

**TOWN OF KILLINGLY**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, May 1, 2023**  
(TO BE ADJOURNED TO MACHINE VOTE)

The Annual Town Meeting of electors and citizens qualified to vote in the Town Meetings of the Town of Killingly, Connecticut, shall be held, pursuant to Section 701 of the Killingly Town Charter, in the auditorium of the Killingly High School, 226 Putnam Pike, Killingly, Connecticut on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to consider, modify and or approve the following:

**ORDINANCE APPROVING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR  
THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY that, in accordance with Section 1005 of the Town Charter, the budget for the Town of Killingly, Connecticut, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$25,511,808 allocated to General Government and \$45,305,118 allocated to Education, for a total combined budget of \$70,816,926 be adopted.

KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL  
Jason Anderson, Chairman

**RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATES, TIMES AND PLACES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ADJOURNED  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND MACHINE VOTE ON THE 2023-2024 BUDGET ORDINANCE**

Pursuant to Section 1007 of the Town Charter and Section 7-7 of the General Statutes, said Town Meeting, at its conclusion, will be adjourned and the aforesaid Ordinance, as submitted or amended, will be submitted to vote upon voting machines scheduled between the hours of 6AM and 8PM, Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

The Ordinance will be placed on the voting machines under the following heading: The dollar value of said questions shall be subject to change based on the amendments from the floor of the Annual Town Meeting.

Those voters approving the questions will vote "YES" and those opposing the questions will vote "NO". Those voting "NO" will have an additional advisory question "IS THE BUDGET TOO HIGH OR IS THE BUDGET TOO LOW?"

1. **"SHALL THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY, CONNECTICUT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,511,808 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 BE APPROVED?"**
2. **"SHALL THE EDUCATION BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY, CONNECTICUT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,305,118 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 BE APPROVED?"**

Voting will be held at the following Polling Places:

**District #1, District #3 & District #5**  
BOE Central Office  
79 Westfield Ave (Cafeteria)  
Killingly, CT

**District #2 & District #4**  
Killingly High School  
226 Putnam Pike  
Killingly, CT

ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE AFTERNOON OF May 2, 2023. PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK AT 860-779-5307 ASAP. ALL BALLOTS MUST BE ISSUED IN PERSON ACCORDING TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES.

KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL  
Jason Anderson, Chairman

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Jason Anderson, Council Chairman. There were approximately 100-110 people in attendance, and the meeting was videotaped for public access on Channel 22.

The call to the meeting was read by Elizabeth M. Wilson, Town Clerk. Motion made by Kevin Kerttula, seconded by Patti Larrow George to nominate Jason Anderson as Moderator of the Annual Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion to close nominations was made by Kevin Kerttula, seconded by Tammy Wakefield. Motion passed by voice vote.

Vote for Moderator: Unanimous to elect Jason Anderson as Moderator.

Jason Anderson explained the procedure that registered voters, who are U.S. Citizens, and who are at least 18 years of age, as well as those residents who are not registered voters, but who own property assessed at \$1000.00 or more on the October 1, 2022 Grand List will have an opportunity to speak or vote on the proposed Town and School Budgets. Also

stated that on the General Government Budget you must specify a line item you want increased or decreased with the dollar amount. Whereas, with the Board of Education you can only suggest an increase or decrease (bottom-line amount).

The Moderator, Jason Anderson, asked for a Motion limiting the time to 5 minutes per person to speak. Kevin Kerttula made the motion and seconded by Raymond Wood. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion made by Kevin Kerttula, seconded by Tammy Wakefield to adopt the Ordinance. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Moderator asked for presentations from both the General Government Budget and from the Board of Education. Mary Calorio, Town Manager, presented a slide presentation for the General Government Budget. Robert Angeli, Superintendent, presented a slide presentation for the Board of Education.

The following residents, electors and taxpayers spoke on the General Government Budget:

Monique Revellese – 14 Palmer Street made **MOTION** to reduce \$1.00 from the Building Contractual account and \$367,828 from the Budget.

Jason Anderson, Moderator discussed again that must specify a line item for the General Government Budget.

