

Rules Committee
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday February 15th, 2023
Community Room – Stoughton Police Station
26 Rose Street
Stoughton, MA 02072

On Wednesday February 15th, 2023, a Rules Committee meeting was held in the Community Room of the Stoughton Police station, located at 26 Rose Street. The Rules Committee met for the purposes of assigning Warrant Articles for Annual Town Meeting. Annual Town Meeting is currently scheduled to begin on Monday May 1st, 2023. *Present at the meeting were:*

- Juan Fox, Precinct 1
- George Dolinsky, Precinct 2
- Carmel Drewes, Precinct 5
- Christine Iacobucci, Precinct 6
- Dianne Dolan, Precinct 7

Absent from the meeting:

- Matthew Callis, Precinct 3
- Julie Gitto, Precinct 4
- David Sheehan, Precinct 8

Town Moderator, Robert Mullen, was physically absent from the meeting but called the meeting to order via telephone. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm. Mr. Moderator called Roll Call attendance, then proceeded with the Pledge. From this point, Deputy Moderator Cynthia Walsh, led the meeting.

Deputy Moderator Walsh calls for a round robin and the Committee members assigned the Articles as follows:

- *Article 1 - "Election" NOT assigned to any committee.*
- *Article 2 - "Receive Reports" NOT assigned to any committee.*
- Article 3 - "Accept and Contract Funds for Town Roads" assigned to Fin Com and IGR.
- Article 4 - "Apply for and Accept Federal/State Funding" assigned to Fin Com and IGR.
- Article 5 - "Disposal of Town Property" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 6 - "Deposit to Stabilization Fund" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 7 - "Cedar Hill Enterprise Fund Budget" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 8 - "Public Health Association Enterprise Fund Budget" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 9 - "Sewer Department Enterprise Fund Budget" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 10 - "Water Department Enterprise Fund Budget" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 11 - "Establish Solid Waste Enterprise Fund" assigned to Fin Com.

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- Article 12 - "Cable Public Access Enterprise Fund - Appropriate for FY24 Cable Cost" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 13 - "Reauthorization of Revolving Funds" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Regs.
- Article 14 - "Collective Bargaining – Dispatcher’s Union" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 15 - "Collective Bargaining – Fire Union" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 16 - "Collective Bargaining – Library" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 17 - "Collective Bargaining – Police Patrol Union" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 18 - "Collective Bargaining – Police Superior Officers" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 19 - "Collective Bargaining – SPAEA" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 20 - "Collective Bargaining – THEA" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 21 - "Supplemental Fiscal Year 2023 Departmental Budgets" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 22 - "Unpaid Bills" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 23 - "Rescind Unissued Borrowing Authorizations" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 24 - "Establish 300th Anniversary Celebration Account" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 25 - "Deposit to the 300th Anniversary Celebration Account" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 26 - "General Fund Operating Budget" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 27 - "Community Preservation Committee FY 2024 Budget/Report" to assigned to Fin Com and IGR.
- Article 28 - "Capen Reynolds Dog Park and Community Gardens" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Ops.
- Article 29 - "Rehabilitation of Denison Athletic Complex, Design Phase" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 30 - "Lighting and Scoreboards for Miller, O’Day and Goff Field" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 31 - "Renovation of Marks Field, Design Phase" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 32 - "Office Storage Equipment for the Old Stoughton Music Society" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 33 - "Preservation of Town of Stoughton Vital Records" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Ops.
- Article 34 - "Cedar Hill Golf Course Renovations" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Ops.
- Article 35 - "Hansen School Playground Reconstruction" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 36 - "Parking and Trailhead Construction at Atkinson Ave Ext." assigned to Fin Com and Muni Ops.
- Article 37 - "Acquisition of Property off Benson Road" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Regs.
- Article 38 - "Depot Stabilization" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 39 - "Consolidate Personnel By-Law" assigned to Muni Regs.
- Article 40 - "Charter Amendment" assigned to Muni Regs.
- Article 41- "Accept Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause Twenty-second G (Veterans Tax Exemptions)" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Regs.
- Article 42 - "Public Works Capital Equipment Purchases" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Ops.
- Article 43 - "Town Buildings and Facilities Maintenance and Upgrades" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Ops.
- Article 44 - "Police Station Locker Room Upgrades" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Ops.
- Article 45 - "Roadway Resurfacing" assigned to Fin Com, IGR, and Muni Ops.
- Article 46 - "Extraordinary Repairs to Fleet" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Ops.
- Article 47 - "Datacenter Infrastructure Upgrade Project" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Ops.
- Article 48 - "Police Capital" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Ops.
- Article 49 - "Fire Capital" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Ops.
- Article 50 - "Multiple Small Equipment and Maintenance Purchases for Cedar Hill" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Ops.

