

**Town of Sterling
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 16, 2011**

At the Special Town Meeting duly called and held in the Chocksett School Auditorium on Boutelle Road, in said Town of Sterling, on Monday May 16, 2011 at 6:30pm, the following 7 articles were voted upon in a legal manner.

The Town Moderator, Peter Monaghan, called the Special Town Meeting to order at 6:33pm. There was a quorum present; 347 voters attended the meeting.

The following tellers were appointed by Moderator:

Randall Ryll, 252 Justice Hill Road

Jane Krantz, 83 Justice Hill Road

Peter Picard, 46 Mellon Hollow Road

Bob Kneeland, 218 Worcester Road

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

The Moderator noted the receipt of the return of the Warrant for the Special and the Annual Town by Constable, David Pineo.

MOTION MADE: to waive the reading of the Warrants.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Clerk's Note: "MGL" refers to Massachusetts General Law

ARTICLE 1. Transfer Free Cash to Capital Fund

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$ 200,000 , or any other sum, from Free Cash to the Capital Investment Fund, as allowed by the bylaws of Sterling; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

Recommendation: The Finance Committee and Capital Committee recommend passage of this article.

Summary: This article transfers funds from an available fund, Free Cash, into the Capital Fund.

REQUIRES 2/3 VOTE

MOTION MADE: to transfer the sum of \$ 200,000 from Free Cash to the Capital Investment Fund, as allowed by the bylaws of Sterling.

MOTION PASSED BY 2/3 VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 2. Transfer Free Cash to Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$ 347,471 , or any other sum, from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter. 40, Section 5B, as amended, or take any action in relation thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.

Summary: This article transfers funds from an available fund, Free Cash, into the Stabilization Fund.

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REQUIRES 2/3 VOTE

MOTION MADE: to transfer the sum of \$ 347,471 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 5B, as amended.

MOTION PASSED BY 2/3 VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 3. Fund Deficit due to Snow and Ice

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund, or from other available funds, a sum of money, to the Snow and Ice Account to cover the deficit in the snow and ice budget for the current fiscal year or take any action in relation thereto.

Submitted by: DPW Board / Town Administrator

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

Summary: At the time this warrant went to press, we do not anticipate needing this article, however we will do a budget transfer under Article 5. In the event of another major snow/ice storm, this article will be utilized to transfer money from the Stabilization Fund into the DPW Snow and Ice Account to cover the deficit in the account caused by the snow and ice storms of this past winter and spring.

ARTICLE 3 WAS TABLED

ARTICLE 4. Bills from Prior Fiscal Years

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, a sum of money to pay any outstanding prior fiscal year's invoices, or take any action in relation thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation: The Board of Selectmen recommends passage of this article.

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

Summary: At the time this Warrant was published, the following prior year bills were outstanding:

Ground Control	\$ 4,400.00
Sovereign Bank	\$ 2,886.44
Complete HT/AC Systems, LLC	\$ 1,314.00
Total:	\$ 8,600.44

REQUIRES 9/10 VOTE

MOTION MADE ON THE FLOOR: to transfer from Stabilization Fund \$8,600.44 to pay outstanding prior fiscal year's invoices, as follows

Ground Control	\$ 4,400.00
Sovereign Bank	\$ 2,886.44
Complete HT/AC Systems, LLC	\$ 1,314.00
Total:	\$ 8,600.44

MOTION PASSED BY 9/10 VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

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ARTICLE 5. Transfers within FY11 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds within the FY11 Operating Budget, from one account to another, or take any action in relation thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

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

Summary: At the time this Warrant went to Press, the following transfers were known:

From: Snow & Ice Overtime To: Snow & Ice Expenses Approximately \$10,000

MOTION MADE ON THE FLOOR: to transfer funds within the FY11 Operating Budget, the sum of \$7,775 From: Snow & Ice Overtime To: Snow & Ice Expenses

MOTION CARRIED AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 6. Purchase Server for Public Safety

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$12,000 from the Capital Fund to fund the purchase of a public safety server, said sum to be expended by the Police Chief, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Submitted by: Police Chief

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.

Recommendation: The Capital Committee recommends passage of this article.

Recommendation: The Board of Selectmen recommends passage of this article.

Summary: These funds will allow the town to replace the critical computer server at the Police Department. The current server is over 8 years old, out of warranty and will no longer support the software application used by the Police and Fire departments to track, manage and report their public safety operations.

REQUIRES 2/3 VOTE

MOTION MADE: to transfer \$12,000 from the Capital Fund to fund the purchase of a public safety server, said sum to be expended by the Police Chief.

MOTION PASSED BY 2/3 VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 7. Union contract approval – Dispatch

To see whether the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Stabilization Fund, to fund the FY11 salaries and other costs associated with the new FY11 thru FY13 collective bargaining agreement with the Dispatch Union, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Submitted By: Board of Selectmen

Recommendation: The Board of Selectmen recommends passage of this article.

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.

Summary: This article will fund the first year of a new collective bargaining agreement with the Dispatch Union, including retroactive pay for the fiscal year 2011. This is a 3-year agreement, from July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2013. Salaries for FY12 under this agreement are included in the Annual Town Meeting general budget article 2.

REQUIRES 2/3 VOTE:

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MOTION MADE ON THE FLOOR: to transfer a sum of 5,000 from the Stabilization Fund, to fund the FY11 salaries and other costs associated with the new FY11 thru FY13 collective bargaining agreement with the Dispatch Union.

MOTION PASSED BY 2/3 VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

MOTION MADE: to dissolve Special Town Meeting at 6:44pm.

A true copy:

Attest _____
Dawn E. Michanowicz, Town Clerk