

Municipal Operations Committee
Monday March 10, 2025
7:00 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES
Minutes Approved on March 31st, 2025

On Monday, March 10, 2025 a meeting was held for the **Municipal Operations Committee** to hear and discuss the Annual Town Meeting Articles listed below. This meeting was held in person (Stoughton Town Hall – Great Hall) and via Google Meets. Town Moderator, Bob Mullen, was present and Municipal Operations Chair Cynthia Walsh declared the public hearing for the Municipal Operations Committee open at 7:09 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Municipal Operations Chair, Cynthia Walsh, started with taking roll call for said committee. All Boards & Committees hold a quorum requirement of half +1 to be able to vote in their meetings. Municipal Operations members present at the meeting were:

Donna Flynn (Precinct 1)
John DiStefano (Precinct 2)
Cynthia Walsh (Precinct 3)
Scott Heller (Precinct 4)
Winshell Laguerre (Precinct 7)

ABSENT:

Eileen Maguire (Precinct 5)
Janice McKenna (Precinct 8)

RESIGNED:

Fran Bruttaniti (Precinct 6)

A quorum was met for Municipal Operations at this time.

Articles assigned to Municipal Operations Committee were brought up for discussion. Chair Cynthia Walsh spoke to going in order that the articles appeared on the agenda.

Presentation on Article 22: Five Year Revaluation of all properties in Town by Julie Castor Deas. Director of Assessing was online to aid in answering questions.

Questions from Committee: John DiStefano-answered by Thomas Calter, Town Manager,

Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

No votes were taken at this time.

Presentation on Article 23: Sewer Department Capitol by Keith Nastasia

Keith Nastacia Water and Sewer Department Superintendent was present to aid in answering questions.

Item #1 Inflow and Infiltration Program \$450,000

Questions from Committee: none, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

Item #2 Sewer System Hydraulic Model \$200,000

Questions from Committee: Cynthia Walsh, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

No votes were taken at this time.

Presentation on Article 24: Water Department Capitol By Keith Nastacia

Keith Nastacia, Water and Sewer Department Superintendent was present to aid in answering questions.

Item#1 Watermain Improvements (Phase 6)

Item #1 of Article 24 was removed and moved to the Special Town Meeting Warrant as Article 2.

Item#2 Goddard Well PFAS Design

Questions from Committee: Cynthia Walsh, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

Item#3 Backhoe

Questions from Committee: Cynthia Walsh, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions: none

No votes were taken at this time.

Presentation on Article 25: Information Technology Capitol

By Trish Shropshire, Director of IT

Trish Shropshire, Director of IT was present to aid in answering questions.

Trish Shropshire also informed the committee that she is applying for grant money, if it is received

Article 25 can be removed

Item#1 Network Switches

Questions from Committee: Scott Heller, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

Item#2 Firewall Replacement

Questions from Committee: none, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

No votes were taken at this time.

Presentation on Article 26: Public Works and Facilities Capital

By Paul Giffune, Director of Public Works

Paul Giffune was present to aid in the answering of questions

Item#1 Unforseen Building/Facility Maintenance

Questions from Committee: Scott Heller, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

Item#2 Used Bucket Truck (DPW)

Questions from Committee: Scott Heller and Cynthis Walsh, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

Item#3 15 Passenger Van (Recreation) presented by Recreation Director Matt Cauchon

Matt Cauchon was present to aid in the answering of questions

Questions from Committee: none, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

Item#4 Record Storage (Clerks) Presented by Mark Tisdale, Assistant Town Manager, Town Engineer

Mark Tisdale was present to aid in the answering of questions

Questions from Committee: Cynthia Walsh, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

Item#5 Town Hall Safety Audit presented by Mark Tisdale, Assistant Town Manager, Town Engineer

Mark Tisdale was present to aid in the answering of questions

Mark Tisdale announced that this Item will be pulled from the article (Article 26)

No role call for questions was taken

No votes were taken at this time.

Presentation on Article 27: Police Department Capital presented by Donna MacNamara,

Chief of Police and James O'Connor Deputy Chief of Police.

Donna MacNamara and Jim O'Connor were present to aid in answering questions.

Item#1 Livescan Fingerprint Machine

Questions from Committee: Cynthia Walsh, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

Item#2 Cruisers (3 marked, 1 unmarked)

Questions from Committee: Scott Heller and Cynthis Walsh, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

No votes were taken at this time.

Presentation on Article 28: Fire Department Capital - Ladder Truck

*Presented by Michael Carrol, Fire Chief Eugene MacComber, Assistant Fire Chief.
Michael Carroll and Eugene Maccomber were present to aid in answering questions.*

Questions from Committee: Cynthia Walsh, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

Town Manager Thomas Calter added comments on funding

No votes were taken at this time.

