ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING April 13, 2022

First Selectman Danielle Chesebrough called the Annual Town Budget Meeting of the Town of Stonington to order at 7:01 p.m. on April 13, 2022 at the Stonington High School auditorium. Also, in attendance were Selectwomen June Strunk and Deborah Downie.

First Selectman Chesebrough asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. First Selectman Chesebrough then asked for nominations for Moderator. Selectwoman Downie nominated Mr. Eric Janney as Moderator. Being properly seconded by Selectwoman Strunk and hearing no objections, Mr. Janney was unanimously elected Moderator of the meeting, and Town Clerk Sally Duplice served as clerk of the meeting.

There being no objection, the Moderator dispensed with reading the Call recorded immediately preceding these pages and asked for a resolution on the first item on the Call.

First Selectman Chesebrough moved and read the following resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF STONINGTON IN LAWFUL MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED:

To appropriate sufficient sum or sums of money to carry on the various divisions of Town Government for the following purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 all of which have been approved and recommended by the Board of Finance to the extent of the amount appearing opposite each:

OFFICE OF THE SELECTMAN	\$ 1,038,383
DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	\$ 4,848,419
DEPT. OF ASSESSMENT	\$ 416,150
DEPT. OF FINANCE	\$ 2,184,553
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 7,729,306
DEPT. OF PLANNING & LAND USE	\$ 572,003
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 7,745,820
DEPT. OF POLICE SERVICES	\$ 6,682,205
DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 1,781,319
BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$ 38,984,553
SCHEDULE C:	
LAND, BLDGS, IMPROVEMENTS & EQUIPMENT	\$ 4,763,229
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ <u>76,745,940</u>

The Board of Finance's recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 carries a 23.66 mil rate. Of the above budget, the amount to be raised by taxes is \$69,286,438.

Being properly seconded the Moderator recognized Town Clerk Sally Duplice who read the following letter:

April 1, 2022

Ms. Sally Duplice, Town Clerk Stonington Town Hall Stonington, CT 06378

Dear Ms. Duplice:

The Board of Selectmen, at its meeting held on April 1, 2022, voted to set the Annual Town Budget Meeting for Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Stonington High School, 176 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT.

The Board also voted to send the first item on the Annual Town Budget Meeting, called for April 13, 2022 to referendum. The Board set Tuesday, April 26, 2022 for the date of the Referendum to be held in the following voting places between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.:

FIRST AND THIRD DISTRICT SECOND DISTRICT

Stonington Fire Station, 100 Main St., Stonington Former Pawcatuck Middle School, 40 Field St., Pawcatuck FOURTH AND FIFTH DISTRICT B.F. Hoxie- Mystic Fire Dept., 34 Broadway, Mystic

The wording for the question will be as follows:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF STONINGTON MAKE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$76,745,940 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022?"

The Adjourned Annual Town Budget meeting will reconvene at Stonington Town Hall at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office.

Warm regards, /s/ Danielle Chesebrough First Selectman

cc: Registrar of Voters

The Moderator explained that since the budget has been sent to referendum by the Board of Selectmen, there would be no vote on the resolution and opened the floor to discussion. Hearing no discussion, and since there is no further business on the Call, the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m. to reconvene at 8:30 p.m. on April 26, 2022 at Stonington Town Hall for the results of the referendum.

/s/ Sally Duplice Clerk of the Meeting

Received for record this 14th day of April, 2022.

Sally Duplice