

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 7, 2012

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by First Selectman Ralph Fletcher at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level meeting room of the Ashford town offices.

Selectman Fletcher was nominated moderator by Cathryn Silver-Smith and seconded. Bill Falletti moved to close nominations.

Sidney Organ motioned second by Cathryn Silver-Smith to enact an ordinance (see below) designating a date and time for holding of the annual town meeting for consideration of the budget and the transaction of other town business as required to come before the legislative body. The proposed ordinance includes the following: a discussion of the annual budget, but no vote would be taken on the annual budget at the meeting held. The vote on the annual budget will be adjourned to referendum on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in the month of May.

Glen Nemeroff motioned , second by Carol Mele to amend the proposed annual budget/annual town meeting ordinance by adding the following:

“ The vote on the annual budget shall include separate votes on the proposed education budget and the proposed general government budget, each such proposed budget to be considered by separate “YES” and “NO” votes.

In the event the meeting does not set the date and hours for such vote, the town Selectmen shall set the date and hours of the vote.

The foregoing budget and voting procedure shall apply to all votes on the adoption of annual budgets, including any vote taken to adopt an annual budget by machine vote. No annual budget shall be adopted except pursuant to the procedures set forth in this ordinance requiring a machine vote and referendum. However, in the event that only one of the two proposed budgets is approved at any referendum, any subsequent referendum shall include only a vote on the proposed education budget or proposed general government budget which was unapproved. Any approval of either budget shall be deemed a final approval of such budget.” The amendment was discussed.

Vote on amendment to the ordinance - YES 36 NO 13. The amendment passed.

Carl Pfalzgraf motioned 2nd by Linda Gagne to table the ordinance as amended to another town meeting Voting YES 17 NO 29. The moderator called for a vote on the ordinance as amended.

Voting YES 36 NO 8. As amended the ordinance passed. (complete ordinance as amended follows Item 3)

Item 3. William Falletti nominated Carl Pfalzgraf to fill the alternate vacancy on the Board of Finance for the seat vacated by the passing of Thomas Lackman, to serve until the municipal election of November, 2013. Motion second by Kay Warren. Sid Organ motioned second by Pat Harlow to close nominations.

Motion by Robert Cote to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

TOWN OF ASHFORD
Ashford, Connecticut
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

Section I:

At a Special Town Meeting held on May 7, 2012 the following ordinance was enacted, pursuant to sections 7-1, 7-148(c)(2)(A), and 7-388 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended, designating a date no less than seven nor more than fourteen days prior to the first Tuesday following the first Monday in the month of May as the day and date to be warned for the holding of the annual town meeting for consideration of the budget and the transaction of other town business as required to come before the legislative body.

Section II:

The "annual town meeting" or "annual budget meeting" as referred to and described in Title 7, General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended, shall be conducted as follows:

- a. Once lawfully convened pursuant to section 7-1, et seq., General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, the meeting shall choose a moderator and proceed to conduct its business in accordance with section 7-7 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, which shall include a discussion of the annual budget, but there shall not be a vote on the annual budget at the meeting so held;
- b. When all business other than the vote of the annual budget has been transacted, the meeting shall:
 - i. Set a date, not less than seven nor more than fourteen days thereafter, for a vote on the annual budget by a "YES" or "NO" vote on the voting machines;
 - ii. Set the hours during which such votes may be cast, not less than between the hours of twelve o'clock noon and 8 o'clock p.m. and not more than between the hours of six o'clock a.m. and 8 o'clock p.m.

Section III:

The vote on the annual budget shall include separate votes on the proposed education budget and the proposed general government budget, each such proposed budget to be considered by separate "YES" and "NO" votes.

Section IV:

In the event the meeting does not set the date and hours for such vote, the town Selectmen shall set the date and hours of the vote.

Section V:

The foregoing budget and voting procedure shall apply to all votes on the adoption of annual budgets, including any vote taken to adopt an annual budget by machine vote. No annual budget shall be adopted except pursuant to the procedures set forth in the ordinance requiring a machine vote and referendum. However, in the event that only one of the two proposed budgets is approved at any referendum, any subsequent referendum shall include only a vote on the proposed education budget or proposed general government budget which was unapproved. Any approval of either budget shall be deemed a final approval of such budget.

Section VI:

This ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-157 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.

Attest, Barbara B. Metsack, Ashford, Town Clerk.