

Town of Windsor Locks
MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING
May 21, 2024
Windsor Locks Town Hall
50 Church Street
Windsor Locks, CT 06096

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Town Meeting of the electors and those qualified to vote at Town meetings of the Town of Windsor Locks, Connecticut was held at the Windsor Locks Town Hall in the Gymnasium on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 7:30PM.

I. Call to Order

- a. The Honorable First Selectman Paul Harrington, called the Town Meeting to order at 7:30PM in the Ella Grasso room located at Windsor Locks Town Hall.

II. Reading of the Call

- a. Christopher Latournes, Town Clerk read the reading of the Call.

III. Nomination of a Moderator

- a. First Selectman Scott Storms entertained the nomination of a moderator at which time Michael Ciarcia (*15 Meg Way*) **MOVED** to nominate Joseph Calsetta (*121 Orchard Hill Drive*) **SECONDED** by Selectman Jonathan Savino (*128 Elm Street*). Eric Marsh (*94 South Elm Street*) **MOVED** to nominate Kurt Brace (*47 Elm Street*) **SECONDED** by Daniel Squires (*23 Reed Court*). First Selectman Storms called for a voice vote on the two Moderator nominations. **NOMINATION** of Joseph Calsetta **CARRIES** as moderator.

IV. INFORMATION

- a. Windsor Locks Police Chief Eric Osanitsch updated the Windsor Locks Residents of a disturbance call they received this afternoon. Three Windsor Locks Police Officers responded. During the response they were dragged by a vehicle and are currently being treated for lacerations at a hospital. Everyone is expected to recover. He wanted to thank the citizens for their support.

V. New Business

1. Moderator Joseph Calsetta asked for the introduction of a resolution coming before the floor at which time First Selectman Scott Storms **MOVED** for the adoption of the following resolution **SECONDED** by Paul Harrington (*10 Meg Way*).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Operating Budget of \$59,093,728 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, for the Town of Windsor Locks, as submitted by the Board of Finance, is hereby approved and accepted.

- a. The moderator opened the floor for discussion and questions.
 - b. Resident Peter Lambert (*11 Copper Drive*) made a motion to move the question seconded by resident Gail Stegman (*308 South Center Street*).
 - c. Moderator Joseph Calsetta called for a vote on the motion which was passed by voice vote with few opposition. **MOTION CARRIES**
 - d. Moderator Joseph Calsetta named Registrar of Voters, Suzanne O'Brien (Democrat) and Jennifer Juszczynski (Republican) as Tellers for a paper ballot vote at 7:39PM.
 - e. At 8:27PM the Polls were closed and counting commenced.
 - f. At 8:32PM the results of the voting as reported by the Moderator were 201 in favor, 27 opposed. **MOTION CARRIES**
2. Moderator Joseph Calsetta asked for the introduction of a second resolution to come before the floor at which time First Selectman Scott Storms **MOVED** for

the adoption of the following resolution **SECONDED** by Paul Harrington (*10 Meg Way*).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the TIF Budget of \$181,196 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, for the Town of Windsor Locks, as submitted by the Board of Finance, is hereby approved and accepted.

- a. The moderator opened the floor for discussion and questions.
- b. Being no additional discussion, Moderator Joseph Calsetta called for a vote on the original resolution which was **PASSED** by voice vote. **MOTION CARRIES**

3. Moderator Joseph Calsetta asked for the introduction of a third resolution to come before the floor at which time First Selectman Scott Storms **MOVED** for the adoption of the following resolution **SECONDED** by Patricia Murphy (*29 Chapman Chase*).

BE IT RESOLVED, to appropriate \$1,720,000 for the 2025 Roadway Infrastructure Improvements project consisting of the reclaiming, milling and paving, and accompanying accoutrements, including rehabilitation and improvements to drainage, sanitary sewers, sidewalks and green infrastructure, to Old County Road between the intersections of Halfway House Road and Connecticut Route 20. The appropriation may be spent for engineering fees, design and construction costs, equipment, materials, land and easement acquisition, site improvements, demolition and removal of materials, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing. The Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project, and may reduce or modify the scope of the project; and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified, provided, however, that no funds shall be expended under this appropriation for any portion of the project until such portion has been referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report pursuant to Section 8-24 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended.

(b) to authorize the issue of bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$1,720,000; to authorize the issue of temporary notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$1,720,000 in anticipation of such bonds or notes; and to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer of the Town to determine, the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes;

(c) to take such action to allow temporary advances of available funds which the Town reasonably expects will be reimbursed from the proceeds of borrowings; and to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by the resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years;

(d) to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes; and

(e) to authorize the First Selectman to apply for and accept state grants for the project and to enter into any grant or loan agreement prescribed by the State, and that the First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to take any other actions necessary to obtain such grants or loans; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman, the Treasurer, and other proper officers of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation..

2. Pursuant to Section 806 of the Town Charter to adjourn said town meeting at its conclusion and to submit the foresaid resolutions to vote upon voting machines or by paper ballot on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 8:00 P.M.

Voting will be at the following polling places:

DISTRICT 1 – Windsor Locks Town Office Building
50 Church Street,
Windsor Locks, CT

DISTRICT 2 - Windsor Locks High School
South Elm Street
Windsor Locks, CT

Persons qualified to vote in town meetings who are not electors shall vote at: Windsor Locks Town Office Building, 50 Church Street, Windsor Locks, CT.

The aforesaid resolutions presented will be placed on the paper ballots or voting machines under the following headings:

“SHALL THE TOWN OF WINDSOR LOCKS APPROPRIATE \$1,720,000 FOR 2025 ROADWAY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING SANITARY SEWER, DRAINAGE, SIDEWALK AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS; AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION?”

Voters approving a resolution will vote “Yes” and those opposing said resolution will vote “No.”

Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk’s office, 50 Church Street, Windsor Locks, CT, during normal business hours starting May 22, 2024.

Dated at Windsor Locks, Connecticut, this 7th day of May, 2024.

- a. The moderator opened the floor for discussion and questions.
- b. No additional discussion.
- c. First Selectman Scott Storms thanked everyone for attending tonight as well as our Board and Commission members, and Directors. He thanked everyone for supporting our town.

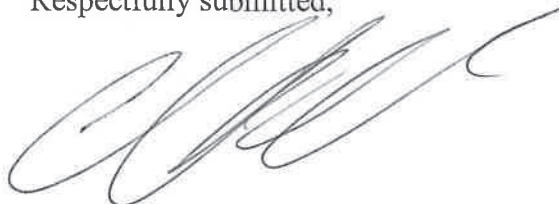
VI. Adjournment

Being no more business to come before the meeting, Moderator Joseph Calsetta adjourned the meeting to a referendum vote on resolution three. The referendum will be held on June 4, 2024 at the residence regular polling places from the hours of 12:00PM noon to 8:00PM.

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Respectfully submitted,



Christopher Latournes
Town Clerk