

ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING
April 20, 2009

First Selectman Edward Haberek, Jr. called the Annual Town Budget Meeting of the Town of Stonington to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 20, 2009 at the Stonington High School auditorium. In attendance were First Selectman Edward Haberek, Jr., Selectmen Peter Balestracci and William Brown.

Mrs. Marsha Standish nominated Mr. James O'Boyle as Moderator being properly seconded and being no objections Mr. O'Boyle was unanimously elected Moderator of the meeting, and Town Clerk, Cynthia Ladwig served as clerk. Approximately 30 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, 2009, 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	\$ 1,114,813.
DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	\$ 3,587,750.
DEPT. OF FINANCE	\$ 976,371.
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 5,143,474.
DEPT. OF PLANNING & LAND USE	\$ 390,438.
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 6,100,547.
DEPT. OF POLICE SERVICES	\$ 4,150,229.
DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 955,012.
BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$ 31,149,520.
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LAND, BLDGS, IMPROVEMENTS & EQUIPMENT	\$ <u>374,037.</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 53,942,191.

The Board of Finance's recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 carries a 15.10 Mil Rate.

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

April 9, 2009

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

Dear Ms. Ladwig:

The Board of Selectmen at its meeting held on April 9, 2009, voted to set the date for the Annual Town Budget Meeting for Monday, April 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stonington High School, 176 South Broad St., Pawcatuck, CT.

The Board also voted to send the first item on the call of the Annual Town Budget Meeting called for April 20, 2009 to referendum. The Board set Tuesday, April 28, 2009 for the date of the Referendum to be held in the following voting places between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m.

First & Third Districts	Stonington Fire Station, 100 Main St., Stonington
Second District	Pawcatuck Fire Station, 33 Liberty St., Pawcatuck
Fourth & Fifth Districts	B.F. Hoxie- Mystic Fire Dept., 34 Broadway, Mystic

The wording for the question will be as follows:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF STONINGTON MAKE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$53,942,191 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2009?"

The Adjourned Annual Town Budget Meeting will reconvene at 8:30 p.m. at the Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm St., Stonington on Tuesday, April 28, 2009.

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

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

Cc: Registrars of Voters

The Moderator explained that since the budget has been sent to referendum by the Board of Selectmen, that there would be no vote on the resolution and opened the floor to discussion. Commenting on the budget were Robert Johnson, Fran O'Neil, Director of Finance Maryanna Stevens, Mystic & Noank Library President Nancy Hevenor, Franklin Davis, Cindy Nadeau, Bill Sternberg, Rachel O'Dell, Tracy Swain, First Selectman Haberek, Police Captain Jerry Desmond, Bd. Of Finance members Glenn Frishman, Chairman & Andy Rines, Eric Beverly, Robynne Madison, John Nickerson, Bill Cutler and Ed Hart. 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 20, 2009 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 28, 2009 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6AM AND 8PM AND THAT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS MEETING, SUCH MEETING SHALL STAND ADJOURNED TO RECONVENE ON APRIL 28, 2009 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 \$53,942,191. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2009?”

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 8:00 p.m. to reconvene on April 28, 2009 at the Stonington Town Hall at 8:30 p.m.

/s/ Cynthia Ladwig
Clerk of the Meeting

Received for record this 21st day of April, 2009.

/s/ Cynthia Ladwig
Town Clerk