

**SPECIAL  
TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

**Special Town Meeting December 16, 2013**

*A true copy*

*Attest:* \_\_\_\_\_

Dawn E. Michanowicz, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF STERLING  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
DECEMBER 16, 2013**

At the Special Town Meeting duly called and held in the Chocksett School's gymnasium on Boutelle Road in said Town of Sterling, on Monday, December 16, 2013 at 7:00pm, the following article was voted in a legal manner.

The Town Moderator, Richard Sheppard, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. There was a quorum present; 128 voters attended the meeting.

The following tellers were sworn in by the Town Clerk:

Richard Barriere, 6 Worcester Road  
Sheila Hudson, 267 Redemption Rock Trail  
Jo-Ann Cummings, 115 Princeton Road  
Patricia Christenson, 8 Osgood Road  
Melissa Chalmers, 87 Lake Shore Drive  
Elaine Heller, 27 Princeton Road

All non-voters or non-residents of the Town were asked to stand to be recognized by the Moderator.

Moderator, Richard Sheppard, noted the receipt of the posting of the warrant for the Special Town Meeting by Constable, Mike Pineo.

**ARTICLE 1.**

To see if the town will vote to authorize the creation and operation of a municipal gas plant as allowed by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 164, section 36, and place such municipal gas plant under the authority of the Sterling Municipal Light Department Light Board. Upon such authorization, the municipal gas plant shall be combined with the Sterling Municipal Light Department to form the Sterling Municipal Light & Gas Department, which shall do business as "Energy Sterling".

**Submitted by:** Petition

**Recommendation:** The Finance Committee will report at Town meeting on this article.

**Recommendation:** The Board of Selectmen will report at Town meeting on this article.

**Summary:** The SMLD has been exploring the possibility of bringing natural gas to the town of Sterling. The first formal step in this process is to be legally designated as the utility of record and franchise holder for gas distribution within the town. This process involves having town voters approve the above article at two (2) separate Special Town Meetings held **at least** two (2) months apart, but **not more than** thirteen months (13) apart.

**REQUIRES 2/3 VOTE**

**MOTION MADE:** as printed in the Warrant.

**MOTION PASSED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE BY BALLOT: 107 YES 16 NO**

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.