TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN

TOWN BUDGET MEETING

# June 2, 2016

The annual Town Budget Meeting of the Town of Voluntown was held at the Voluntown Elementary School, Route 138, Voluntown, Connecticut on Thursday, June 2, 2016 for the following purposes wit:

The meeting was called to order by Robert Sirpenski with the reading of the Notice of Town Budget Meeting.

Pamela E. Theroux, Town Clerk served as clerk for the meeting.

Call for the moderator by the Clerk. Motion by Wendy Gauthier to nominate Kenneth Weseman as moderator, which was seconded by Deborah Maynard. A motion was made by Louis Gardella to nominate Robert Sirpenski as moderator and was seconded by Ronald Millovitsch. Arthur Nieminen made a motion to close nominations and call for a vote Deborah Maynard seconded it. By show of hands Kenneth Weseman was selected as moderator with 50 votes.

Debby Maynard made a motion to dispense with the reading of the call of the meeting again. Michael Cates seconded it and all were in favor.

Item#1: To appropriate funds necessary for the Board of Selectmen’s budget for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 in the amount of $1,645,764.00 (one million, six hundred forty-five thousand seven hundred sixty-four dollars).

Ronald Millovitsch made a motion to approve Item #1 and Louis Gardella seconded it. Item #1 was opened for discussion. Robert Sirpenski showed a presentation detailing the budget and explaining that the increase is due to capitol expenses and that the operating budget is actually a decrease. Arthur Nieminen asked for an explanation as to why Town Aid Roads is not shown. Robert Sirpenski explained that this is a dedicated fund and is not a budgeted line item. Deborah Maynard asked several questions regarding municipal revenue sharing, changes made to the budget after the budget hearing and the changes in various salaries. Robert Sirpenski explained that the number he had for revenue sharing came directly from the state of Connecticut and that the only change in the budget after the budget meeting was due to an error in the original spreadsheet. He also explained that the changes in the salaries are due to a 2.5% cost of living increase and the restructuring of the Town Hall. Wendy Gauthier again asked about the budget changes made after the budget meeting. Mr. Sirpenski replied that this question had been answered to the best of his ability. Arthur Nieminen made a motion to close discussion and vote by paper ballot Ronald Millovitsch seconded it. All were in favor.

The ballots were counted by Deborah Maynard and Walter Mitchell.

 **YES** **NO**

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The Board of Selectmen’s budget for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 in the amount of $1,645,764.00 **PASSED.**

Item#2: To appropriate the funds necessary for the Board of Education budget for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 in the amount of $6,797,057.00 (Six million, seven hundred ninety-seven thousand, fifty-seven dollars).

Louis Gardella made a motion to approve Item #2 and Marian Nieminen seconded it. Item #2 was opened for discussion. The only discussion was that the budget was put together well and the Board of Education had done a great job. A motion was made by Wendy Gauthier to close discussion and vote by show of hands seconded by Louis Gardella. All were in favor, so carried.

 **YES NO**

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The Board of Education budget for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 in the amount of $6,797,057.00 **PASSED.**

 Item #3: To set a tax rate and collection period for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Ronald Millovitsch made a motion to set a mil rate of 28.06 mils, and to set the collection period for July 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017. Morgan Grant seconded it. Item #3 was opened for discussion. There was no discussion. The moderator called for a vote on the motion. All were in favor. So carried.

 Item #4: To appoint the audit firm of Baude and Rolfe, P.C. Certified Public Accountants to be the auditor of Town Records for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Louis Gardella made a motion to appoint Baude & Rolfe, of New London, Connecticut as the auditor of town records for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and Ronald Millovitsch seconded it. Item #4 was opened for discussion. There was no discussion. The moderator called for a vote on the motion. All were in favor. So carried.

Item #5: To consider and act on a resolution to require payment of taxes on all motor vehicles and real estate valued less than $100.00 (one hundred dollars) be payable in one installment on July 1, 2016.

Louis Gardella made a motion to approve Item #5 and Ronald Millovitsch seconded it. Item #5 was opened for discussion. There was no discussion. Louis Gardella made a motion to close discussion and vote by show of hands and Arthur Nieminen seconded it. All were in favor. So carried. Call for a vote on the motion by the moderator. All were in favor. So carried.

Arthur Nieminen made a motion to close the meeting. Robert Sirpenski seconded it and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

 Attest:

 Pamela E. Theroux, Town Clerk