TOWN OF KILLINGLY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES Monday, May 6, 2013

(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 6, 2013 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, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2014

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, 2013 to June 30, 2014, in the amount of \$13,644,533 allocated to General Government and \$38,865,091 allocated to Education, for a total combined budget of \$52,509,624 be adopted.

KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL Dennis Alemian Chairman

There were approximately 150 people in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Elizabeth M. Wilson, Town Clerk. She read the call of the meeting. The meeting was videotaped for public access on Channel 22.

Motion 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.

The Town Clerk asked if there were any more nominations for Moderator. There were none.

Motion made by Lynn LaBerge, seconded by Dennis Alemian, to close nominations.

Voice vote on Mr. St. Onge's nomination: Unanimous Motion passed.

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, 2012 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 Gerard Cinq Mars to adopt the Ordinance Approving the Operating Budget for the Town of Killingly for Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.

The moderator asked for presentations from the Town Manager and the Superintendent. Bruce E. Benway, Town Manager, presented a Power Point overview of the General Government Budget. The Superintendent, Kevin Farr, presented a Power Point overview of the Board of Education Budget.

The Officials were informed by the Business Manager for Killingly Board of Education about a conversation with the State BOE @ 4PM the day of the meeting that we may need to readdress the Revenue from Educational Cost Sharing (ECS) based on the current proposed funding for BOE expenditures.

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

Charles Ferland, 86 Knox Avenue made a motion to eliminate under the Revenue Collection (Account #7) a part-time position in the amount of \$14,925.00, and to eliminate under Employment benefits (Account #61) contractual services to remove \$1146.00 from that account for a total of \$16,071.00. Lloyd Brazee, 33 Picabo Street, seconded the motion.

Motion made by voice vote, then by standing vote for clarification:

59 Affirmative 58 Opposed

MOTION PASSED by 1 vote.

Donald Dauphinais, 69 Stearns Street made a motion to put back into contractual services (Account #43) \$200,000.00 for two additional residential troopers. Amy Dauphinais, 69 Stearns Street, seconded that motion.

Discussion followed:

Dennis Alemian, 505 Reynolds Street

Suzanne Easterly, 63 Jacques Road Lynn LaBerge, 28B East Franklin Street Robin Lofquist, 25 Lafantasie Road John Sarantopoulos, 32 Foster Street

Voice Vote was called by the Moderator on the Motion:

The Majority voted against the Amendment. MOTION FAILED.

Patrick Lalumiere, 259 Margaret Henry Road made a motion to add \$16,000.00 back into the Public Library #50140 Regular Part-time (Account #34). Robert Loiselle, 685 Chestnut Hill Road, seconded the motion.

Voice Vote was called by the Moderator on the Motion:

The Majority voted for the Amendment. MOTION PASSED.

Donna Bronwell, 699 Bailey Hill Road made a motion to add \$25,000 for Open Space Land Acquisition (Account #63). Margaret Weaver, 175 Thompson Pike, seconded the motion.

Voice Vote was called by the Moderator on the Motion:

The Majority voted against the Amendment. MOTION FAILED.

Additional speakers on the General Government Budget included the following:

John Sarantopoulos, 32 Foster Street Leon Mcintire, 53 Hawkins Street

Leon Mcintire made a motion to put back \$60,000.00 into the Public Library (Account #34) with \$20,000 to Knowledge & Reference Materials Line Item (50206) and \$40,000 to Contractual Services (50210). Gerard Cinq Mars, 174 Sandy Point Lane, seconded the motion.

Motion made by voice vote, then by standing vote for clarification.

60 Affirmative 35 opposed

Motion passed by 25 votes.

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

Alexis Rich, 97 Laurel Drive made a motion to limit speakers to 5 min each. Dennis Alemian, 505 Reynolds Street, seconded the motion.

Voice Vote was called by the Moderator:

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

Monique Revellese, 14 Town Farm Road Charles Ferland, 86 Knox Avenue Laurie Leclerc, 81 Thompson Pike Kyle Provencher, 55 Ladds Lane Paul Coutu, 1495 North Road Albert Bissonnette, 650 Cook Hill Road Suzanne Easterly, 63 Jacques Road Dale Dauphinais, 204 Wright Road Russell (Craig) Goff, 20 Old Breakneck Hill Road Harold Reeves, 64 Bonneville Street Gerard Cinq Mars, 174 Sandy Point Lane John Burns, L'Homme Street Extension John Sarantopoulos, 32 Foster Street Robin Lofquist, 25 Lafantasie Road

Motion made by John Sarantopoulos, seconded by Hoween Flexer to adjourn at 10:31 p.m. to the machine vote on May 14, 2013 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