

TOWN OF STONINGTON
ANNUAL BUDGET TOWN MEETING
April 21, 2008

First Selectman Edward Haberek, Jr. called the Annual Budget Town Meeting of the Town of Stonington to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 21, 2008 in the auditorium of the Stonington High School. In attendance were First Selectman Edward Haberek, Jr., Selectmen Peter Balestracci and William Brown.

Mr. Alexander Standish nominated Mr. James O'Boyle as Moderator being properly seconded by Mr. George Sylvestre and being no objections Mr. O'Boyle was unanimously elected Moderator of the meeting, and Town Clerk, Cynthia Ladwig served as clerk. Approximately 35 people attended.

There being no objection, the Moderator dispensed with reading the Call recorded immediately preceding these pages and asked for a resolution on the first item on the Call.

First Selectman Haberek moved and read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF STONINGTON IN LAWFUL TOWN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED, THAT:

“THE FOLLOWING, BEING SUFFICIENT SUM OR SUMS OF MONEY TO CARRY ON THE VARIOUS DIVISIONS OF TOWN GOVERNMENT, BE AND HEREBY ARE APPROPRIATED FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE TO THE EXTENT OF THE AMOUNT APPEARING OPPOSITE EACH:

OFFICE OF THE SELECTMAN	\$ 927,812.
DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	\$ 3,824,141.
DEPT. OF FINANCE	\$ 982,754.
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 5,388,397.
DEPT. OF PLANNING & LAND USE	\$ 430,480.
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 6,421,068.
DEPT. OF POLICE SERVICES	\$ 4,025,103.
DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 965,964.
BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$ 30,824,702.
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LAND, BLDGS, IMPROVEMENTS & EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,781,630.
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 55,572,051.

The Board of Finance's recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 carries a 15.74 Mil Rate.

Being properly seconded the Moderator recognized Town Clerk Cynthia Ladwig who read the following letter:

April 11, 2008

Ms. Cynthia Ladwig
Town Clerk
Stonington Town Hall
Stonington, CT 06378

Dear Ms. Ladwig:

The Board of Selectmen, at its meeting held on April 11, 2008, voted to set the Annual Town Budget Meeting for Monday, April 21, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., at the Stonington High School, 176 South Broad St., Pawcatuck.

The Board also voted to send the first item on the call of the Annual Town Budget Meeting called for April 21, 2008, to referendum. The Board set Tuesday, April 29, 2008, for the date of the Referendum to be held in the following voting places between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.:

FIRST AND THIRD DISTRICT	Stonington Fire House, 100 Main St., Stonington
SECOND DISTRICT	Pawcatuck Fire Station, 33 Liberty St., Pawcatuck
FOURTH AND FIFTH DISTRICT	B.F. Hoxie Fire House, 34 Broadway, Mystic

The wording for the question will be as follows:

“SHALL THE TOWN OF STONINGTON MAKE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$55,572,051. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008?”

The Adjourned Annual Town Budget Meeting will reconvene at 8:30 p.m. at the Stonington Police Station, 173 South Broad St., Pawcatuck, on Tuesday, April 29, 2008.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
/s/ Edward Haberek, Jr.
First Selectman

cc: Registrars of Voters

The Moderator explained that since the budget has been sent to referendum, that there would be no vote on the resolution and opened the floor to discussion. Commenting on the budget were Vincent Faulise, David Brown, Director of Administrative Services George Sylvestre, Gail Shea, Fran O'Neil, Selectman William Brown, Cindy Nadeau & First Selectman Edward Haberek, Jr. There being no further discussion, the Moderator recognized First Selectman Haberek to read the following resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF STONINGTON IN LAWFUL TOWN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED, THAT:

“IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 7-7 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF CONNECTICUT THE FIRST ITEM ON THE CALL OF THE ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING CALLED FOR APRIL 21, 2008 BE SUBMITTED TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN MEETINGS OF THE TOWN OF STONINGTON FOR A VOTE UPON THE VOTING MACHINES IN THE SEVERAL VOTING DISTRICTS OF SAID TOWN ON APRIL 29, 2008 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6AM AND 8PM AND THAT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS MEETING, SUCH MEETING SHALL STAND ADJOURNED TO RECONVENE ON APRIL 29, 2008 AT 8:30 AT THE STONINGTON POLICE STATION TO RECEIVE SUCH VOTE AND THAT SAID ITEM SHALL BE PLACED UPON THE VOTING MACHINES UNDER THE FOLLOWING HEADING:

“SHALL THE TOWN OF STONINGTON MAKE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$55,572,051. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008?”

The motion being properly made, seconded and hearing no objection, the Moderator declared since there was no further business on the Call of the meeting, upon motion properly made, seconded, and unanimously passed the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. to reconvene on April 29, 2008 at the Stonington Police Station at 8:30 p.m.

/s/ Cynthia Ladwig
Clerk of the Meeting

Received for record this 22nd day of April, 2008.

/s/Cynthia Ladwig
Town Clerk