Presentation on Article 29: Cedar Hill Capitol presented by Victor Barruzzo

Victor Barruzza was present to aid in answering questions.

Cynthia Walsh added the disclaimer that she is part of the Cedar Hill Operations Committee

Item#1 Bunker Rake

Questions from Committee: Cynthia Walsh, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

Item#2 Fairway Mower

Questions from Committee: None, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

Item#3 Multi Purpose Vehicle

Comments were added from Cynthia Walsh

Questions from Committee: None, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

Item#4 Unforeseen Building Maintenance

Comments were added from Cynthia Walsh

Questions from Committee:None, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

No votes were taken at this time.

Presentation on Article 30: School Department Capital presented via phone call by Joseph Baeta,, School Superintendent

Mr. Baeta was present via phone call to aid in answering questions.

Item#1 Firewall Replacement

Questions from Committee: none, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

Item#2 Wireless Access Points

Questions from Committee: none, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

Item#3 Redistricting Study

Questions from Committee: Scott Heller, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

No votes were taken at this time.

Presentation on Article 31: Open Space Plan and Update presented by Mark Tisdale,

Assistant Town Manager and Town Engineer

Mark Tisdale was present to aid in answering questions.

Cynthia Walsh also added comments

Town has received a grant of \$32,500, article's estimated cost will be reduced to about \$35,000 - this will be modified by Finn Comm before Town Meeting

Questions from Committee: Scott Heller, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

No votes were taken at this time.

Presentation on Article 32: Septic Betterment Program Funding presented by Mark

Tisdale, Assistant Town Manager and Town Engineer

Mark Tisdale was present to aid in answering questions.

Questions from Committee: Scott Heller, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

No votes were taken at this time.

Presentation on Article 33: Town Hall Traffic, Parking, Pocket Park and Landscape

Improvements presented by Mark Tisdale, Assistant Town Manager and Town Engineer

Mark Tisdale was present to aid in answering questions.

Questions from Committee: Scott Heller, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: John Destefano, Online Audience: none

No votes were taken at this time.

Presentation on Article 34: Police Station Expansion and Renovation Design

-Article was dismissed

presented by Mark Tisdale, Assistant Town Manager and Town Engineer

Comments from Committee Chair: Cynthia Walsh, no roll call taken as Mark Tisdale said this Article will be dismissed until a future town meeting

*Presentation on Article 35: Community Preservation Committee FY2026
Budget/Report - Not Presented*

Presentation on Article 36: Glen Echo Pavillion and Benches Online Presentation by Eric King, Eric King was online to aid in answering questions.

Questions from Committee: Scott Heller, Cynthia Walsh, Questions from the Audience present: none

Online Questions from Committee: none, Online Audience: none

No votes were taken at this time

After presentations on Articles 22 through 36, Chairwoman Cynthia Walsh stated time out loud as 8:21 PM and asked the committee about going forward with voting on the Articles. She explained the voting procedure and stated that it would be a roll call vote. Committee decided to proceed with voting at this time.

Article 22: Five Year Revaluation of all properties in Town

Motion for Approval

Motion Scott Heller 2nd John DiStefano

No Discussion on Article

Municipal Operations Roll call vote went as follows: Donna Flynn – APPROVE, John DiStefano – APPROVE, Cynthia Walsh - APPROVE, Scott Heller -APPROVE, Winshell Laguerre – APPROVE

Motion APPROVED 5 to 0 for Annual Town Meeting

Article 23:Sewer Department Capitol

Motion for Approval

Motion Scott Heller 2nd John DiStefano

No Discussion on Article

Municipal Operations Roll call vote went as follows: Donna Flynn – APPROVE, John DiStefano – APPROVE, Cynthia Walsh - APPROVE, Scott Heller -APPROVE, Winshell Laguerre – APPROVE

Motion APPROVED 5 to 0 for Annual Town Meeting

Article 24: Water Department Capitol

Motion for Approval

Motion Scott Heller 2nd John DiStefano

No Discussion on Article

Municipal Operations Roll call vote went as follows: Donna Flynn – APPROVE, John DiStefano – APPROVE, Cynthia Walsh - APPROVE, Scott Heller -APPROVE, Winshell Laguerre – APPROVE

Motion APPROVED 5 to 0 for Annual Town Meeting

Article 25: Information Technology Capitol

Motion for Approval

Motion Scott Heller 2nd John DiStefano

No Discussion on Article

Municipal Operations Roll call vote went as follows: Donna Flynn – APPROVE, John DiStefano – APPROVE, Cynthia Walsh - APPROVE, Scott Heller -APPROVE, Winshell Laguerre – APPROVE

