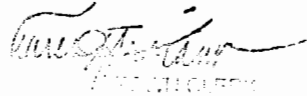


**Annual Town Meeting
Town of Stafford
May 18, 2022**

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First Selectman Salverio Titus called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Center Room of the Stafford Community Center. Approximately 35 electors and those eligible to vote in town meetings were present.

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

Beth DaDalt nominated Edward Muska as Moderator of the Town Meeting. Jennifer Davis 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 in the Town Clerk's Office on May 5, 2022, and published in the Journal Inquirer on May 9, 2022, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes. A copy of the call of the meeting was also made available to residents upon entering the Town Meeting. Bruce Davis 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 4, 2022 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 number one (1) of the call of the Town Meeting properly noticed for May 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Stafford Community Center, Stafford Springs, Connecticut, for submission to the voters at a referendum to be held on May 25, 2022, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Stafford Public Library, 10 Levinthal Run, Stafford Springs, 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 \$45,034,063, as approved and recommended by the Board of Finance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

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

Moderator Muska opened the floor for comment. A question was raised on the Board of Education line item regarding Professional Services. Following the conclusion of the discussion, Moderator Muska then stated that Item #2, to appropriate the funds necessary to administer the Town of Stafford FY 2022/2023 budget would be tabled until the reconvened Town Meeting following the referendum on May 25, 2022.

Christopher Frank proposed the following motion:

“I move 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, 2021, payment due July 1, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Taxes due under \$200 to be paid in one installment due July 1, 2022.”

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

Stephanie Irving proposed the following motion:

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

Bruce Davis seconded the motion. Moderator Muska called for a voice vote and declared the motion approved.

Beth DaDalt proposed the following motion:

“I move the Town of Stafford approve the Water Pollution Control Facility budget in the amount of \$1,997,672 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.”

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

Neil Hoss proposed the following motion:

“I move the Town of Stafford appropriate the funds necessary to administer the FY 2022/2023 Water Pollution Control Facility budget as approved.”

Jennifer Davis seconded the motion. Moderator Muska called for a voice vote and declared the motion approved.

Beth DaDalt proposed the following motion:

“I move the Town of Stafford approve the Service District budget in the amount of \$439,950 as approved and recommended by the Board of Finance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.”

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

Sonya Shegogue proposed the following motion:

“I move the Town of Stafford appropriate the funds necessary to administer the FY 2022/2023 Service District budget as approved.”

Jennifer Davis seconded the motion. Moderator Muska called for a voice vote and declared the motion approved.

There being no other business proper to come before the meeting, at 6:40 p.m. Moderator Muska stated:

“I will now adjourn this meeting to May 25, 2022, to allow for the referendum to be held that day at the Stafford Public Library, 10 Levinthal Run, Stafford, Connecticut, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. This meeting will reconvene on May 25, 2022 at 8:30 p.m., in the Veterans Meeting 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 number 2 of the call of this meeting.”

Respectfully submitted,



Ialeen M. Dunn
Assistant Town Clerk
Town of Stafford