

Annual Town Meeting
December 28, 2010

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of East Windsor was held at the East Windsor Town Hall on Tuesday, December 28, 2010. First Selectman Denise Menard called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M.

Motion was made by Jason Bowsza and seconded by John Burnham that Richard P. Pippin, Jr. preside as Moderator. Motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Town Clerk, Mary Higgins read the call to the meeting.

Moderator read the statement of eligibility to vote.

Item #1

The following resolution was introduced and read by Jason Bowsza.

Resolved: To consider and act upon a resolution that reports of the Selectman, Town Treasurer and other Town officers, be accepted as printed errors and omissions accepted.

Mr. Bowsza moved the resolution, seconded by Linda Sinsigallo.

Discussion:

Robert Maynard asked for clarification of the 2009 – 2010 town expenditures.

Denise Menard, First Selectman, referred him to the information included in the 2009 – 2010 Annual Report. Any specific questions should be referred to the Town Treasurer.

John Burnham clarified that the resolution accepts the reports of the Selectman, town treasurer and other town officers as presented in the annual report.

Kory Loucks, reporter for the Journal Inquirer, commented that the town audit was again included in the annual report. In previous years the town audit was presented separately. The state no longer requires the audit to be printed in the annual Town report.

Dick Pippin called for any further discussion. None was forthcoming. He called for a vote. Resolution passed unanimously.

Item #2

The following resolution was introduced and read by Linda Sinsigallo.

Resolved: To consider and act upon a resolution authorizing and empowering the First Selectman and Town Treasurer to borrow from time to time on behalf of and in the name of the Town for the purpose of meeting current expenses until the tax monies are available, and to issue notes for same, and to determine the amount of such notes and to execute, sell and deliver same.

Mrs. Sinsigallo moved the resolution, seconded by Kathleen Pippin.

Discussion:

Robert Maynard questioned whether the resolution means that the Selectman can spend any amount of monies for the town.

Jason Bowsza clarified that the resolution allows the First Selectman and Town Treasurer to borrow necessary funds and sign on behalf of the town. This cannot be done in the name of the Town of East Windsor. It has to be an authorized signature.

Denise Menard state that there are a system of checks and balances in place for the various boards requesting funds and town meetings that must vote on requests for funds.

Dick Pippin called the question. Resolution was passed unanimously.

Item #3

The following resolution was introduced and read by Robert Maynard.

Resolved: To consider and act upon a resolution authorizing the Selectman, as provided in Chapter 240, Part 11A of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut Revision of 1959 and as amended, to enter into any and all agreements with the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Transportation relative to the expenditure of any unexpected balance of highway funds allotment due to the Town of July 1, 2011 and to enter into an agreement, with said Commissioner concerning the expenditure of said allotment.

Robert Maynard moved the resolution, seconded by Linda Sinsigallo.

Discussion:

John Burnham – this is basically “boiler plate” wording that is used every year.

Jason Bowsza – Isn't it possible to create a resolution off the floor and have it voted upon?

Denise responded that the town meeting has to be duly warned and follow a published agenda. This follows state statute.

Bob Maynard – If I wanted to bring an item before a town meeting is it my responsibility to put a notice in the newspaper, etc.?

Denise responded that it would have to be done via a petition of townspeople wanting the item addressed. The charter states that the annual town meeting is to be held during the month of December to accept the annual report and to transact any other business properly coming before the Town Meeting.

Dick Pippin called the question. Resolution passed unanimously.

Denise Menard, seconded by John Burnham made motion to adjourn. Meeting was declared adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Higgins
Assistant Town Clerk

Attest: _____
Assistant Town Clerk