

**TOWN OF KILLINGLY**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, May 1, 2017**  
(TO BE ADJOURNED TO MACHINE VOTE)

Pursuant to Section 701 of the Killingly Town Charter, the Annual Town Meeting of electors and citizens qualified to vote in the Town Meetings of the Town of Killingly, Connecticut, shall be held in the auditorium of the Killingly High School, 226 Putnam Pike, Killingly, Connecticut on Monday, May 1, 2017 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, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2018**

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, 2017 to June 30, 2018, in the amount of \$15,770,757 allocated to General Government and \$37,539,803 allocated to Education, for a total combined budget of \$53,310,560 be adopted.

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, 2017 at the following locations:

**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

The ordinance will be placed on the voting machines in the following format, although the dollar value of said questions is subject to change based on the amendments from the floor of the Annual Town Meeting:

1. **“SHALL THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY, CONNECTICUT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,770,757 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018 BE APPROVED?”**
2. **“SHALL THE EDUCATION BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY, CONNECTICUT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,539,803 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018 BE APPROVED?”**

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?”

ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE AFTERNOON OF May 2, 2017. PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK AT 860-779-5307 ASAP. ALL BALLOTS MUST BE ISSUED IN PERSON ACCORDING TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES.

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by David Griffiths, Council Chairman. There were approximately 60 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 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 Kevin Ide, seconded by Randy Duquette. Motion passed.

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

William 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, 2016 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 the dollar amount) but cannot specify where to increase or decrease (bottom-line amount).

Motion made by Hoween Flexer, seconded by Lynn LaBerge to adopt the Ordinance Approving the Operating Budget for the Town of Killingly for Fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.

The Moderator asked for presentations from both the General Government Budget, and from the Board of Education. Jennifer Thompson, Chair, presented a slide presentation for the Board of Education. Sean Hendricks, Town Manager, presented a slide presentation for the General Government Budget.

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

Charles Ferland – 86 Knox Avenue – made a **Motion** to cut the General Government Budget by \$ 175,000 to eliminate the Assistant Town Manager Position and the Part-Time Assistant Administrator to Full-Time. The decrease would come from the Town Manager Account #2 for \$105,000 under Personnel – Salary Administrative (#50120), and \$20,000 from the Clerical (#50130). Then the rest would be under Employee Benefits Account #61 distributed by #50230 (Health Insurance) for \$37,000, #50231 (Employer Payroll Taxes) for \$10,000 and #50234 (Pension Program) for \$3000.00.

Monique Revellese – 14 Town Farm Road seconded the Motion.

Kevin Ide – 811 Hartford Pike – Opposed Motion

John Sarantopoulos    37 Tunk City Road -- Opposed Motion  
Joyce Ricci            142 Sunset Drive    -- Opposed Motion  
David Griffiths        70 Griffiths Road    - Opposed Motion  
Adam Griffiths        98 Griffiths Road    - Opposed Motion

Further Discussion followed on the Amendment:

Christopher Glynn – 11 Huntley Road  
Charles Ferland    - 86 Knox Ave  
Monique Revellese 14 Town Farm Road

John Hallbergh – 1252 Hartford Pike Made a **Motion** to Amend the Motion from \$175,000 to \$105,000 by eliminating the Assistant Town Manager only.

Janet Hallbergh – 1252 Hartford Pike seconded the Motion.

William St. Onge, Moderator asked John Hallbergh for clarification on his Amendment to the Motion.

He clarified that the actual cut would be \$130,000 not \$105,000 to Amend.

The Moderator asked for clarification of the Voice Vote by Standing Vote:

24 In Favor

36 Opposed

**MOTION DEFEATED**

Motion was then by Voice Vote to Approve the Original Amendment to cut \$175,000. Majority voted against the cut.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

Motion made by Ed Grandelski, seconded by Adam Griffiths to end discussion on the General Government Budget and move to the Board of Education Budget. Majority by Voice Vote approved.

**MOTION PASSED.**

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

Monique Revellese – 14 Town Farm Road  
Kevin Ide - 811 Hartford Pike  
Gail Oakley Pratt – 1250 North Road  
David Griffiths - 70 Griffiths Road  
Jennifer Thompson, Board of Education, Chair  
Shannon Sylvestre – 74 Brookside Drive  
Hoween Flexer- 5 Francis Street  
Danielle Montville- 20 Tamarack Circle  
Adam Griffiths - 98 Griffiths Road  
John Sarantopoulos- 37 Tunk City Road  
Charles Ferland - 86 Knox Avenue

Christopher Glynn made a **Motion** to increase Board of Education Budget by \$546,852.

No one seconded Motion – **MOTION FAILED**

Motion made by Charles Ferland, seconded by Jonathan Cesolini to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. to Machine Vote on May 9, 2017 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at all polling places. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth M. Wilson  
Town Clerk