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**TOWN OF EAST LYME  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 8, 2023**

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Gene Cushman, Town Meeting Moderator led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

  
Karen Miller Galbo, East Lyme Town Clerk read the Call of the Meeting. Stating it had been advertised in The Day newspaper, recording in the Town Clerk's Office, and posted on the signpost.

Mr. Cushman reviewed the ground rules for the Annual Town Meeting and appointed the Registrars of Voters as tellers and checkers.

1. To review and discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 as recommended by the Board of Finance.
  - a. In accordance with Chapter 7.3 of the Town Charter, the moderator shall adjourn the annual budget meeting to a referendum on the voting machines. The budget resolution will be submitted to the persons qualified to vote in a Town Meeting by Referendum by machine vote, which referendum shall take place on May 18, 2023, at the East Lyme Community Center from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Cushman noted there will be no vote on this item tonight as the item is automatically going to Referendum. The Referendum will take place on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the East Lyme Community Center from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Kevin Seery discussed the budgeting process, new items in this budget, and the challenges that were faced this year with the budget. He gave a budget overview.

Denise Hall, Chair of the Board of Finance discussed the budget process and the budget.

Mike Schulz, 14 Lovers Lane thanked all the Boards for their efforts, he did have a Point of Order regarding our Charter requiring the Board of Education to give a presentation this evening.

Jeffrey Newton, Superintendent of School stated nothing has changed with the Board of Education information they already shared.

Mr. Schulz thought it should happen again, as there may be people who have not seen it. He asked about information he had requested from Maryanna Stevens.

Denise Hall stated she had received it and would have it forwarded to him.

Mr. Schulz asked about the 18.5 positions, and also suggested the Board of Education use the Pie Charts that they used to use in their presentations that shows how much of the Board of Education budget is fixed.

Mr. Newton said those 18.5 positions will not be laid off, and as far as the Pie Chart they thought that document was old and took it out.

Mr. Schulz asked Mr. Seery why Town Employees only receive a step every other year, but Board of Education employees get one every year.

Mr. Seery stated that eased the burden on the Town.

Brian Zahnstecher, of 65 East Pattagansett Road and 88 Oswegatchie Hills Road asked what happens if the Referendum is denied. He also wanted to let someone know there are two rings missing on the playground at McCooks.

2. To adopt a Five-Year Capital Plan.

**Motion (1) Anne Santoro moved to approve the Five-Year Capital Plan.**

**Seconded by Ann Cicchiello.**

Mr. Seery presented the Capital Plan.

Mr. Newton reviewed the Board of Education Capital Plan.

**Motion (1) Passed.**

3. To conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

**Motion (2) Anne Santoro moved to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting to the Budget Referendum on May 18<sup>th</sup> during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Seconded by Ann Cicchiello.**

**Motion (2) Passed.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Karen Miller Galbo  
East Lyme Town Clerk**