

Annual Town Meeting May 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order, at 7:32 pm, by Town Meeting Moderator Vincent Marino. Mr. Marino introduced First Selectman James Zeoli, members of the Board of Selectmen, Chairman Kevin Houlihan of the Board of Finance, Vice Chairman Jim Leahy of the Board of Finance, Tax Collector Tom Hurley, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Vince Scarpetti, OBOE and other Town Officials in attendance: Highway Crew Chief Don Foyer, Town Engineer Bob Brinton., Registrar of Voters Janice Casey and Val Spinaci, Finance Director John Cifarelli, Town Treasurer Art Williams, Fire Chief Vaughn Dumas and Town Clerk Mary Shaw.

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

Town Clerk Mary Shaw read the Notice of the Town Meeting and pursuant to Robert Rules of Order for the Orders of the Day.

- 1. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and convey land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of tax liens or by deed in lieu of foreclosure of tax liens.**

Motion to approve was made by Selectman Carangelo and seconded by Selectman Goldblatt. The moderator called for discussion. Hearing none, the moderator called for a voice vote; the motion passed unanimously.

- 2. To determine in accordance with Sections 12-142, 12-144 and 12-144(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes the installment due dates for all property tax including the property tax on motor vehicles.**

Motion 1

A motion was made by Tax Collector Tom Hurley and seconded by Selectmen Carangelo per CT General Statute 12-144 Per Ct General Statute 12-144, payment of taxes of not more than \$100. Be it moved that any property tax not in excess of \$100 shall be collected in one single Payment Due with the GL 2024 1st of July 2025 installment. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion 2

A motion was made by Tax Collector Tom Hurley and seconded by Selectman Shanley per CT General Statute 12-144a Payment of GL 2024 motor vehicle taxes shall be payable in one installment due 1st of July 2025. GL 2024 Supplemental Motor Vehicle bills will be due in one installment on 1st of January 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion 3

A motion was made by Tax Collector Tom Hurley and seconded by Selectman Goldblatt per CT General Statute 12-142 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes for GL 2024 shall be split into two equal installments due 1st of July 2025 and 1st January 2026 excepting payment of taxes not in excess of \$100 and any penny rounding shall occur on the 1st installment. The motion passed unanimously.

3. To receive and discuss the report of the budget prepared by the Board of Finance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.

Board of Finance Chairman Kevin Houlihan reported the Budget Hearing took place on April 25, 2024, and stated there were no changes to budget.

Moderator Marino called for additional comments and hearing none, recessed the town meeting at 7:45 pm to referendum by virtue of Town Charter Section 2.6(c), to be voted on by machine ballot held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, between the hours of 6:00 am and 8:00 pm at the High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road Orange, CT 06477.

Submitted Respectfully
Mary Shaw
Town Clerk