

TOWN OF KILLINGLY
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 5, 2014
(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, Dayville, Connecticut on Monday, May 5, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. to consider the following:

1. To consider, modify and/or approve the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE APPROVING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR
THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015**

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, 2014 to June 30, 2015, in the amount of **\$14,295,565** allocated to General Government and **\$40,558,142** allocated to Education, for a total combined budget of **\$54,853,707** be adopted.

KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL
John Hallbergh
Chairman

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by John Hallbergh, Council Chairman. There were approximately 100 people in attendance, and the meeting was videotaped for public access on Channel 22.

The call of the meeting was read by, Elizabeth M. Wilson, Town Clerk. Motion was made by Lynn LaBerge, seconded by Tammy Wakefield to nominate William St. Onge as Moderator of the Annual Town Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion to close nominations was made by Joyce Ricci, seconded by Dennis Alemian. Motion passed.

Vote for Moderator: Unanimous to elect William St. Onge as Moderator.

Mr. St. Onge 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, 2013 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 in the proposed budget (give a dollar amount) but cannot specify where to increase or decrease (bottom-line amount).

Motion made by John Hallbergh, seconded by Dennis Alemian to adopt the Ordinance Approving the Operating Budget for the Town of Killingly for Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

The Moderator asked for presentations from the Town Manager and the Superintendent. Sean Hendricks, Town Manager, presented a slide presentation overview of the General Government Budget. The Superintendent, Kevin Farr along with the Vice Chair of the Board of Education, John Burns, presented a slide presentation of the Board of Education.

Motion made by Dennis Alemian, 505 Reynolds Street to limit speakers to 5 minutes each, and can only speak again once every person entitled has a turn to speak on the item being discussed. Janet Hallbergh, 1252 Hartford Pike, seconded the motion.

Voice vote was called by the Moderator, William St. Onge.

More than 2/3 of the majority voted in the affirmative. **MOTION PASSED.**

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

Charles Ferland, 86 Knox Avenue asked a question to John Hallbergh, Council Chairman in reference to the Assistant Building Position in Account #41 of the proposed budget.

John Hallbergh, responded that the Assistant Building position is now in Account #22 (Public Works Administration and Engineering).

Charles Ferland, 86 Knox Avenue made a Motion to eliminate in Account #7 (Revenue Collection) Line Item # 50140 for \$13,260 for Part-time position. Albert Weiss, 514 Hartford Pike, seconded the motion.

Discussion followed:

Dennis Alemian, 505 Reynolds Street
Stewart Rivers, 300 River Road
John Sarantopoulos, 37 Tunk City Road
Albert Weiss, 514 Hartford Pike
Sean Hendricks, Town Manager

Motion made by Alexis Rich, 97 Laurel Drive to move the question, seconded by Hoween Flexer, 5 Francis Street.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to eliminate part-time Revenue Collector position.

The Majority voted against the amendment. **MOTION FAILED.**

Patrick Lalumiere, 259 Margaret Henry Road, made a motion to Account #34 (Public Library) line item # 50140 to increase Regular Part-time position from \$158,890 to \$168,260 (increase of \$9370). Hoween Flexer, 5 Francis Street, seconded the motion.

Motion made by Monique Revellese, 14 Town Farm Road to move the question, seconded by Joyce Ricci, 142 Sunset Drive. Motion passed.

Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to increase the Library account.

The Majority voted in favor of the amendment. **MOTION PASSED.**

Albert Weiss, 514 Hartford Pike, spoke on Account #43 (Law Enforcement) concerning the addition of (2) Residential State Troopers.

The following residents, electors and taxpayers spoke on the issue:

Randall Towne, 4 Mockingbird Drive

Alan Parsons, 103 Main Street
Kevin Ide, 811 Hartford Pike
Monique Revellese, 14 Town Farm Road

Stewart Rivers, 300 River Road made a motion to eliminate the (2) Resident State Troopers from Account #43 (Law Enforcement Budget) for the total amount of \$317,636. Albert Weiss, 514 Hartford Pike, seconded the motion.

The following residents, electors and taxpayers spoke on the issue of the amendment:

Charles Ferland, 86 Knox Avenue
Cindy Parsons, 103 Main Street
Susan Mercier, 123 State Avenue
Brenda Duchesneau, 140 Hawkins Street

Motion was made by Monique Revellese, 14 Town Farm Road to move the question. Christopher Glynn, 11 Huntley Road seconded the motion.

Motion passed by voice vote.

William St Onge, Moderator asked for a voice vote on the amendment to the Law Enforcement Account.

The Majority voted against the Amendment. **MOTION FAILED.**

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

Monique Revellese, 14 Town Farm Road
Richard Fedor, 139 Pratt Road
Eddie Hongsavad, 104 Pleasant View Drive
Albert Weiss, 514 Hartford Pike

Motion made by John Hallbergh, seconded by Hoween Flexer to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. to the machine vote on May 13, 2014 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at all polling places.
Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth M. Wilson
Town Clerk

