TOWN OF KILLINGLY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES Monday, May 2, 2016

(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 2, 2016 at 7:00 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, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2017

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, 2016 to June 30, 2017, in the amount of \$14,504,217 allocated to General Government and \$41,493,733 allocated to Education, for a total combined budget of \$55,997,950 be adopted.

KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL David A. Griffiths, Chairman

The Annual Town Meeting was called to Order at 7:00 p.m. by David Griffiths, Council Chairman. There were approximately 50 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 Lynn LaBerge, seconded by Joyce Ricci 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 Lynn LaBerge, seconded by Joyce Ricci. Motion passed.

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

William St. 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, 2015 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 Budget you can only suggest an increase or decrease in the proposed budget (give the dollar amount) but cannot specify where to increase or decrease (bottom-line amount).

Motion made by Adam Griffiths, seconded by Joyce Ricci to adopt the Ordinance Approving the Operating Budget for the Town of Killingly for Fiscal year July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017.

The Moderator asked for presentations from both the General Government Budget, and from the Board of Education. Sean Hendricks, Town Manager, presented a slide presentation overview on the General Government Budget. Hoween Flexer presented a slide presentation overview for the Board of Education.

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

Stewart Rivers – 300 River Road - made a Motion to cut the General Government Budget by \$166,000 in the Special Reserves & Program (Account #63) under the line item Reserve for Constabulary, and then put into the Board of Education Budget

Albert Weiss - Hartford Pike - seconded the motion.

Kevin Ide - 811 Hartford Pike – Opposed Motion John Sarantopoulos – 37 Tunk City Rd – Opposed Motion Al Parsons – 103 Main Street – Opposed Motion

Motion made by Voice Vote for approval of the Cut to General Government.

Motion defeated by Voice Vote in the Majority.

Motion made by Gail Oakley Pratt, seconded by Adam Griffiths to put **\$150,000** into the Special Reserves & Programs (Account # 63) in the Rate Stability Fund.

The following residents, electors and taxpayers spoke on the Proposed Motion:

Dennis Alemian – 505 Reynolds Street Sean Hendricks - Town Manager

Janice Thurlow – 600 Chestnut Hill Road
Adam Griffiths – 98 Griffiths Road
Stewart Rivers – 300 River Road

Edward Grandelski - 877 Upper Maple Street

John Sarantopoulos – 37 Tunk City Road – Opposed Motion

Motion made by Voice Vote on the Proposed Increase. Majority voted in the Affirmative. **Motion passed**.

Discussion followed on the rest of the General Government Budget:

Russell Goff – 20 Breakneck Hill Road Albert Weiss – Hartford Pike John Sarantopoulos – 37 Tunk City Road

Motion made by John Hallbergh, seconded by David Hitchcock –1164 North Road – to end discussion on General Government Budget.

Motion passed.

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

Russell Goff – 20 Breakneck Hill Roadf Hoween Flexer – 5 Francis Street John Sarantopoulos - 37 Tunk City Road Albert Weiss – Hartford Pike

Motion made by Joyce Ricci, seconded by Kevin Ide to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. to Machine Vote on May 10, 2016 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at all the polling places. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth M. Wilson Town Clerk