THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF STERLING SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MAY 14, 2007

Worcester, ss.

To the Warrant Officer or either of the Constables of the Town of Sterling in the county of Worcester:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Sterling qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Chocksett School on Boutelle Road, in said Sterling on

MONDAY EVENING, THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF MAY, 2007

at six thirty (6:30) o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$800,000 from Certified Free Cash to the Capital Investment Fund as allowed by the bylaws of Sterling, or take any action in relation 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 Investment Fund.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$109,095 from Certified Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5B, General Laws, 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.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from stabilization the sum of \$650 to pay an outstanding fiscal year 2006 invoice, or take any action in relation thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Appeals

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article.

Summary: This article provides funding for a bill that was not submitted in a timely fashion by a vendor and after the Town's books had been closed.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to amend Article 4 of the Special Town Meeting held November 13, 2006 by striking Map 98 Parcel 5 (5.1ac) and reducing the total acreage from 82.4 to 77.3 and changing the dollar amount of consideration from \$180,000 to \$171,000 or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.

Summary: This article pertains to the sale, to the DCR, of a conservation Restriction on the town land off Holden and Princeton Road and corrects the acreage and dollar consideration because the identified parcel was previously place under a conservation restriction and therefore could not be done twice.

<u>ARTICLE</u> 5. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$50,000 to establish an Insurance Recovery account for the Fire Department or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Fire Department

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.

Summary: This article creates an account to be used by the Fire Department to pay expenses incurred from an electrical malfunction at the Station. This money will be reimbursed by our insurance carrier; however State Law prevents the spending of over \$20,000 without town meeting appropriation.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from an available fund, the DPW Wage Account, 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

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article.

Summary: This article transfers money from an available fund into the DPW expense Account to cover the

deficit in the account caused by the snow and ice storms of this past winter and spring.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Mary Ellen Butterick Municipal Building and one at the Conant Public Library in Sterling, fourteen (14) days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereto to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of April 2007.

Sterling Board of Selectmen
Paul M. Sushchyk, Chairman
Donlin K. Murray