

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
Town of Stafford  
May 26, 2021**

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First Selectman Mary Mitta called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the Senior Center Room of the Stafford Community Center. Approximately 24 electors and those eligible to vote in town meetings were present.

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

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

Beth DaDalt made a motion to waive the reading of the call of the meeting that was duly posted on May 20, 2021 in the Office of the Town Clerk, placed on the Town of Stafford website per State of Connecticut Executive Order # 71 39d, and made available to residents upon entering the Town Meeting. Joseph Lorenzetti seconded the motion. With no dissension noted, Moderator Muska declared the motion adopted.

Moderator Muska presented the following resolution, approved by the Board of Selectmen at their May 20, 2021 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 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the Stafford Community Center, Stafford Connecticut for submission to the voters at a referendum to be held on June 2, 2021 between the hours of 6:00 am and 8:00 pm in the Stafford Community Center at 3 Buckley Highway, Stafford Springs, Connecticut. Persons qualified to vote in Town Meetings who are not electors shall also vote in the Stafford Community Center. Absentee Ballots will be available in 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 \$43,151,872 as approved and recommended by the Board of Finance for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022?**

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

Moderator Muska opened the floor for discussion and questions.

Hearing no discussion on the budget, Moderator Muska then stated that Item #2. to appropriate the funds necessary to administer the Town of Stafford FY 2021/2022 budget would be revisited at the reconvened Town Meeting following the referendum on June 2, 2021.

John Locke proposed the following motion:

**“I move that the Town of Stafford approve two semi-annual installments on the Town of Stafford real estate list, motor vehicle list, and personal property list of October 1, 2020, payment due July 1, 2021 and January 1, 2022. Taxes due under \$200.00 to be paid in one installment due July 1, 2021.”**

Beth DaDalt 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 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 due.”**

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

Richard Shuck made the following motion:

**“I move that the Town of Stafford approve the Water Pollution Control Facility budget in the amount of \$1,951,525.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.”**

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

Richard Shaffer made the following motion:

**“I move that the Town of Stafford appropriate the funds necessary to administer the FY 2021/2022 Water Control Facility budget as approved.”**

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

Elizabeth Dunay made the following motion:

**“I move that the Town of Stafford approve the Service District budget in the amount of \$423,390.00 as approved and recommended by the Board of Finance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.”**

Richard Shaffer seconded the motion. Moderator Muska called for a voice vote and declared the motion approved.

John Locke made the following motion:

**“I move that the Town of Stafford appropriate the funds necessary to administer the FY 2021/2022 Service District budget as approved.”**

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

Richard Hartenstein, Jr. made the following motion:

**“I move that the Town of Stafford elect Richard L Shaffer and Elizabeth Dunay to the Annette Hyde Colton Fund for a six year term, term to expire March 6, 2027.”**

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

Beth DaDalt made the following motion:

**“I move that the Town of Stafford authorize the sale of obsolete equipment from the Public Works Department as listed in the Town Meeting packet.” (attached)**

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

Beth DaDalt made the following motion:

**“I move that the Town of Stafford appoint Susan J. Phillips to the Stafford Public Library Board in accordance with Stafford Ordinance 1-23 for a term to expire November 30, 2022.”**

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

Beth DaDalt made the following motion.

**“I move that the Town of Stafford appoint Walter Smith to the Stafford Public**

**Library Board in accordance with Stafford Ordinance 1-23 for a term to expire November 30, 2023.”**

Mary Mitta seconded the motion, Moderator Muska called for a voice vote and declared the motion approved.

Beth DaDalt made the following motion:

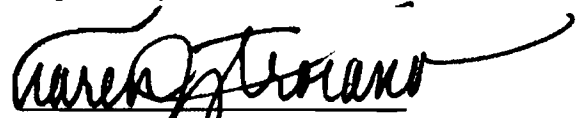
**“I move that the Town of Stafford appoint David P. Szych to the Stafford Public Library Board in accordance with Stafford Ordinance 1-23 for a term to expire November 30, 2023.”**

John Locke 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 6:40 pm Moderator Muska stated:

**“I will now adjourn this meeting to Wednesday June 2, 2021 to allow for the Referendum to be held on that day at the Stafford Community Center, 3 Buckley Highway, Stafford, Connecticut between the hours of 6:00 am and 8:00 pm. This meeting will reconvene on June 2, 2021 at 8:30 pm in in the Stafford Community Center, 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,



**Karen G Tromano  
Town Clerk of Stafford**

**ITEM NO. 10 OF THE CALL OF THE TOWN MEETING**

**OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

- 2002 Ford Explorer
- 1997 Ford Louisville Plow Truck
- Three (3), 1994 Ford LTL 9000 Tractor Trailers
- 2002 GMC Savanna Van
- 2002 Elgin Pelican Sweeper
- 2003 Sterling Roll-Off Truck
- Five (5), Slide in Sanders
- 1972 Ford 3000 Tractor
- SCAG 72" Zero-Turn Mower (gas)
- SCAG 72" Zero-Turn Mower (diesel)
- 1987 Stow Cement Mixer
- Ariens Snow Blower (15+ years old)

*Christina Taylor*  
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