hours of the referendum be set from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Fred Dudek, Jr. James Rizzo asked if absentee ballots would be available. The Town Clerk explained the laws and procedure for absentee ballots for referendums held with less than three weeks' notice. Jamie Lehane asked if the hours could be different. Mrs. lino explained that the statutes required at least noon to 8:00 p.m. but it would be less confusing to have the customary 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. time. Scott Perry asked if the Board of Finance had passed this budget. The Moderator said "yes". Mr. Perry asked if the Board of Finance was unanimous on the budget approval. John McMahan, Chairman of the Board of Finance replied "yes". Mr. Perry then asked how many Republicans were on the Board of Finance. Mr. McMahan stated that four of the six board members were Republicans. Following a voice vote the motion to have the referendum on May 31, 2012 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. passed unanimously.

Fred Dudek, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark Williams. The Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Dudek, CCTC, CMC  
Town Clerk