Monique Revellese – 14 Palmer Street, **RETRACTED MOTION**.

Michelle Murphy – 325 Breakneck Hill Rd made **MOTION** to reduce \$44,877 from Public Works Dept. 24 Line Item #50150 and reduce \$24,012 from Employee Benefits Dept. 61 for a total of \$68,889.00.

Sara Sumner – 23 Tamarack Circle, **seconded the Motion**.

Mary Calorio, Town Manager discussed the Motion.

Carol Ryley – 100 Cook Hill Road against Motion.

Andrew Whitehead – 81 Gloria Avenue, questioned the cost of Mechanic vs Contracting out.

Vote: Standing Vote: 28 IN FAVOR  
48 OPPOSED

### **MOTION FAILED**

Michelle Murphy – 325 Breakneck Hill Road made **MOTION** to reduce \$1000.00 from Town Commission & Service Agencies, Dept, 09 , Line Item #50297.

Andrew Whitehead – 81 Gloria Avenue, **seconded the Motion**.

Discussion followed:

Charles Ferland – 86 Knox Avenue

Vote: Standing Vote: 38 IN FAVOR  
22 OPPOSED

### **MOTION PASSED**

Michelle Murphy – 325 Breakneck Hill Road, made **MOTION** to reduce \$1000.00 from Highway Maintenance Dept #28 Line Item #50434.

Ulla Tiik-Barclay – 26 Dark Lantern Hill, **seconded the Motion**.

Mary Calorio, Town Manager, spoke on the issue.

Charles Ferland – 86 Knox Avenue spoke against Motion.

Michelle Murphy – 325 Breakneck Hill Road, **RETRACTED MOTION**.

Ulla Tiik-Barclay – 25 Dark Lantern Hill, **RETRACTED HER 2nd to the MOTION**.

The following residents, electors and taxpayers spoke on the Education Budget:

Lisa Vance – 262 Mason Hill Road, discussed putting the 3.94% decrease back into budget.

Christian Sarantopoulos – 143 School Street asked to restore \$45,000 to Budget for Latin Program. Disqualified due to reviewing the Grand List, property owner is Sarantopoulos & Sarantopoulos LLP.

Susan Griffiths – 70 Griffiths Road, made **MOTION** to add the \$45,000 back into the Education Budget.

Charles Ferland – 86 Knox Avenue, **seconded the Motion**.

Vote: Voice Vote passed unanimously in favor.

### **MOTION PASSED**

Christina Main – 219 Coomer Hill Road, made **MOTION** to restore the 3.94% back into the Education Budget.

Jessica Mongeau – 13 Shepard Hill Road, **seconded the Motion**.

Discussion followed:

Jason Anderson – 125 Lake Road  
Jessica Mongeau – 13 Shepard Hill Road  
Monique Revellese – 14 Palmer Street  
Charles Ferland – 86 Knox Avenue  
Tabitha Tyler – 109 Green Hollow Road

Jessica Mongeau – 13 Shepard Hill Road made **MOTION** to move the vote.

Tabitha Tyler – 109 Green Hollow Road, **seconded the Motion**.

Vote: Voice Vote passed unanimously in favor.

### **MOTION PASSED**

Kevin Kerttula – 14 Granite Court, made **MOTION** to use Paper Ballot

Matthew George – 156 Country Club Road, **seconded the Motion**.

Vote: Voice Vote in majority opposed paper ballot.

### **MOTION FAILED**

Susan Griffiths – 70 Griffiths Road, made **MOTION** to end the discussion and move the question.

Jessica Mongeau – 13 Shepard Hill Road, **seconded the Motion**.

Vote: Voice Vote in Majority in Favor of 3.94% Increase in Education Budget

### **MOTION PASSED**

Jason Anderson, Chair, asked to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. to Machine Vote on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at both polling places for \$25,510,808 for the General Government Budget, and \$46,805,118 for the Education Budget totaling \$72,315,926. **Motion** made by Jason Anderson, **seconded** by Susan Griffiths. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth M. Wilson  
Town Clerk