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**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF STAFFORD
May 8, 2019**

First Selectman Mary Mitta called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Senior Center Room of the Stafford Community Center. Approximately 25 electors and those eligible to vote in Town Meetings were present.

First Selectman Mary Mitta led the assemblage in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Beth DaDalt nominated Edward Muska Moderator of the Town Meeting. Lisa Baxter seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote and Edward Muska was named Moderator of the Town Meeting.

Beth DaDalt made a motion to waive the reading of the call of the meeting, which was duly posted on May 1, 2019 in the office of the Town Clerk, the Journal Inquirer, and made available to the residents upon entering the Town Meeting. James Madsen seconded the motion. With no discussion noted, Moderator Muska declared the motion adopted.

Moderator Muska presented the following resolution, approved by the Board of Selectmen at their April 29, 2019 meeting:

“BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN THAT, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-7, the Board of Selectmen hereby removes Item # 1 of the call of the Town Meeting properly noticed for May 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Stafford Community Center, Stafford, Connecticut, for submission to the voters at a referendum to be held on May 15, 2019 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 pm in the Stafford Public Library, 10 Levinthal Run, Stafford, Connecticut. Persons qualified to vote in Town Meetings who are not electors shall also vote in the Stafford Public Library. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk’s Office.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Resolution shall be placed upon the voting machines or the ballot under the following heading:

QUESTION 1: SHALL THE TOWN OF STAFFORD APPROVE A BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,322,704 AS APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020?

Voters approving said Resolution will vote “YES” and those opposing said Resolution will vote “NO”.

Moderator Muska opened the floor for discussion.

First Selectman Mary Mitta thanked Edward Muska for moderating the meeting, and she extended her gratitude to all those that worked on the budget.

After a brief discussion, Moderator Muska then stated that the motion to appropriate the funds necessary to administer the Town of Stafford FY 2019/2020 budget would be revisited at the reconvened Town Meeting following the referendum on May 15, 2019.

Barbara Frassinelli proposed the following motion:

“I move that the Town of Stafford set the hours of voting at referendum on May 15, 2019 with said hours to be 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.”

Beth DaDalt seconded the motion. Moderator Muska called for a voice vote and declared the motion approved.

James Madsen proposed the following motion:

“I move that the Town of Stafford approve two semi-annual instalments on the Town of Stafford real estate list, motor vehicle list, and personal property list of October 1, 2018, payment due July 1, 2019 and January 1, 2020. Taxes due under \$200.00 to be paid in one installment due July 1, 2019.”

Andrea Locke seconded the motion. Moderator Muska called for a voice vote and declared the motion approved.

Lisa Baxter proposed the following motion:

“I move that the Town of Stafford authorize the Tax Collector pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 12-144c to waive the payment of any property taxes due in the amount of \$2.00 or less, due to the cost of collecting such tax, including the time expenditure required, are reasonably likely to equal or exceed the amount.”

Beth Dadalt seconded the motion. Moderator Muska called for a voice vote and declared the motion approved.

John Locke proposed the following motion:

“I move that the Town of Stafford approve the Water Pollution Control Facility budget in the amount of \$1,807,026.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.”

Andrea Locke seconded the motion. Moderator Muska called for a voice vote and declared the motion approved.

John Locke proposed the following motion:

“I move that the Town of Stafford appropriate the funds to administer the FY 2019/2020 Water Pollution Control Facility budget as approved.”

Lisa Baxter seconded the motion. Moderator Muska called for a voice vote and declared the motion approved.

Beth DaDalt proposed the following motion:

“I move that the Town of Stafford approve the Service District budget in the amount of \$403, 250.00 as approved and recommended by the Board of Finance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.”

Lisa Baxter seconded the motion. Moderator Muska called for a voice vote and declared the motion approved.

Beth DaDalt proposed the following motion:

“I move that the Town of Stafford appropriate the funds necessary to administer the FY 2019/2020 Service District Budget as approved.”

John Locke seconded the motion. Moderator Muska called for a voice vote and declared the motion approved.

Francis Moriarty proposed the following motion:

“I move that the Town of Stafford appoint Richard Hartenstein, Jr. to the Hyde Park Commission for a four year term, with a term to expire March 23, 2023.”

Beth Dadalt seconded the motion. Moderator Muska called for a voice vote and declared the motion approved.

Richard Shuck proposed the following motion:

“I move that the Town of Stafford appropriate \$180,000.00 from the General Fund Cash balance for the West Stafford School oil tank replacement as approved by the Board of Finance at their March 4, 2019 meeting.”

Andrea Locke seconded the motion. Moderator Muska called for a voice vote and declared the motion approved.

Leonard Clark proposed the following motion:

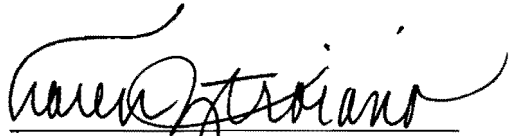
“I move that the Town of Stafford approve the sale of Town properties known as 0 East Street (Map 50/Lot 116), 7 School Street (Map 51/Lot 227) and 33 Willington Avenue (Map 51/Lot 320).”

Richard Hartenstein, Jr. seconded the motion. Moderator Muska called for a voice vote and declared the motion approved.

There being no other business to come before the meeting, at 7:16 pm Moderator Muska stated:

“I will now adjourn this meeting to May 15, 2019 to allow for the Referendum to be held on that day at the Stafford Public Library, 10 Levinthal Run, Stafford, Connecticut between the hours of 6:00 am and 8:00 pm. This meeting will reconvene at 8:30 pm in the Veterans Room of the Warren Memorial Town Hall, at which time the Town Meeting will receive and record the vote of the Referendum and consider and take action upon Item #2 of the call of the meeting.”

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen G. Troiano", written over a horizontal line.

Karen G. Troiano
Town Clerk of Stafford