



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF STERLING

JUNE 14, 2021

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

At 5:30 pm, on Monday, June 14, 2021, the Town Clerk, Kathleen Farrell, opened the Annual Town Meeting held at the Sterling Airport, 121 Greenland Road in said Town of Sterling.

Town Clerk noted inspection of the Return of Service on the Warrant to be in order, and called to order the Annual Town Meeting, the Legislative Body of the Town of Sterling.

Town Clerk, Kathleen Farrell noted the first order of business was to elect a Temporary Moderator to preside over the Town Meeting. She explained that if there is only one person nominated, only one vote will be required to "elect" the Temporary Moderator.

Town Clerk informed Town Meeting that Amrith Kumar had offered to perform the duties of Moderator for this Town Meeting.

**Motion made** by Maureen Cranson, Select Board Chair nominating Amrith Kumar to act as Temporary Moderator for the purposes of this meeting. John Kilcoyne, Select Board Member seconded the motion.

Town Clerk, Kathleen Farrell asked the Town Meeting if there were additional nominations. She declared hearing or seeing none, nominations were closed. Without objection, the Town Clerk declared Amrith Kumar as sole nominee for the position of Temporary Moderator for this Meeting and called for the vote.

**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Town Clerk**

**Town Clerk, Kathleen Farrell declared the election of Amrith Kumar as Temporary Moderator for this Town Meeting, and administered the oath of office.**

Temporary Town Moderator, Amrith Kumar thanked the voters and Town Departments for attending. He asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and to remain standing for a moment of silence to honor fellow townspeople who are no longer with us, men and women in uniform and all the heroes on the frontline of the battle with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Moderator explained that Sterling Town Meeting is being recorded by Sterling Lancaster Cable TV, and is

governed by the General Laws of the Commonwealth, the General Bylaws of the Town of Sterling, and the guidelines established in "Town Meeting Time".

Town Moderator, Amrith Kumar reviewed logistics of participation including practice with the vote counting devices. He explained the Consent Calendars used to save time, and how to address the meeting. The Moderator noted that all voters have copies of the motions, so there would be no need to read them unless there were substantive differences.

He began by calling for a vote on the long-standing history of dispensing of the reading of the Warrant.

#### **DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE WARRANT AND THE CONSTABLE'S RETURN:**

**Motion Made by Maureen Cranson**

**Motion passed unanimously as declared by the Moderator**

Finance Committee Chair, Todd Chapman gave a brief overview of the budget describing it as prudent and responsible.

#### **ARTICLE 1. PAY BILLS OF A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR**

**Motion Made by Todd Chapman** that the Town vote to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$665** to pay outstanding prior fiscal year invoices. **FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE**

**Motion Passed by 4/5ths majority as declared by the Moderator**

#### **VOTE FOR CONSENT CALENDAR ONE (I):**

**Motion Made by Todd Chapman**

that the Town vote by unanimous consent to combine the Articles 2 through 8 into a Consent Calendar and to approve those Articles that have not been requested "held" in one vote as shown in the Warrant; And further, to fund any transfers from **Free Cash** in the dollar amount specified and as printed in the Warrant and in this Motion Book. **MAJORITY VOTE**

2. Snow & Ice Deficit
3. Elected Officers Compensation
4. Municipal Light Board Compensation
5. Wachusett Greenways & Sterling Land Trust
6. East Lake Waushacum
7. Stabilization Fund
8. OPEB Trust Fund

**No holds were requested by the voters**

**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

\*\*\*\*\* BEGIN CONSENT AGENDA - ARTICLES 2 THROUGH 8 \*\*\*\*\*

**\*ARTICLE 2. SNOW & ICE DEFICIT** *(Consent)*

It was voted, by Consent Calendar, that the Town vote to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$57,952** to the Snow and Ice Account to cover any deficit in the snow and ice budget for the current fiscal year.

**\*ARTICLE 3. ELECTED OFFICERS COMPENSATION** *(Consent)*

It was voted, by Consent Calendar, that the Town vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town as printed in the Warrant under Article 3.