Motion APPROVED 5 to 0 for Annual Town Meeting

Article 26: Public Works and Facilities Department Capitol

Motion for Approval on all 5 items together

Motion Scott Heller 2nd John Distefano

No Discussion on Article

Municipal Operations Roll call vote went as follows: Donna Flynn – APPROVE, John DiStefano – APPROVE,

Cynthia Walsh - APPROVE, Scott Heller -APPROVE, Winshell Laguerre – APPROVE

Motion APPROVED 5 to 0 for Annual Town Meeting

Article 27: Police Department Capitol

Motion for Approval

Motion Scott Heller 2nd John Distefano

No Discussion on Article

Municipal Operations Roll call vote went as follows: Donna Flynn – APPROVE, John DiStefano – APPROVE,

Cynthia Walsh - APPROVE, Scott Heller -APPROVE, Winshell Laguerre – APPROVE

Motion APPROVED 5 to 0 for Annual Town Meeting

Article 28: Fire Department Capitol

Motion for Approval

Motion Scott Heller 2nd John Distefano

No Discussion on Article

Municipal Operations Roll call vote went as follows: Donna Flynn – APPROVE, John DiStefano – APPROVE,

Cynthia Walsh - APPROVE, Scott Heller -APPROVE, Winshell Laguerre – APPROVE

Motion APPROVED 5 to 0 for Annual Town Meeting

Article 29: Cedar Hill Capitol

Motion for Approval

Motion Scott Heller 2nd John Distefano

Cynthia Walsh has abstained her vote because she is a member of Cedar Hill Operations Committee

No Discussion on Article

Municipal Operations Roll call vote went as follows: Donna Flynn – APPROVE, John DiStefano – APPROVE,

Cynthia Walsh - APPROVE, Scott Heller -APPROVE, Winshell Laguerre – APPROVE

Motion APPROVED 4 to 0 for Annual Town Meeting

Article 30: School Department Capitol

Motion for Approval

Motion Scott Heller 2nd John Distefano

No Discussion on Article

Municipal Operations Roll call vote went as follows: Donna Flynn – APPROVE, John DiStefano – APPROVE,

Cynthia Walsh - APPROVE, Scott Heller -APPROVE, Winshell Laguerre – APPROVE

Motion APPROVED 5 to 0 for Annual Town Meeting

Article 31: Open Space Update

Motion for Approval

Motion Scott Heller 2nd John Distefano

No Discussion on Article

Municipal Operations Roll call vote went as follows: Donna Flynn – APPROVE, John DiStefano – APPROVE, Cynthia Walsh - APPROVE, Scott Heller -APPROVE, Winshell Laguerre – APPROVE
Motion APPROVED 5 to 0 for Annual Town Meeting

Article 32: Septic Betterment Program Funding

Motion for Approval

Motion Scott Heller 2nd John Distefano

No Discussion on Article

Municipal Operations Roll call vote went as follows: Donna Flynn – APPROVE, John DiStefano – APPROVE, Cynthia Walsh - APPROVE, Scott Heller -APPROVE, Winshell Laguerre – APPROVE
Motion APPROVED 5 to 0 for Annual Town Meeting

Article 33: Town Hall Traffic, Parking, Pocket Park and Landscaping

Motion for Approval

Motion Scott Heller 2nd John Distefano

No Discussion on Article

Municipal Operations Roll call vote went as follows: Donna Flynn – APPROVE, John DiStefano – APPROVE, Cynthia Walsh - APPROVE, Scott Heller -APPROVE, Winshell Laguerre – APPROVE
Motion APPROVED 5 to 0 for Annual Town Meeting

Article 34: Police Station Renovation and Expansion

No Vote will be taken as this Article will be dismissed

Article 36: Glen Echo Park Pavillion and Benches

Motion for Approval

Motion Scott Heller 2nd John Distefano

No Discussion on Article

Municipal Operations Roll call vote went as follows: Donna Flynn – APPROVE, John DiStefano – APPROVE, Cynthia Walsh - APPROVE, Scott Heller -APPROVE, Winshell Laguerre – APPROVE
Motion APPROVED 5 to 0 for Annual Town Meeting

Municipal Operations Motion to adjourn made **Motion Winshell Laguerre 2nd Scott Heller**

Roll call vote went as follows: Donna Flynn – YES, John DiStefano – Yes, Cynthia Walsh - YES, Scott Heller - YES and Winshell Laguerre – Yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Fogarty
Senior Clerk I*