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**Town of Stafford
Board of Finance
Stafford Community Center
Special Meeting**

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TOWN CLERK

April 19, 2017 8:00PM

(OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING)

Board Members Present:

David Walsh, Gary Fisher, Jane Slater, Chair, Fran Moriarty, and Mark Richens

Board Alternates Present:

Steve Geryk, Mike Pifer, and Conrado Ulloa

Board Members Absent:

Brian Bagley

1. **Call to order** – Jane Slater, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:56PM
2. **Establish a quorum**- Dave Walsh motioned to have Mike Pifer sit in for absent member Brian Bagley, Mark Richens Seconded. Members voted unanimously and a quorum was established.
3. **Approve minutes**– Upon motion of Dave Walsh and seconded by Mark Richens, the Board approved unanimously the minutes from the April 3, 2017 regular meeting.
4. **Discussion and Possible action on FY 2017/2018 Budgets** – Brief discussion regarding the budget presentations by The First Selectman, Tony Frassinelli, Superintendent of School, Pat Collin.
 - a. Mark Richens motioned to cut the Board of Education budget \$400,000 and The Board of Selectmen's Budget \$280,383 therefore reducing the increase in the mill rate to zero. The motion was seconded by Mike Pifer. Discussion ensued about the continuing increase in taxes. Also discussed was how repairs can no longer be ignored and that we have to take care of our infrastructure.

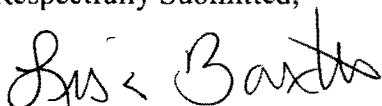
Jane Slater, Chair, called for a vote: Both Mark Richens and Mike Pifer voted in favor of the cuts proposed. Gary Fisher, Dave Walsh, Jane Slater and Fran Moriarty voted against the cuts. The motion was defeated.

Dave Walsh motioned to accept the budgets as proposed and forward them to a Town Meeting. Fran Moriarty seconded the motion.

Jane Slater, Chair, called for a vote: All but Mark Richens voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

- 5. Adjournment** – Upon Motion of Fran Moriarty and seconded by Mike Pifer the meeting adjourned at 8:31PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa Baxter
Recording Secretary
Board of Finance