**\*ARTICLE 4. MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD COMPENSATION** *(Consent)*

It was voted, by Consent Calendar, that the Town vote to set the salary of the Sterling Municipal Light Board members as printed in the Warrant under Article 4.

**\*ARTICLE 5. WACHUSETT GREENWAYS & STERLING LAND TRUST** *(Consent)*

It was voted, by Consent Calendar, that the Town vote to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$2,700** to be expended as printed in the Warrant under Article 5.

**\*ARTICLE 6. EAST LAKE WAUSHACUM** *(Consent)*

It was voted, by Consent Calendar, that the Town vote to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$13,000** to be expended as printed in the Warrant under Article 6

**\*ARTICLE 7. STABLIZATION FUND** *(Consent)*

It was voted, by Consent Calendar, that the Town vote to transfer the sum of **\$75,000** from **Free Cash** as printed in the Warrant under Article 7.

**\*ARTICLE 8. OPEB TRUST FUND** *(Consent)*

It was voted, by Consent Calendar, that the Town vote to transfer the sum of **\$150,000** from **Free Cash** as printed in the Warrant under Article 8.

\*\*\*\*\* END OF FIRST CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\*\*\*

----- GENERAL FUND OMNIBUS BUDGET -----

**ARTICLE 9. FY2022 TOWN OPERATING BUDGET**

**Motion Made by** Christopher Paquette that the Town vote to appropriate the total sum of **\$11,455,429** from the sources identified in the Warrant under Article 9 and to allocate said sums as shown in the municipal operating and Omnibus Budget as printed at the back of the Warrant within Attachment A and printed in the Warrant Book with updated lines 209 through 225 as shown in the table therein. **MAJORITY VOTE**

ATTACHMENT A							
(AS REVISED ON JUNE 10, 2021)							
Town of Sterling							
FY2022 RECOMMENDED OMNIBUS BUDGET, Continued							
		2019 Budget	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	FY22 Dept Request	FY22 \$ Change	FY22 % Change
196	DEBT SERVICE						
197	DEBT - LONG TERM PRINCIPAL	1,581,000	1,545,000	420,000	220,000	-200,000	-47.62%
198	DEBT - LONG TERM INTEREST	216,255	155,435	93,935	77,041	-16,894	-17.98%
199	DEBT - SHORT TERM INTEREST	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
200	Department Total	1,797,255	1,700,435	513,935	297,041	-216,894	-42.20%
201	OPEB						
202	OPEB	0	0	25,000		-25,000	-100.00%
203	Department Total	0	0	25,000	0	-25,000	-100.00%
204	RESERVE FUND			FY21 Free Cash			
205	RESERVE FUND	100,000	100,000	0	100,000	100,000	
206	Department Total	100,000	100,000	0	100,000	100,000	0.00%
207	MUNICIPAL OPERATING BUDGET:			11,198,160	11,455,429	257,269	2.30%
208	WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST						
209	WACHUSETT RSD	9,011,589	11,696,595	12,089,494	12,102,930	13,436	0.11%
210	WVSD VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OUTPLACEMENT (Tra	0	0	78,318	78,318	0	0.00%
211	Department Total	9,011,589	11,696,595	12,167,812	12,181,248	13,436	0.11%
212	MONTACHUSETT REG. SCHOOL DIST						
213	MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOC TECH	847,677	821,969	905,635	939,069	33,434	3.69%
214	Department Total	847,677	821,969	905,635	939,069	33,434	3.69%
215	MUNICIPAL & SCHOOLS OMNIBUS BUDGET:			24,271,607	24,575,746	304,139	1.25%
216							
217					Warrant Articles with Affirmative Vote		
218					Description	Amount	Article #
219					CIP/Borrow	150,000	19
220					Firefighter	62,286	27
221					Police Officer	31,200	26
222							
223	PROPOSED OMNIBUS BUDGET PLUS APPROVED WARRANT ARTICLES:				24,575,746	547,625	2.26%

