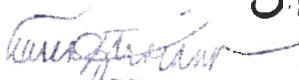


Annual Town Meeting
Town of Stafford
April 11, 2024

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First Selectman William Morrison called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Veteran's Meeting Room of the Charles Warren Memorial Town Hall, Stafford. Approximately 20 electors and those eligible to vote in Town Meetings were present.

First Selectman Morrison led the assemblage in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Beth DaDalt nominated William Morrison as Moderator of the Town Meeting. Richard Hartenstein, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote, and William Morrison was named Moderator of the Town Meeting.

Beth DaDalt made a motion to waive the call of the meeting, which was duly posted on April 4, 2024 with the Town Clerk, and published in the Journal Inquirer on April 5, 2024. Copies of the call of the meeting were also made available to the residents upon entering the Town Meeting. Laura Lybarger seconded the motion. With no dissension noted, Moderator Morrison declared the motion adopted.

Moderator Morrison presented the following resolution unanimously approved by the Board of Selectmen at their April 3, 2024 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 April 11, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Warren Memorial Town Hall, Veteran's Meeting Room, Stafford Springs, Connecticut, for submission to the voters at a referendum to be held on April 24, 2024 between the hours of 6:00 am and 8:00 pm in 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 \$47,365,444.40 AS APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

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

Hearing no discussion, Moderator Morrison then stated that Item #2, to appropriate the funds necessary to administer the Town of Stafford FY 2024/2025 budget would be tabled until the reconvened Town Meeting following the referendum vote on April 24, 2024.

Brian Chevalier 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, 2023, payment due July 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025. Taxes due under \$200.00 to be paid in one installment due July 1, 2024.”

Stephanie Irving seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Moderator Morrison declared the motion approved.

Brian Chevalier 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 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.”

John Lund seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Moderator Morrison declared the motion approved.

Erin Milnes proposed the following motion:

“I move that the Town of Stafford accept the grant and authorize the expenditure of Town Aid Road Funds for FY 24-25 from Fund # 64 in the amount of \$393,289.00.”

Beth DaDalt seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Moderator Morrison declared the motion approved.

Brian Chevalier proposed the following motion:

“I move that the Town of Stafford accept the grant and authorize the expenditure of LoCip (Local Capital Improvement Project) funds for FY 2024-2025 from Fund # 32 in the amount of \$160,129.00.”

Richard Hartenstein, Jr. seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Moderator Morrison declared the motion approved.

Beth DaDalt proposed the following motion:

“I move that the Town of Stafford approve the Water Pollution Control Facility budget in the amount of \$2,139,774.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025”

Brian Chevalier seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Moderator Morrison 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 2024/2025 Water Pollution Control Facility budget as approved.”

Shelley West seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Moderator Morrison declared the motion approved.

Laura Lybarger proposed the following motion:

“I move that the Town of Stafford approve the Service District budget in the amount of \$500,780.00 as approved and recommended by the Board of Finance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.”

Richard Hartenstein, Jr. seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Moderator Morrison declared the motion approved.

Donna Wright proposed the following motion:

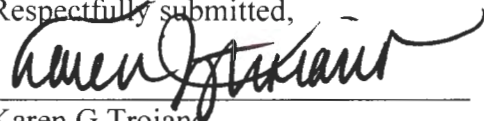
“I move that the Town of Stafford appropriate the funds necessary to administer the FY 2024/2025 Service District budget as approved.”

Laura Lybarger seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Moderator Morrison declared the motion approved.

There being no other business to come before the Town Meeting, at 6:08 pm
Moderator Morrison stated:

“I will now adjourn this meeting to April 24, 2024 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 am and 8 pm. This meeting will reconvene at 8:30 pm in 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 this meeting.”

Respectfully submitted,



Karen G Troiano
Stafford Town Clerk