

**Town of Stafford
Special Town Meeting
January 24, 2019**

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TOWN CLERK

First Selectman Mary Mitta called the Town Meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room of the Stafford Community Center at 3 Buckley Highway, Stafford, Connecticut. Approximately 100 electors and those eligible to vote in Town Meetings were present. First Selectman Mitta led the assemblage in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Beth DaDalt nominated Edward Muska as the Moderator of the Meeting. John Locke, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Gene Julian made a motion to waive the reading of the call of the meeting, which was duly posted in the Office of the Town Clerk on January 10, 2019 and in the Journal Inquirer on that same day. David Lucia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Moderator Muska asked if there was a motion before the Town Meeting:

Beth Dadalt proposed the following motion:

“I move the Town of Stafford approve a RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$6,532,000 FOR WEST STREET SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT, PUMP STATION UPGRADES AND TOWN INFRASTRUCTURE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS, NOTES OR TEMPORARY NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000 TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION

BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION 1. That the Town of Stafford appropriate: (a) \$2,700,000 for (i) the design and construction of the West Street Sewer Line Replacement project, including sewers, storm drainage, manholes, catch basins and appurtenances, curbing, sidewalks, pavement replacement, and the Middle River Bridge crossing; and (ii) the design, repairs and upgrades to the Route 190 pump station for the sanitary sewer system ((i) and (ii) are collectively, the “WPCA Project”); and (b) \$3,832,000 for the design, construction, repair and reconstruction of Town infrastructure, including but not limited to, roads, sidewalks, drainage, roadside elements and the Williamson Road Bridge (the “Infrastructure Project” and together with the WPCA Project, the “Projects”); for a total appropriation for the Projects of \$6,532,000. The appropriation may be expended to acquire land or interests therein, for site and infrastructure improvements, design, construction, repair and reconstruction costs, excavation and earthwork costs, inspection, evaluation and surveying costs, equipment, materials, engineering, legal, financing and administrative fees, interest expense on temporary borrowings, and other costs related to the Projects. The appropriation shall include any federal, state or other grants-in-aid received for the Projects. The amount authorized to be expended for

each purpose shall not exceed the amount set forth for each purpose. The Board of Selectmen may reduce the scope of one or more of the Projects if funds are insufficient to complete the all of the Projects, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the reduced Projects.

SECTION 2. That the Town of Stafford finance the appropriation by issuing the Town's bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 and using any federal, state or other grants received for the Projects. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. The bonds or notes may be sold as a single issue or consolidated with any other authorized issues of bonds or notes of the Town. The Treasurer shall keep a record of the bonds or notes. The bonds or notes shall be signed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the First Selectman and Treasurer and shall bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof. The bonds or notes shall each recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been fully complied with, that such bond or note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The terms, details and particulars of such bonds or notes shall be determined by the First Selectman and Treasurer. Said bonds or notes shall be sold by the First Selectman and Treasurer at public sale or by negotiation, in their discretion. If the bonds or notes are sold by negotiation, the purchase agreement shall be approved by the Board of Finance.

SECTION 3. That the First Selectman and Treasurer are authorized to issue temporary notes in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds or notes. The temporary notes shall be signed by the First Selectman and Treasurer and shall bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof. The temporary notes shall be issued with maturity dates in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. The temporary notes shall each recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been fully complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The temporary notes may be issued in anticipation of the sale of bonds or notes to be secured by the full faith and credit of the Town. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing, and marketing such notes, to the extent paid from the proceeds from the issuance of bonds or notes, shall be included as a cost of the appropriation.

SECTION 4. That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that the project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized for the Projects; that the First Selectman and Treasurer are authorized to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and agreements as they deem necessary or advisable in order to ensure and maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes, other obligations or temporary notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis,

including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years; and that the First Selectman and Treasurer are authorized to make representations and agreements for the benefit of the holders of the bonds, notes or temporary notes to provide secondary market disclosure information and to execute and deliver on behalf of the Town an agreement to provide such information with such terms and conditions as they, with the advice of bond counsel, deem necessary and appropriate.

SECTION 5. That the Water Pollution Control Authority shall pay to the Town amounts equal to: 18.07% of the total principal and interest payments of the bonds issued by the Town for the Projects pursuant to this resolution, and 18.07% of the amount of any statutorily required pay downs of principal made by the Town on notes issued by the Town for the Projects pursuant to this resolution. These amounts shall be paid by the Water Pollution Control Authority to the Town prior to the payments coming due.

SECTION 6. That the Water Pollution Control Authority is authorized to construct the WPCA Project and to approve design, engineering and construction expenditures for the WPCA Project.

SECTION 7. That the First Selectman is authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver contracts and other documents for the Projects, to approve construction expenditures for the Infrastructure Project and to apply for and accept or reject any federal, state or other grants for the Projects; and the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Water Pollution Control Authority and other Town officials and employees are authorized to take all actions necessary and proper to complete the Projects, obtain such grants, and issue the bonds, notes or temporary notes to finance the appropriation.”

John Locke, Sr. seconded the motion.

Moderator Muska invited elected officials to speak to the motion.

First Selectman Mary Mitta formally introduced herself. She stated that the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance and the Water Pollution Control Authority have worked together over the last several months to bring a responsible infrastructure package to the townspeople. First Selectman Mitta further stated that we all live here and while we may not all rely upon the sewer system, travel every road and bridge, or have children attending schools, we are all connected to some part of the town infrastructure. She stated that we cannot continue to place these needs on the back burner, and it really does take a village.

First Selectman Mary Mitta turned the microphone over to Richard Hartenstein, Jr. Superintendent of the Water Pollution Control Authority and Selectman.

Richard Hartenstein narrated and explained a detailed 90-minute PowerPoint Presentation, which he had separated into four modules: Roads, Bridges, Water Pollution Control Authority and Finances. Moderator Muska entertained questions after each module.

The legislative body, elected officials, and representatives from Shipman & Goodwin engaged in constructive conversation and debate. Financial concerns, safety matters, timelines, and contingency plans were cordially discussed. At the conclusion of all discussion, Moderator Muska called for a voice vote on the motion.

Of those eligible to vote in the Town Meetings and voting by voice, all but one voted "yes", with one voice voting "no".

The Moderator declared the motion approved.

With no other business to come before the Town Meeting, Moderator Muska entertained a motion to adjourn by Jennifer Davis and seconded by John Locke, Sr.

The Town Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen G. Troiano", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Karen G. Troiano
Stafford Town Clerk