**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

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**ARTICLE 10. WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Motion Made** by Linda Woodland, that the Town vote to **raise and appropriate** the sum of **\$12,181,248** to be expended as printed in the Warrant under Article 10. **MAJORITY VOTE**  
**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 11. MONTACHUSETT VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL**

**Motion Made** by Maureen Cranson that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$939,069** to be expended as printed in the Warrant under Article 11. **MAJORITY VOTE**  
**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

----- **WATER ENTERPRISE FUND** -----

**ARTICLE 12. FY2022 WATER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET**

**Motion Made** by Blaine Bershad that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$1,057,986** as printed in the Warrant under Article 12. **MAJORITY VOTE**  
**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 13. WATER ENTERPRISE - HEALTH INSURANCE & PENSIONS**

**Motion Made** by Blaine Bershad that the Town vote to transfer from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings the sum of **\$75,430** into the General Fund as printed in the Warrant under Article 13. **MAJORITY VOTE**  
**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 14. STORMWATER MS4 PERMIT COMPLIANCE**

**Moved Made** by Richard Maki that the Town vote to transfer from Water Retained Earnings the sum of **\$93,800** to be expended as printed in the Warrant under Article 14. **MAJORITY VOTE**  
**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 15. WATER METER REPLACEMENT**

**Motion Made** by Blaine Bershad that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$350,000** to be expended as printed in the Warrant under Article 15; And further, to meet this appropriation, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow said sum under G.L. c.44, §7(1), or any other enabling authority; that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payments of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved

by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby, reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and that the Select Board is authorized to execute all documents and take such actions as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote. **TWO-THIRDS VOTE**

**Motion passed by 2/3rds vote as declared by the Moderator**

----- **END OF WATER ENTERPRISE ARTICLES** -----

----- **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN** -----

**ARTICLE 16. FY2022 CAPITAL BUDGET**

**Motion Made by** Todd Chapman that the Town vote to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$470,300** to be expended as printed in the Warrant under Article 16 and as printed in the Motion Book with updated references of “16A” to “16L” as shown in the table therein. **MAJORITY VOTE**

<b>16A</b>	Fire/EMS ALS Intercept SUV, purchase and equip	55,000
<b>16B</b>	Fire/EMS Forestry Pick Up Truck, purchase and equip	48,500
<b>16C</b>	Fire/EMS Jaws of Life Replacement	50,000
<b>16D</b>	Public Safety Radio Tower Site at Pratt’s Junction	40,000
<b>16E</b>	DPW Leaf Blower Ride On, purchase and equip	10,000
<b>16F</b>	DPW Truck Loader for Leaves, purchase and equip	12,000
<b>16G</b>	Butterick Roof Repairs	120,000
<b>16H</b>	Butterick Land Use Records Management System	29,000
<b>16I</b>	Butterick Building – Remove Oil Tank	20,000
<b>16J</b>	1835 Old Town Hall Rehabilitation & Improvements	67,800
<b>16K</b>	Chocksett Cemetery Improvements	8,000
<b>16L</b>	Sterling School House Rehabilitation & Improvements	10,000
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>470,300</b>

**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 17. TOWN COMMON IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**Motion Made** by Todd Chapman that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$152,913.89** to be expended as printed in the Warrant under Article 17; And further, to fund said appropriation by transferring unexpended balances from prior year appropriations as printed in the Warrant, and as listed in the Motion Book as shown in the table therein. **MAJORITY VOTE**

