

**MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2005**

At a legal meeting of voters of the Town of Sterling qualified to vote in town affairs held on Tuesday the ninth day of August at seven (7:00) o'clock in the evening at the Chocksett School on Boutelle Road, the registrars checked in 136 of the 5313 registered voters of the town. The Moderator, Peter Monaghan called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ARTICLE 1. Voted to raise and appropriate \$7,720,493.00, which is equal to Sterling's net minimum contribution, as provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, plus costs associated with Sterling's share of **WRSD** transportation costs and the **WRSD** debt and interest costs, in accordance with Section 16B of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as amended, and Section #4 of the Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as amended, for its share of operational costs and of debt and interest charges of the Wachusett Regional School District.

PASSED 2/3RDS VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR

ARTICLE 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$510,892.00 for the Town's share of the costs and expenses of the Wachusett Regional School District for fiscal year 2006 that are above the mandated amounts in Article #1.

Richard Farrar of 29 Albright Rd. asked for a recommendation from the Finance Committee. John Potter of the Finance Committee stated that the Fin Com supports this article.

PASSED 2/3RDS VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR

ARTICLE 3. Voted contingent on passage of a Proposition 2 ½ levy limit override, under M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 21C, to raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$258,376.00, above the net minimum contribution for the Town's share of costs and expenses of the Wachusett Regional School District for fiscal year 2006.

Charles Capparelli of the School Committee made a motion to amend article 3 by eliminating the wording, "contingent on passage of a Proposition 2 ½ levy limit override". Richard Farrar of 29 Albright Rd asked for the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Finance Committee recommends approval of this article keeping the wording for the 2 ½ override.

Motion made to move the article. Motion passed.

Vote was taken on amendment to remove proposition 2 ½ wording. Amendment defeated.

Yes - 52

No - 64

Motion made by Mr. Williams to move question. Motion carried, moved to immediate vote. Vote then taken on Article 3 as printed in warrant.

PASSED

2/3RDS VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12pm

Respectfully submitted

Melanie J. Clark
Town Clerk