

**ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022  
7:30 PM  
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM**

The Annual Town Budget Meeting of electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings in the Town of Burlington, CT was called to order at 7:31 pm by First Selectman Douglas K. Thompson. Selectmen James Chard, Tom Zabel and David Goshdigian were present.

Thirty-five (32) individuals were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

First Selectman Thompson called for nominations for moderator. Chard/Zabel nominated Doug Thompson as moderator of the meeting. Upon no further nominations, a motion to close nominations was made by Zabel/Goshdigian. Motion was approved by voice vote. Chard/Zabel made a motion to appoint Doug Thompson as moderator. Doug Thompson was voted moderator by unanimous voice vote.

Call of the meeting was read by Mary-Jane Ugalde, Town Clerk.

**ITEM #1: To consider and act upon the acceptance of the Town Budget in the amount of \$39,329,824 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.**

Gerry Mullen, Chairman of the Board of Finance gave a summary of the 2022-2023 budget. There is a 3% (approximately \$1.2 million) increase to the budget from last year. The Region 10 budget is \$28,412,358, a 2.9% (\$800,000) increase. The town portion of the budget is \$10,917,466, a 3% (\$388,000) increase.

The expenditures driving the Town's 3% increase to the budget are payroll, fuel costs and the Region #10 budget increases.

On the Revenue side:

- Anticipated State funding is \$4.6+ million; up \$490,000 from last year. ECS funds for education have increases by \$360,000.
- Additional State monies: re-imbursement of \$103,000 for motor vehicle taxes (State has lowered the mil rate to a fixed number for motor vehicle property taxes, but increased the grand list value of vehicles by 25%)
- Total Revenue before Taxes & Surplus is \$6,057,685.
- Town Revenue is up from increase revenue from the Building Department Permits and Conveyance Tax Revenue from Town Clerk's office and Parks and Recreation Programs.
- Grand List figures have gone up by \$4%.

The 2022-2023 budget will decrease by .7 mil for property taxes.

Board of Finance will set the mil rate directly after the Town Budget Meeting.

Questions and Comments

John Stiefel                      35 Saw Mill Road

Mr. Thompson asked for a motion to accept the 2022-2023 budget of \$39,329,824. David Goshdigian moved to accept the 2022-2023 budget; John Kirschner seconded.

Item #1 passed unanimously by voice vote.

**ITEM #2: To set a mil rate sufficient to meet the Town's obligations for the upcoming fiscal year.**

The moderator noted that Item #2 would not be acted upon at the Town Meeting. The Board of Finance (per Town Charter, Section 7-5) will set the mil rate after the Town Budget Meeting.

David Goshdigian made a motion to amend Item 2 of the agenda to read **"To authorize the requisition from the State of Connecticut LOCIP funds the sum of \$75,000 and to use those monies for Capital Improvement to the Town and to further authorize the First Selectman to execute all necessary document related to same."** The motion was seconded by Jim Chard. There being no questions or comments the motion to modify agenda Item #2 item passed by voice vote.

Zabel made a motion to authorize the requisition from the State of Connecticut LOCIP funds the sum of \$75,000 and to use those monies for Capital Improvement to the Town and to further authorize the First Selectman to execute all necessary document related to same. Chard seconded. There being no questions or comments the moderator called for a voice vote on the amended item. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Zabel, seconded by Chard. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary-Jane Ugalde  
Town Clerk