2021	FY21 ATM #7B	01999-58008	Underground Utilities Project	44,000.00
2021	FY21 ATM #6A	01999-58001	Animal Control Vehicle	2,970.14
2021	FY21 ATM #6B	01999-58002	1835 Building Cleaning	3,000.00
2021	FY21 ATM #7D	01999-58010	Ford 550 Plow Truck & Wing	2,174.04
2020	FY20 ATM #8D	01999-58037	1835 Building Sprinkler System	22,775.38
2019	FY19 ATM #13C	01999-58119	DPW Radio Repeater	196.95
2018	FY18 ATM #9C	01999-58092	UHF Radio Improvements	59.60
2018	FY18 ATM #10A	01999-58099	Paving Repairs Facilities	6,264.00
2015	FY15 ATM #31	01999-58044	Fire Grant	2,600.00
2015	FY15 ATM #20	01999-58045	Rehab of 1984 Grader	307.81
2013		01000-12314	Release of 2013 Overlay Surplus	34,600.06
2014		01000-12315	Release of 2014 Overlay Surplus	<u>33,965.91</u>
			TOTAL:	<b>152,913.89</b>

**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 18. ASSETS MANAGEMENT & ROADS MAINTENANCE**

**Motion Made** by Christopher Paquette that the Town vote to transfer from the Capital Investment Fund, the sum of **\$283,250** to be expended as printed in the Warrant under Article 18 and as printed in the Motion Book with updated references of “18A” to “18E” as shown in the table therein. **TWO-THIRDS VOTE**

<b>18A</b>	DPW Road Resurfacing and Crack-Sealing	233,750
<b>18B</b>	Route 62/140 Traffic Intersection – Traffic Study	5,000
<b>18C</b>	Town Assets & Comprehensive Facilities Assessment	8,000
<b>18D</b>	Use & Feasibility Study for DPW Facility & Town-Wide Vehicle Storage	10,000
<b>18E</b>	Pavement Management Plan	26,500
	TOTAL:	<b>283,250</b>

**Motion passed by 2/3rds vote as declared by the Moderator**

**At 6:00pm the Moderator called for two test votes of the wireless voter response system.**

#### **ARTICLE 19. MAJOR EQUIPMENT & LARGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

**Motion Made** by Todd Chapman to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, **\$695,062** or any other sum, to be expended for the items listed below, as recommended by the Finance Committee and the Capital Planning Committee; and to meet this appropriation, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board to borrow said sum under G.L. c.44, §7(1), or any other enabling authority; and that the Select Board is authorized to execute all documents and take such actions as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote.

<b>19A</b>	Public Works Tractor with Mower, purchase and equip	160,000
<b>19B</b>	Public Works Six-Wheel Dump Truck, purchase and equip	185,062
<b>19C</b>	Fire/EMS Rescue 1 Apparatus, purchase and equip	350,000
	TOTAL:	<b>695,062</b>

Said amounts shall be for the purposes stated and all costs incidental or related thereto. Appropriated funds to be administered under the direction of the requesting department; or take any action in relation thereto. **TWO-THIRDS VOTE**

**Motion passed by 2/3rds vote as declared by the Moderator**

----- **END OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN** -----

**At 6:10pm the Moderator called for a test vote of the wireless voter response system**



----- PERSONNEL & HUMAN RESOURCES -----

**ARTICLE 20. PERSONNEL BYLAW & WAGE SCHEDULES**

**Motion Made** by Maureen Cranson vote to amend certain provisions of the Town's Personnel Bylaw as written in the Warrant under Article 20, and as written and included Attachment B of the Warrant. **MAJORITY VOTE**

**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 21. PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

**Motion Made** by Arden Sonnenberg that the Town vote to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$50,000** to be expended as printed in the Warrant under Article 21. **MAJORITY VOTE**

**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 22. CLASSIFICATION & COMPENSATION ANALYSIS**

**Motion Made** by Maureen Cranson that the Town vote to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$25,000** to be expended as printed in the Warrant under Article 22. **MAJORITY VOTE**

**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 23. RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR SALARIES & WAGES**

**Motion Made** by Maureen Cranson that the Town vote to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$25,000** to be expended as printed in the Warrant under Article 23; and further, that such funds be expended with the approval of the Select Board. **MAJORITY VOTE**

**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 24. SENIOR VOLUNTEER TAX RELIEF WORK-OFF PROGRAM**

**Motion Made** by John Kilcoyne that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws as written in the Warrant under Article 24. **MAJORITY VOTE**