- Article 51 - "New Voting Machines" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Ops.
- Article 52 - "Residential Meters" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Ops.
- Article 53 - "Pratts Court Water Treatment Plant Upgrades" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Ops.
- Article 54 - "Phase 5 Water Main Upgrades and Improvements" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Ops.
- Article 55 - "Sewer Capital – Inflow and Infiltration" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Ops.
- Article 56 - "Town Lake Management Program" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Ops.
- Article 57 - "Town Hall Parking and Landscape Improvements" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 58 - "Landscape Improvements at Lucius Clapp Property" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 59 - "Tosca Drive, Central St and Canton St Intersection Improvements" assigned to Fin Com, IGR, Muni Ops and Muni Regs.
- Article 60 - "Pine St and Pleasant St Intersection Improvements Design" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 61 - "Acceptance of Kelsey Drive Sewer Pump Station as Public" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Ops.
- Article 62 - "Electronic Permitting Software" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Ops.
- Article 63 - "Create Opioid Settlements Stabilization Fund" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 64 - "Dedicate Revenues to the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 65 - "Deposit to Building Stabilization Fund" assigned to assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 66 - "Fire Apparatus Stabilization Fund" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 67 - "Fund Feasibility Study of South Elementary School" assigned to Fin Com and IGR.
- Article 68 - "Security Upgrades – Intrusion Alarm Upgrades and Interior Door Hardware" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 69 - "Stoughton Depot Rehabilitation: Cash Payment of Prev. Auth. Bonding" assigned to Fin Com.
- Article 70 - "Funding Approval Sunset" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Regs.
- Article 71 - "Climate Action Plan Committee" assigned to IGR and Muni Regs.
- Article 72 - "Speed Limit Change to 25mph" assigned to Muni Regs.
- Article 73 - "Charter Change" assigned to Muni Regs.
- Article 74 - "Adopt Financial Policy Statement" assigned to Fin Com and Muni Regs.

The Chart of the Assignment of Articles:

ARTICLE	FIN COM	IGR	MUNI OPS	MUNI REGS
Article 1 - Election				
Article 2 - Receive Reports				
Article 3 - Accept and Contract Funds for Town Roads	X	X		
Article 4 - Apply for and Accept Federal/State Funding	X	X		

Article 5 - Disposal of Town Property	X			
Article 6 – Deposit to Stabilization Fund	X			
Article 7 - Cedar Hill Enterprise Fund Budget	X			
Article 8 - Public Health Association Enterprise Fund Budget	X			
Article 9 - Sewer Department Enterprise Fund Budget	X			
Article 10 - Water Department Enterprise Fund Budget	X			
Article 11- Establish Solid Waste Enterprise Fund	X			
Article 12 - Cable Public Access Enterprise Fund - Appropriate for FY24 Cable Costs	X			
Article 13 – Reauthorization of Revolving Funds	X			X
Article 14- Collective Bargaining – Dispatcher’s Union	X			
Article 15- Collective Bargaining – Fire Union	X			
Article 16 - Collective Bargaining - Library	X			
Article 17 - Collective Bargaining – Police Patrol Union	X			
Article 18 - Collective Bargaining – Police Superior Officers	X			
Article 19 - Collective Bargaining - SPAEA	X			
Article 20 - Collective Bargaining - THEA	X			
Article 21 - Supplemental Fiscal Year 2023 Departmental Budgets	X			
Article 22 - Unpaid Bills	X			
Article 23 - Rescind Unissued Borrowing Authorizations	X			
Article 24 - Establish 300th Anniversary Celebration Account	X			

