

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
MAY 14, 2019
TOWN OF COLUMBIA

The Annual Budget Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in the Town Meeting of the Town of Columbia, Connecticut, was held in Yeomans Hall on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Present were Board of Selectmen (BOS) members Steven M. Everett, First Selectman, Robert Hellstrom, Deputy First Selectman, Lisa Napolitano and William O'Brien. Members of the Financial Planning & Allocation Commission (FiPAC) in attendance were Earnest Sharpe (Chairperson), Judith Ortiz, Kelley Peck, Todd Shepard, Richard Szegda and Dean Toepfer. Members of the Board of Education (BOE) in attendance were Christopher Lent (Chairman), Linette Dooley and Gary Littlefield. Town Administrator Mark Walter, School Superintendent Maria Geryk and Finance Director Beverly Ciurylo were also in attendance.

MODERATOR: Mark Desrosier
CLERK: Robin M. Kenefick
CITIZENS: 25 + Present

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman, Steven M. Everett, at 7:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. S. Everett turned the meeting over to the Moderator. The Moderator read the legal and explained procedures for this meeting. The Moderator explained that discussion tonight was only on the budget and then opened up the floor.

Christopher Lent, Chairman, spoke on behalf of the Board of Education. C. Lent recognized the Superintendent and school administration for their hard work on this budget to meet the school districts needs. He thanked the BOE, Town Administrator, BOS and FiPAC for their hard work to put together a budget that puts little or no burden on the taxpayers. He encouraged everyone to vote in favor of this budget.

With no further discussion, the Moderator explained who has the right to vote at this meeting per the Town Charter and that the vote would be by secret ballot. Robert Baldwin, 50 Route 87, asked the moderator to read the motion. Steven M. Everett made the following motion:

“I move to approve the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 Annual Budget (Board of Selectmen and Board of Education) that was presented at the FiPAC Budget Public Hearing on April 24, 2019.”

The motion was seconded by Richard Szegda.

A paper ballot vote was taken on the motion to accept the Annual Town Budget for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 as so proposed.

The results of the paper ballot vote were announced by the Moderator as follows:

YES: 34 NO: 1 ABSTAIN: 1
(Vote consisted of qualified voters)

The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin M. Kenefick
Town Clerk