**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 25. COMPENSATED ABSENCE FUND**

**Motion Made** by John Kilcoyne that the Town vote to accept Massachusetts General Law and establish a Compensated Absence Fund as printed in the Warrant under Article 25; and further, to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$50,000** for said fund. **MAJORITY VOTE**

**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 26. NEW POLICE OFFICER**

**Motion Made** by Chief Gary Chamberland that the Town vote to **raise and appropriate** the sum of **\$31,200** to be expended as printed in the Warrant under Article 26. **MAJORITY VOTE**

**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 27. NEW FIREFIGHTER/EMT-PARAMEDIC**

**Motion Made** by Chief David C. Hurlbut Jr. that the Town vote to transfer from **Ambulance Receipts** the sum of **\$62,286** to be expended as printed in the Warrant under Article 27. **MAJORITY VOTE**

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

\*\*\*\*\* **SECOND CONSENT CALENDAR** \*\*\*\*\*

**VOTE FOR CONSENT CALENDAR TWO (II):**

**Motion Made** by Maureen Cranson that the Town vote by unanimous consent to combine Articles 28 through 41 into a Consent Calendar and to approve those Articles that have not been requested “held” in one vote as shown in the Warrant; those consent articles being printed in the Warrant and printed in the Motion Book as shown within the list below. **TWO-THIRDS VOTE**

28. Select Board Citation
29. Site Plan Review
30. Display Setback
31. Signs
32. Dimensional Controls – Mixed Use Building
33. Use Regulations – Special Permits “PB”
34. Definitions – Mixed Use Building
35. Free Standing Uninhabited Buildings
36. Rate of Development
37. Subdivision Phasing
38. Accessory Dwelling Unit Use
39. Performance Zone to Commercial Zoning District
40. Mixed-Use Building with Residential Unit(s)
41. Use Regulations – Family Child Care

**Article 39 was held from the Consent Calendar to be voted separately.**

**Motion for Articles 28 through 38, 40 and 41 passed by 2/3rds vote as declared by the Moderator**

**\*ARTICLE 28. SELECT BOARD CITATION** *(Consent)*

It was voted, by Consent Calendar to amend the Protective Bylaws as printed in the Warrant under Article 28.

**\*ARTICLE 29. SITE PLAN REVIEW** *(Consent)*

It was voted, by Consent Calendar, to amend Article 6, Section 6.4 Site Plan Review as printed in the Warrant under Article 29.

**\*ARTICLE 30. DISPLAY SETBACK** *(Consent)*

It was voted, by Consent Calendar, to amend the Protective Bylaws, Article 2, Section 2.4.5. as printed in the Warrant under Article 30.

**\*ARTICLE 31. SIGNS** *(Consent)*

It was voted, by Consent Calendar, to amend the Protective Bylaws, Article 3, Section 3.1. as printed in the Warrant under Article 31.

**\*ARTICLE 32. DIMENSIONAL CONTROLS – MIXED USE BUILDING** *(Consent)*

It was voted, by Consent Calendar, to amend the Protective Bylaws, Article 2, Section 2.5.1 as printed in the Warrant under Article 32.

**\*ARTICLE 33. USE REGULATIONS** *(Consent)*

It was voted, by Consent Calendar, to amend the Protective Bylaws, Article 2, Section 2.2.1. as printed in the Warrant under Article 33.

**\*ARTICLE 34. DEFINITIONS – MIXED USE BUILDING** *(Consent)*

It was voted, by Consent Calendar, to amend the Protective Bylaws, Article 5 as printed in the Warrant under Article 34.

**\*ARTICLE 35. FREE STANDING UNINHABITED BUILDINGS** *(Consent)*

It was voted, by Consent Calendar, to amend the Protective Bylaws, Article 2, Section 2.5.4 as printed in the Warrant under Article 35.