Article 25 – Deposit to the 300th Anniversary Celebration Account	X			
Article 26 - General Fund Operating Budget	X			
Article 27 - Community Preservation Committee FY 2024 Budget/Report	X	X		
Article 28 - Capen Reynolds Dog Park and Community Gardens	X		X	
Article 29 – Rehabilitation of Denison Athletic Complex, Design Phase	X			
Article 30 – Lighting and Scoreboards for Miller, O’Day and Goff Field	X			
Article 31 – Renovation of Marks Field, Design Phase	X			
Article 32 – Office Storage Equipment for the Old Stoughton Music Society	X			
Article 33 – Preservation of Town of Stoughton Vital Records	X		X	
Article 34 - Cedar Hill Golf Course Renovations	X		X	
Article 35 – Hansen School Playground Reconstruction	X			
Article 36 – Parking and Trailhead Construction at Atkinson Ave Ext.	X		X	
Article 37 – Acquisition of Property off Benson Road	X			X
Article 38 – Depot Stabilization	X			
Article 39 – Consolidate Personnel By-Law				X
Article 40 – Charter Amendment				X
Article 41– Accept Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause Twenty-second G (Veterans Tax Exemptions)	X			X
Article 42 - Public Works Capital Equipment Purchases	X		X	
Article 43 - Town Buildings and Facilities Maintenance and Upgrades	X		X	
Article 44 – Police Station Locker Room Upgrades	X		X	

Article 45 - Roadway Resurfacing	X	X	X	
Article 46 – Extraordinary Repairs to Fleet	X		X	
Article 47 – Datacenter Infrastructure Upgrade Project	X		X	
Article 48 - Police Capital	X		X	
Article 49 - Fire Capital	X		X	
Article 50 - Multiple Small Equipment and Maintenance Purchases for Cedar Hill	X		X	
Article 51 - New Voting Machines	X		X	
Article 52 - Residential Meters	X		X	
Article 53 – Pratts Court Water Treatment Plant Upgrades	X		X	
Article 54 – Phase 5 Water Main Upgrades and Improvements	X		X	
Article 55 – Sewer Capital – Inflow and Infiltration	X		X	
Article 56 - Town Lake Management Program	X		X	
Article 57 - Town Hall Parking and Landscape Improvements	X			
Article 58 - Landscape Improvements at Lucius Clapp Property	X			
Article 59 –Tosca Drive, Central St and Canton St Intersection Improvements	X	X	X	X
Article 60 - Pine St and Pleasant St Intersection Improvements Design	X			
Article 61 - Acceptance of Kelsey Drive Sewer Pump Station as Public	X		X	
Article 62 - Electronic Permitting Software	X		X	
Article 63 - Create Opioid Settlements Stabilization Fund	X			
Article 64 - Dedicate Revenues to the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund	X			
Article 65 - Deposit to Building Stabilization Fund	X			
Article 66 - Fire Apparatus Stabilization Fund	X			

Article 67 - Fund Feasibility Study of South Elementary School	X	X		
Article 68 – Security Upgrades – Intrusion Alarm Upgrades and Interior Door Hardware	X			
Article 69 – Stoughton Depot Rehabilitation: Cash Payment of Prev. Auth. Bonding	X			
Article 70 – Funding Approval Sunset	X			X
Article 71 – Climate Action Plan Committee		X		X
Article 72 – Speed Limit Change to 25mph				X
Article 73 – Charter Change				X
Article 74 - Adopt Financial Policy Statement	X			X

Motion to accept the articles as assigned was made by George Dolinsky, 2nd by Carmel Drewes. Roll call vote was taken: Juan Fox (P1) – YES, Geroge Dolinsky (P2) – YES, Carmel Drewes (P5) –YES, Christine Iacobucci (P6) – YES, Dianne Dolan (P7). Vote passes unanimously.

Mr. Moderator continued the meeting with opening discussion about Annual Town Meeting, scheduled for Monday May 1st, 2023. This meeting will be an in person meeting held in the Stoughton High School auditorium. Nine dates in May are currently booked for Annual Town Meeting, if needed. The dates booked are Monday May 1st, Wednesday May 3rd, Monday May 8th, Wednesday May 10th, Monday May 15th, Wednesday May 17th Monday May 22nd, Wednesday May 24th, and Wednesday May 31st.

Motion to adjourn this Rules Committee meeting was made by Deputy Moderator Walsh, seconded by George Dolinsky. