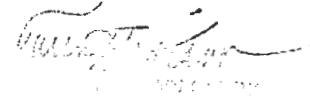


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**Town of Stafford
Board of Finance Special Meeting
May 16, 2023
Veterans Meeting Room
Warren Memorial Town Hall**



IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ADJOURNED 8:30 PM TOWN MEETING

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:34 pm by Chairman Francis Moriarty.
2. Present were Chairman Moriarty, and members Steve Geryk, Matt McKenney, Tony Pellegrino, Richard Shuck, and David Walsh. A quorum was established.

Also present was Board of Finance alternate Shelley West, Treasurer Neil Hoss, Interim Director of Finance Lynn Nenni, Board of Selectmen members Sal Titus, Richard Hartenstein, and Kurt Vail, Board of Education Chair Laura Lybarger, Superintendent of Schools Steve Moccio, Board of Education Director of Finance and Operations Charmaine Bradshaw-Hill, members of the Board of Education, and additional Town and School administrators and staff.

3. Upon motion of Mr. Pellegrino and seconded by Mr. McKenney, the Board unanimously approved the transfers as presented.
(see attached)
4. Chairman Moriarty reported the FY 2023/2024 budget had been defeated by 693 votes at the referendum held earlier that day, 426 (YES) to 1119 (NO). The Board discussed the results and noted the turnout was good for a first referendum vote, and that the voters sent a strong message that the majority will not support a 3.44 mill rate increase.

Mr. Walsh suggested the Board hold off for a few days before making budget cut decisions, the other members stated they were ready to make decisions tonight. Mr. Shuck spoke to the current economy and financial experts predicting a recession, and that people are scared. His recommendation was to cut the budgets down to a 1 mill increase.

Following discussion of potential budget cuts, Mr. McKenney motioned to reduce the FY 2023/2024 budget by a total of \$1,253,400, with \$835,600 cut from the Board of Education budget, and \$417,800 cut from the Town budget. The motion was approved by 5 [YES] Geryk, McKenney, Moriarty, Pellegrino, Walsh to 1 [NO] Shuck. This action results in a 2 mill increase, bringing the mill rate to 37.78.

5. Upon Motion of Mr. Shuck and seconded by Mr. Pellegrino, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erin Kirchhoffer
Recording Secretary

Town of Stafford Board of Finance
 Transfer Request & Additional Appropriation
 5/16/20/23

		<i>Department</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Account</i>	<i>Amount</i>			<i>Department</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Account</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Transfer	From:	Holidays	Christmas	20-345-8415	650.37	To:	Holidays	Other Community Activities	20-345-8425	650.37	
		Parks	Turf Management	20-330-8109	2,000.00		Parks	Summer Help	20-330-1004	2,000.00	
		Parks	Capital Equipment	20-330-7420	2,000.00		Parks	Summer Help	20-330-1004	2,000.00	
		Parks	Backstops	20-330-8112	300.00		Parks	Office Supplies	20-330-5100	300.00	
		Highway	Road Maintenance	20-300-5600	2,231.76		Highway	Equipment Maintenance	20-300-7300	2,231.76	
		Transfer Station	Trash Disposal	20-280-4125	1,400.00		Transfer Station	Telephone	20-280-4500	1,400.00	
		Treasurer	Administrative Salaries	20-170-1100	30,000.00		Treasurer	Contracted Services	20-2170-3530	30,000.00	
		Family Services	Individual Counseling	20-520-3503	1,289.00		Family Services	Family Counseling	20-520-3501	1,289.00	
		Police Protection	Per Diem/On Call Salaries	20-241-1131	600.00		Police Protection	Office Supplies	20-241-5100	600.00	

Additional

Appropriation Increase:	Revenue	Town Donations	20-03-030-351	750.00	Increase:	Holidays	Other Community Activities	20-345-8425	750.00
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Approved By Board of Selectman April 5, 2023

Approved By Board of Selectman May 3, 2023