**\*ARTICLE 36. RATE OF DEVELOPMENT** *(Consent)*

It was voted, by Consent Calendar, to amend the Protective Bylaws, Article 4, Section 4.3 as printed in the Warrant under Article 36.

**\*ARTICLE 37. SUBDIVISION PHASING** *(Consent)*

It was voted, by Consent Calendar, to amend the Protective Bylaws, Article 4, Section 4.3A as printed in the Warrant under Article 37.

**\*ARTICLE 38. ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT USE** *(Consent)*

It was voted, by Consent Calendar, to amend the Protective Bylaws, Article 2, Section 2.3.5 as printed in the Warrant under Article 38.

**\*ARTICLE 40. MIXED-USE BUILDING WITH RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNIT(S)** *(Consent)*

It was voted, by Consent Calendar that the Town amend the Protective Bylaws, Article 2, Section 2.3.1.A as written in the Warrant under Article 40. **TWO-THIRDS VOTE**

**\*ARTICLE 41. USE REGULATIONS FAMILY CHILD CARE** *(Consent)*

It was voted, by Consent Calendar to amend the Protective Bylaws, Article 2, Section 2.3.1. as printed in the Warrant under Article 41. **TWO-THIRDS VOTE**

\*\*\*\*\* **END OF SECOND CONSENT CALENDAR** \*\*\*\*\*

**ARTICLE 39. PERFORMANCE ZONE TO COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT** *(Held from Second Consent Calendar)*

**Motion Made** by Patty Page that the Town vote to amend the Protective Bylaws and Zoning Map as printed in the Warrant under Article 39. **TWO-THIRDS VOTE**

*This Article was held from the Second Consent Calendar*

Richard Sheppard, 5 Tanglewood Road, submitted a written amendment to the motion “by removing parcel 159-2 (Legg Cemetery) from the list of parcels being re-zoned”. **MAJORITY VOTE**  
**Motion to Amend Article 39 passed by majority vote as declared by the Moderator**

Discussion on Article 39 as Amended. **TWO-THIRDS VOTE**

**Motion did not carry, Article 39 defeated as declared by the Moderator**

## **ARTICLE 42. USE REGULATIONS – COMMERCIAL KENNELS**

**Motion Made** by Pat Fox that the Town vote to amend the Protective Bylaws, Article 2, Section 2.3.1. as printed in the Warrant under Article 42 and printed in the Motion Packet with additions shown in **bold/underline** and deletions shown in ~~striketrough~~ as shown below:

### 2.3 USE REGULATIONS

#### 2.3.1 Table of Principal Uses.

#### PRINCIPAL USES DISTRICTS

	RR	NR	C	TC	LI		
C. COMMERCIAL USES			<del>SP</del> <b><u>N</u></b>	N	SP	SP	<del>NSP</del>
10. Commercial Kennel, Animal Hospital, Veterinarian's Office							
1. Nonexempt agricultural use, except fur farms and piggeries <b><u>and commercial kennels</u></b>			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

### **TWO-THIRDS VOTE**

Pat Fox explained that the proposal was meant to limit the number of dogs in a household to four.

Anne Marie Catalano spoke on behalf of the Animal Control Advisory Board and submitted for the record a written statement from ACAB outlining their strong opposition to Article 42. They stated concern that their input and opposition was not considered during the public meeting process, and noted it would change the character of our Right to Farm Town.

**Motion Made** by Anne Marie Catalano on behalf of the ACAB to amend Article 42 by referring it to committee. This committee would be appointed by the Select Board and could consist of members of the ZBA, Planning Board, ACAB, a designee of the Police Department (presumably the ACO) and members of the general public of Sterling. **MAJORITY VOTE**

Select Board spoke in favor of the amendment to Article 42 to refer to committee.

**Motion to approve Article as amended passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

----- **GENERAL & ZONING BYLAWS** -----

**ARTICLE 43. PARKS GENERAL BYLAW - SHOLAN PARK**

**Motion Made** by Barbara Roberti that the Town vote to amend Chapter 113 of the General Bylaws, relative to Parks, as printed in the Warrant under Article 43 adding back lines 885 and 886. **MAJORITY VOTE**

Ms. Roberti explained that adding back lines 885 and 886 would keep the \$50 fine to non-residents parked in violation.

