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STERLING FINANCE COMMITTEE**

MEETING AGENDA

(In-Person Meeting)

**STERLING AIRPORT
121 GREENLAND ROAD
(Main Stage)**

Monday, June 14, 2021

5:00 PM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Article 10: Wachusett Regional School District

Discussion and Vote to approve a **new amount of \$12,181,248** for appropriation as updated in the official motion to be voted by Town Meeting under Article 10, "Wachusett Regional School District" And further, to update the Omnibus Budget "Attachment A" to reflect a reduction in the WRSD appropriation after the Article and "Attachment A" was printed in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

- WRSD Assessment Reduced; Initial budget projection reduced by approximately \$160,000
- Appropriation is WRSD Assessment PLUS WRSD Out-of-District Expenses
- Motion for Article 10 Appropriation changed to \$12,181,248

2. Article 14: Stormwater MS4 Permit Compliance

Discussion and Vote to approve a new funding source for Article 14 "Stormwater MA4 Permit Compliance" as updated in the official motion to be voted by Town Meeting under Article 14; And further, to update the Omnibus Budget "Attachment A" to reflect a new funding source and a change from "Water Retained Earnings" to "Raise and Appropriate."

- Summary: Stormwater MS4 Permit Compliance is an unfunded mandate required by the federal EPA and Mass DEP; After further review, it is determined that the requirements are not exclusive to the Town's Water Treatment Regulations, operations or permitting requirements; Stormwater management requirements are applicable Town-Wide, that is, to all Sterling residents, businesses and landowners, therefore, the funding source should be shared by the town's full tax base, versus exclusively by the Water Utility's Ratepayers.

- III. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**