

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING-MAY 10, 1999

The Annual Town Meeting for Budget Consideration was called to order by Town Clerk Joan E. Gerdsen at 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Mansfield Middle School. The Clerk read the warning of the meeting.

Mayor Michael H. Schor placed in nomination the name of Fred A. Cazel, Jr. as moderator of the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Buck.

Mrs. Buck moved and Ms. Paterson seconded to close nominations. So passed unanimously. Nominations were closed.

Mr. Cazel came forward as the Moderator.

Mrs. Buck moved and Ms. Paterson seconded to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLVED: That the proposed General Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield for fiscal year July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000 in the amount of \$22,335,874 which proposed budget was adopted by the Council on April 19, 1999, be adopted and that the sums estimated and set forth in said budget be appropriated for the purpose indicated.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-51, the proportionate share for the Town of Mansfield of the annual budget for Regional School District 19 shall be added to the General Fund Budget appropriation for the Town of Mansfield for fiscal year 1999-2000 and said sums currently estimated at \$5,556,219 shall be paid by the Town to the Regional School District as they become available.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital Projects Budget for fiscal year July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000 in the amount of \$5,658,500 be adopted provided that the Community Center portion proposed to be funded by bonds or notes shall, at the appropriate times, be introduced for action by the Town Council subject to a vote by referendum as required by Section 407 of the Town Charter.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund Budget for fiscal year July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000 in the amount of \$4,061,750 be adopted.

Mrs. Buck, as Deputy Mayor and Finance Chairman for the Council, spoke to the budget describing the Budget message.

Steve Rogers, Chairman of the Board of Education, spoke on the Education Budget and urged the adoption of the Budget.

Cindy Weiss, Kaya Lane, expressed her concern of the Science trip taken by Mansfield Middle School students who cast the parents a fee. She inquired if the trip was of such

educational value the cost of it should be in the education budget so that all students would be able to attend.

Ken Feathers asked why there was such a large amount of revenue and from what source would they be coming?

Mayor Schor spoke to that issue; mainly the CNR fund was paying debt service.

John Fedorowics, Browns Road, is opposed to the Community Center, and wanted to make sure that item would go to the voters in the fall.

Cynara Stites, inquired how could the Town budget be passed not knowing exactly what the State was going to give the Town in revenues.

Tom Peters inquired as to options on the size of the Community Center.

Mayor Schor stated that the Council would decide the appropriate plan to bring forward to the voters.

Sharry Goldman, Browns Road, spoke in favor of the budget and supports the Community Center.

Artie Travis, Cedar Swamp Road, spoke in favor of the Community Center.

Joel Geffin, 28 Jacobs Hill Road, spoke in favor of the most elaborate plan for the Community Center.

No further comments from the public.

VOICE VOTE TAKEN

Budget resolutions so passed unanimously.

Mrs. Pellegrine moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Ms. Paterson.

So passed unanimously to adjourn.

Fred A. Cazel, Jr., Moderator

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk