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**TOWN OF BETHEL
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 17, 2008
BETHEL MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
7:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Moderator, Sharon Straiton, First Selectman, Robert E. Burke, Selectman, Paul Szatkowski, Selectman, Kevin L. Cleary, Town Counsel, William J. Hagan, Comptroller, Barry Curina, Town Clerk, Lisa Bergh, Board of Education Chairman, Bill Kingston, Board of Education Fiscal Services Director Teri Yonsky.

CALL TO ORDER: Moderator Sharon Straiton reconvened the Town Meeting at 7:30 PM.

Town Counsel William Hagan read resolution #1 (see attached).
Nick Ellis seconded the resolution.

Discussion: none

Nick Ellis made a motion to move the question. Motion was seconded by Bill Hillman. Vote, motion passes.

Kristen Trent spoke demanding the right to speak. Bill Hillman called Point of Order, motion made, seconded and passed.
Moderator Straiton explained to Mrs. Trent that she would be unable to speak. Vote on resolution #1, motion passes.

Town Counsel reads resolution #2 (see attached). John Kelly seconded the resolution.

Discussion:

Kristen Trent- Is opposed to the cuts to education. Worries that due to the reductions the town is left vulnerable to law suits, by not following state and federal education guidelines. She hopes people will still want to move here.

Bill Hillman made a motion to move the question. Motion was seconded by Nick Ellis. Moderator Straiton called for division. A standing vote was had. Counters Nick Ellis, Kevin Kennedy and Brenda Cleary report 38 in favor and 27 against moving the question, motion carries.

Town Counsel reads resolution #3(see attached). Robert Burke seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Kristen Trent- Thanked the Town Clerk for posting the notice of the meeting on the website. Feels it is important to notify the voters to vote.

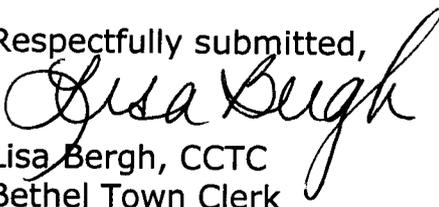
Vote on motion, motion carries.

Town Counsel reads resolution #4(see attached). John Kelly seconded the motion. Vote on motion, motion carries.

Motion to adjourn made by Paul Szatkowski, seconded by Bill Slifkin. Vote, motion passes.

Meeting recessed to machine vote July 1, 2008 at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Bergh, CCTC
Bethel Town Clerk

TOWN OF BETHEL, CONNECTICUT

RESOLUTIONS, JUNE 17, 2008

- 1) RESOLVED, that the legal voters of the Town of Bethel and those persons entitled to vote therein appropriate the sum of Twenty Three Million Three Hundred Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Seven (\$23,314,967.00) Dollars, of which the sum of Three Million One Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy Two (\$3,188,172) Dollars will be used for operation, maintenance and other expenditures relating to education, as recommended by the Board of Finance, as the Annual Town Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2008.
- 2) RESOLVED, that the legal voters of the Town of Bethel and those persons entitled to vote therein appropriate the sum of Thirty Six Million Five Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Seventeen (\$36,567,417.00) Dollars as recommended by the Board of Finance, as the Annual Board Of Education Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2008.
- 3) RESOLVED, that the legal voters of the Town of Bethel and those persons entitled to vote therein establish the date of July 1, 2008 as the date on which the machine vote on the annual town budget shall take place in accordance with the provisions of the Bethel Town Charter and the Connecticut General Statutes.
- 4) RESOLVED, that the legal voters of the Town of Bethel and those persons entitled to vote therein authorize any and all things which may be legally necessary or appropriate to accomplish the above named purposes.