

**Town of Stafford
Special Town Meeting
May 31, 2023**

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First Selectman Salverio "Sal" Titus called the Special Town Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Veteran's Meeting Room of the Charles Warren Memorial Town Hall at 1 Main Street, Stafford, Connecticut. Approximately eleven electors and those eligible to vote in Town Meetings were present. Three Stafford students who attend Windham Tech were also in attendance as an assignment for their Civics Class. First Selectman Titus welcomed them and then lead the assembly in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Laura Lybarger made a motion to name Beth DaDalt Moderator of the Town Meeting. Candace Higgins seconded the motion. With no other names placed in nomination, Beth DaDalt was declared Moderator of the Town Meeting.

Bill Morrison made a motion to waive the reading of the call of the meeting which was duly published in the Journal Inquirer on May 25, 2023, posted with the Town Clerk on that same day, and made available to those attending the Town Meeting. Laura Lybarger seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Moderator DaDalt read the resolution unanimously approved by the Board of Selectmen at their May 22, 2023 meeting:

"BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN THAT, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 7-7, the Board of Selectmen hereby removes item number 1 of the call of the Town Meeting properly noticed for May 31, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Warren Memorial Town Hall, Veterans Meeting Room, Stafford, Connecticut, for submission to the voters at a referendum to be held on June 7, 2023, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. 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 \$45,897,885 AS APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024?

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

Moderator DaDalt called for a discussion on the budget. Hearing no discussion, Moderator DaDalt then stated that Item #2 to appropriate the funds necessary to administer the Town of Stafford FY 2023/2024 budget would not be acted upon until that time that the budget is adopted.

Christopher Frank proposed the following motion:

“I move that the Town of Stafford elect Candace Higgins to the Stafford Public Library Board to fill an unexpired term, term to expire November 30, 2024.”

David Walsh seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

Moderator DaDalt then stated:

“I will now adjourn this meeting to June 7, 2023, 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 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. This meeting will reconvene at 8:15 p.m. in the Veterans Room of the 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.”

The meeting concluded at 6:35 p.m.

*After the meeting, Board of Education Chairman Laura Lybarger explained the Town of Stafford budget process and how it related to the Town Meeting. Students had their photograph taken with First Selectman Titus & Board of Education Chairman Laura Lybarger.

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