

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**  
**June 20, 2022**

The Special Budget Meeting of the Town of Coventry was held on Monday, June 20, 2022 in the Town Annex, 1712 Main St., Coventry, CT. The Meeting was called to order by Lisa Thomas, Chair of the Town Council at 7:00 p.m. with 28 eligible voters in attendance. Also present were non-voting staff, members of the community and press.

Lisa Thomas called for nominations for Moderator of the meeting. Mary Anne Hansen was nominated by Joan Lewis, 48 Anthem Rd., seconded by John Hand, 178 Carpenter Rd. Being no further nominations, Ms. Hansen was declared Moderator.

At the request of the Town Clerk, Ms. Hansen read the notice of this meeting and stated that said notice, signed by the Town Manager and the Town Clerk was posted on the Town Signpost on June 14, 2022 and a copy thereof was published in 'The Chronicle', a newspaper of general circulation in its issue of June 14, 2022.

The Moderator explained that in accordance with Section 7-6 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended, only an elector of the town or a citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, was liable to the town for taxes assessed against them, based on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the last completed grand list of the town or who would have been so liable if not entitled to an exemption as a blind person or as a veteran or as a parent or surviving spouse of a veteran would be entitled to vote at this meeting and the Adjourned Special Budget Meeting to be held on June 28, 2022.

Item #1: To hear the Town Council's estimate of expenditures for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Amanda Backhaus, Finance Director and Robert Carroll, Board of Education Finance Director presented a brief review of their respective budgets.

Item #2: To consider and take action on the Town Council's recommendation for 2022-2023 fiscal year appropriation, pursuant to Section 9-1 of the Town Charter, the final vote shall be adjourned by the Moderator to June 28, 2022

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Board of Education	28,712,461
Debt Service	2,932,192
Capital Expenditures	723,500
Ambulance Fund Transfer	<u>362,500</u>
Total Appropriation	\$43,703,945

Motion was made by Marty Milkovic, 856 Dunn Rd., and seconded by John Hand, 178 Carpenter Rd. that the Town Council's recommendation for the 2022-2023 fiscal year appropriation be approved as follows:

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Moderator explained that pursuant to Section 9-1 of the Town Charter the final vote on Item #2 will be adjourned to June 28, 2022. The meeting continued for the purpose of discussion and possible amendments. The Moderator encouraged all those who wished to speak to remain on topic and keep their comments brief.

Discussion followed:

Dave Robbins, 53 Old Camp Meeting R., asked about the mil rate. He was understanding it was going up. John Elsesser, Town Manager explained it was a “0” Mil increase.

Moderator closed discussion.

Moderator explained that Item #2 on the call to this Special Budget Meeting will be submitted to the legal voters of the town for a vote by paper ballot on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 during the hours between 6:00 o’clock (a.m.) and 8:00 o’clock (p.m.) (EDT); that the voting take place in the polling places established in voting districts #1, & #2; and that the voters entitled to vote by reason of Section 7-6 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, revised to January 1, 2022, as amended, may vote at the Central Fire Station. Also that Absentee Ballots will be available at the office of the Town Clerk as provided by law.

Moderator ordered the Town Manager and the Town Clerk to prepare, post and publish a proper notice with respect to voting at the Adjourned Special Budget Meeting.

Moderator adjourned the vote on Item #2 to June 28, 2022 and further adjourned this meeting at 7:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Received for filing  
May 26, 2022

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Brooke R. Manning, CCTC  
Assistant Town Clerk

Lori Tollmann, MCTC, Town Clerk