Sterling Police Chief, Gary Chamberland, spoke in favor of the amended motion.

**Motion to approve Article as amended passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 44. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION DISTRICTS**

**Motion Made** by Joe Curtin that the Town vote to amend the Protective Bylaws as printed in the Warrant under Article 44. **TWO-THIRDS VOTE**

**Motion passed by 2/3rds vote as declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 45. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION DISTRICTS – CITATIONS**

**Motion Made** by Joe Curtin that the Town vote to amend the Protective Bylaws as printed in the Warrant under Article 45. **TWO-THIRDS VOTE**

**Motion passed by 2/3rds vote as declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 46. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION DISTRICTS - OVERLAY MAP**

**Motion Made** by Joe Curtin that the Town vote to amend the Protective Bylaws as printed in the Warrant under Article 46. **TWO-THIRDS VOTE**

**Motion passed by 2/3rds vote as declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 47. EARTH REMOVAL - GENERAL BYLAW**

**Motion Made** by John Kilcoyne that the Town vote to amend the General Bylaw relative to Earth Removal as printed in the Warrant under Article 47. **MAJORITY VOTE**

**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

#### **ARTICLE 48. EARTH REMOVAL/QUARRYING OR MINING - PROTECTIVE BYLAW**

**Motion Made** by John Kilcoyne that the Town vote to amend the Protective Bylaws relative to Earth Removal and Quarrying or Mining, as printed in the Warrant under Article 48. **TWO-THIRDS VOTE**

**Motion passed by 2/3rds vote as declared by the Moderator**

#### **ARTICLE 49. EARTH REMOVAL PROTECTIVE BYLAWS**

**Motion Made** by Pat Fox that the Town vote to table Article 49 as written in the Warrant. **MAJORITY VOTE**

Judge Fox explained the motion is to table Article 49 in light of the action taken on Articles 47 and 48.

**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

#### **ARTICLE 50. LANDOWNER PETITION - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT**

**Motion made** by the landowner, Tom Higgins 7 Princeton Road, that the Town vote to amend the Town of Sterling Zoning Map as printed in the Warrant under Article 50. **TWO-THIRDS VOTE**

**Motion passed by 2/3rds vote as declared by the Moderator**

#### **ARTICLE 51. PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE AT HOUGHTON SCHOOL**

**Motion Made** by the petitioner, Stacia Hemphill 20 Birch Drive, that the Town vote to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$130,000** to be expended as printed in the Warrant under Article 51.

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

#### **ARTICLE 52. OMNIBUS BUDGET TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES**

**Motion Made** by petitioner Jim Gettens 7 Shady Lane, that the Town vote to amend the General By-Laws as submitted by the petitioner and printed in the Warrant under Article 52.

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**Motion defeated by majority as declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 53. CAPITAL PLAN CONSOLIDATED SPENDING ITEM TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**ARTICLES**

**Motion Made** by petitioner Jim Gettens 7 Shady Lane, that the Town vote to amend the General By-Laws as submitted by the petitioner and printed in the Warrant under Article 53.

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**Motion defeated by majority as declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 54. CITIZENS PETITION: ELIMINATE THE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD**

**Motion Made** by petitioner, Patty Page 85 Lakeshore Drive, that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation eliminating the Board of Public Works in the Town of Sterling as printed in the Warrant under Article 54. **MAJORITY VOTE**

**Motion defeated by majority as declared by the Moderator**

**ARTICLE 55. ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

**Motion Made** by Maureen Cranson that the Town vote to elect by ballot on Monday, June 21, 2020 from 12:00pm to 7:00pm at the Houghton Elementary School Gym on 32 Boutelle Road, the officers as listed and printed in the Warrant under Article 55.

**MAJORITY VOTE**

**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**