

TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN
TOWN BUDGET MEETING
May 30, 2023

The electors and citizens qualified to vote in the annual budget meeting of the Town of Voluntown are hereby warned that the annual town meeting will be held on Tuesday May 30, 2023 at the Voluntown Elementary School, 195 Main St, in Voluntown, Connecticut, at 7:00 pm for the following purposes.

1. To appropriate the funds necessary for the Board of Selectmen's Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$2,470,871 (two million, four hundred seventy thousand, eight hundred seventy-one dollars).
2. To appropriate the funds necessary for the Board of Education Budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$7,055,334 (seven million, fifty-five thousand, three hundred thirty-four dollars).
3. To appropriate the funds necessary for the Capital Projects Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$380,000 (three hundred eighty thousand dollars) from the unassigned fund.
4. To consider and act on the following proposed Ordinances:
 - (a) Library and Board of Trustees Ordinance
 - (b) Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Tracey Hanson with the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Notice of Town Budget Meeting.

Pamela E. Theroux, Town Clerk, served as clerk for the meeting and called for nominations for a moderator. A motion was made by Jack Wesa to nominate Tracey Hanson as moderator, which was seconded by Ronald Millovitsch. No other nominations were made. All were in favor of Tracey Hanson serving as moderator.

The moderator asked for a motion to dispense with reading the call of the meeting again. Ronald Millovitsch made a motion to dispense with the reading of the call of the meeting again. Diana Ingraham seconded it, and all were in favor.

Item#1: To appropriate the funds necessary for the Board of Selectmen's Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$2,470,871 (two million, four hundred seventy thousand, eight hundred seventy-one dollars).

Diana Ingraham made a motion to accept Item #1 and Anthony Madiera seconded it. Item #1 was opened for discussion. Tracey Hanson went through the attached power point and explained any significant changes in this year's budget. MaryAnne Nieminen brought up the need for significant repairs to Wylie School House including a new chimney. Tracey explained that there are funds in the budget for Wylie School repairs, and we are currently working on getting a new flagpole and repairing the bell. Jack Wesa also explained that he is on the building committee for Wylie School House, and we may be able to get baseboard heat now that the electrical repairs are done. Ronald Millovitsch made a motion to close discussion and Matthew Hanson seconded it. All were in favor of closing discussion. Tracey Hanson called for a vote on item #1. All were in favor. Item #1 passes.

Item#2: To appropriate the funds necessary for the Board of Education Budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$7,055,334 (seven million, fifty-five thousand, three hundred thirty-four dollars).

Diana Ingraham made a motion to accept Item #2 and Anthony Madiera seconded it. Item #2 was opened for discussion. Kate Beauparlant, the Board of Education Chair, went through the highlights of the budget and explained any changes. Adam Burrows, School Superintendent, also explained the future changes to the Education Cost Sharing grant and that it is important to reach out to our legislators to express the necessity of keeping our funding. He also stated that this year's high school graduation rate for Voluntown is 100%. Diana Ingraham asked if we should be considering the cost of replacing the busses as they are 8 years old, and asked if this will be a concern in next year's budget. Adam explained that the buses are regularly inspected and that there are no safety concerns. He hopes the buses will be in service for at least another three years. MaryAnne Nieminen also brought up the need for a flashing light on the school sign to slow down the traffic when school is in session. Tracey Hanson explained that the signs are already in process and should be completed before the next school

year starts. A motion was made by Jack Wesa to close discussion, seconded by Ronald Millovitsch. All were in favor of closing discussion. Tracey Hanson called for a vote on item #2. All were in favor. Item #2 passes.

Item #3: To appropriate the funds necessary for the Capital Projects Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$380,000 (three hundred eighty thousand dollars) from the unassigned fund.

Ronald Millovitsch made a motion to accept Item #3 and Anthony Madiera seconded it. Item #3 was opened for discussion. There were no questions. Jack Wesa made a motion to close discussion and Anthony Madiera seconded it. All were in favor of closing discussion. Tracey Hanson called for a vote on item #3. All were in favor. Item #3 passes.

Item #4: To consider and act on the following proposed Ordinances:

- (a) Library and Board of Trustees Ordinance
- (b) Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

Anthony Madiera made a motion to accept Item #4 and Ronald Millovitsch seconded it. Item #4 was opened for discussion. There was no discussion. A motion was made by Ronald Millovitsch to close discussion, seconded by Anthony Madiera. All were in favor of closing discussion. The ordinances were each voted on individually. Tracey Hanson called for a vote on item #4a. All were in favor. Item #4a passes. Tracey Hanson called for a vote on item #4b. All were in favor. Item #4b passes. Ronald Millovitsch made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Anthony Madiera. All were in favor of adjourning. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM, May 30, 2023

Attest:

Pamela E. Theroux, Town Clerk