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ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING MAY 14, 2019

MINUTES

Electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings were notified that the Annual Town Budget Meeting of the Town of Ellington was to be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, at the Ellington High School, 37 Maple Street, Ellington, CT to consider the following:

To discuss and vote upon resolutions:

1. To approve the 5-year road reconstruction/overlay repair plan [pursuant to CGS Sec. 13a-99], as recommended by the Director of Public Works.
2. To accept prepaid grants and funds fully reimbursable for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2020, and to appropriate the same to the Board of Education in a sum estimated at \$3,146,158, as recommended by the Board of Education.
3. To determine that municipal tax shall be paid in two (2) installments for real estate and personal property tax in excess of six hundred (600) dollars and motor vehicle tax to be paid in one (1) installment with designated due dates as stated in the Connecticut State Statutes, Sections 12-142, 12-144, 12-144a and Public Act 77-343, Section 2 and to waive any property tax due in an amount less than five (5) dollars as stated in the Connecticut State Statutes, Section 12-144c, as recommended by the Tax and Revenue Collector.
4. To enter into a 5-year lease agreement for the purchase of the EVFD Forestry Unit w/multi-purpose Class A Pumper in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.
5. To adjourn the Annual Town Budget Meeting to a referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with one question:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON APPROPRIATE, AS RECOMMENDED AND AS ALLOCATED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE, THE TOTAL SUM FOR ALL EXPENDITURES, A/K/A BUDGET GRAND TOTAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020, \$60,738,684?"

First Selectman Lori Spielman called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. and asked for nominations for a moderator.

MOVED Michael Stupinski **SECONDED** Tom Palshaw to nominate Attorney Bruce Fader as Moderator. All in favor. Motion passes.

Attorney Fader welcomed all in attendance and asked for a motion to waive the reading of the Meeting Notice and supporting documents as they have been made available to all in attendance.

MOVED Michael Purcaro, **SECONDED** David Olender to waive the reading of the Meeting Notice . All in favor. Motion passes.

Attorney Fader asked for a motion on **Item #1** as warned.

MOVED Peg Busse, **SECONDED** John Rachek to approve the 5-year road reconstruction/overlay repair plan [pursuant to CGS Sec. 13a-99], as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

No discussion.
All in favor. Motion passes.

Attorney Fader asked for a motion on **Item #2** as warned.

MOVED Michael Purcaro **SECONDED** John Rachek to accept prepaid grants and funds fully reimbursable for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2020, and to appropriate the same to the Board of Education in a sum estimated at \$3,146,158, as recommended by the Board of Education.

Discussion:

Matt Mullin asked for an explanation of the BOE grants. Scott Nicol, Superintendent of Schools explained that the grants need not be paid back.

Joe Burns asked how the Town Budget would be affected should the State decide not to provide the Grant monies that are expected. Mr. Nicol said that in the past it has only happened once in the last 4 years, the State took back a partial grant. The Board of Education was able to stay within their budget and did not have to go back to the Town for additional funds. There is no guarantee, but it is rare that this would happen.

Motion passed by majority.

Attorney Fader asked for a motion on **Item #3** as warned.

MOVED Tom Palshaw **SECONDED** David Olender To determine that municipal tax shall be paid in two (2) installments for real estate and personal property tax in excess of six hundred (600) dollars and motor vehicle tax to be paid in one (1) installment with designated due dates as stated in the Connecticut State Statutes, Sections 12-142, 12-144, 12-144a and Public Act 77-343, Section 2 and to waive any property tax due in an amount less than five (5) dollars as stated in the Connecticut State Statutes, Section 12-144c, as recommended by the Tax and Revenue Collector.

No discussion.
All in Favor. Motion passes.

Attorney Fader asked for a motion on **Item #4** as warned.

MOVED Aaron Foster, **SECONDED** Tom Palshaw to enter into a 5-year lease agreement for the purchase of the EVFD Forestry Unit w/multi-purpose Class A Pumper in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.

No discussion.

All in favor. Motion passes.

Attorney Fader asked for a motion on **Item #5** as warned.

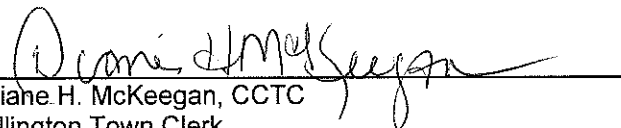
MOVED John Rachek **SECONDED** Michael Stupinski to adjourn the Annual Town Budget Meeting to a referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with one question:

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No discussion.

As the motion is to adjourn to referendum, no vote is taken at this time.

Attorney Fader closed the Annual Town Budget Meeting at 8:14 p.m. to a referendum to be held on May 28, 2019 at the Ellington Senior Center from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: 
Diane H. McKeegan, CCTC
Ellington Town Clerk