

TOWN OF STONINGTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
June 19, 2008

First Selectman Edward Haberek, Jr. called the Special Town Meeting of the Town of Stonington to order at 7:00 p.m. on June 19, 2008 at the Stonington High School auditorium. In attendance were First Selectman Edward Haberek, Jr., Selectmen Peter Balestracci and William Brown.

Mr. George Sylvestre nominated Mr. James O'Boyle as Moderator being properly seconded by Mr. Jerry Desmond and being no objections Mr. O'Boyle was unanimously elected Moderator of the meeting, and Town Clerk, Cynthia Ladwig served as clerk. Approximately 50 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	\$
901,517.	
DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	
\$ 3,730,917.	
DEPT. OF FINANCE	\$
979,754.	
DEBT SERVICE	\$
5,388,397.	
DEPT. OF PLANNING & LAND USE	\$
367,467.	
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS	\$
6,348,786.	
DEPT. OF POLICE SERVICES	\$
4,000,103.	
DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES	\$
955,964.	

BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$
30,296,702.	
SCHEDULE C	
LAND, BLDGS, IMPROVEMENTS & EQUIPMENT	\$
<u>956,735.</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$
53,926,342.	

The Board of Finance's recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 carries a 15.14 Mil Rate.

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

June 18, 2008

Board of Selectmen
Stonington Town Hall
Stonington, CT 06378

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that on June 17 & 18, 2008, I received petitions which bear the verified signatures of over 200 persons qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Stonington, requesting that the 2008-2009 budget be submitted for a referendum vote.

Sincerely,
/s/ Cynthia Ladwig

The Moderator explained that since the budget has been petitioned to referendum, that there would be no vote on the resolution and opened the floor to discussion. Commenting on the budget were Ed McCabe, Ed Hart, Rebecca Noreen, John Nickerson, First Selectman Haberek, Selectmen Balestracci and Brown, Jean Schweid, George Gregory, Sue Skogerboe & Allen Whitford. 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 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING CALLED FOR JUNE 19 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 JULY 1, 2008 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6AM AND 8PM AND THAT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS MEETING, SUCH

MEETING SHALL STAND ADJOURNED TO RECONVENE ON JULY 1, 2008 AT 8:30 AT THE STONINGTON TOWN HALL 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 \$53,926,342. 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 7:30 p.m. to reconvene on July 1, 2008 at the Stonington Town Hall at 8:30 p.m.

/s/ Cynthia Ladwig
Clerk of the Meeting

Received for record this 20th day of June, 2008.

/s/ Cynthia Ladwig
Town Clerk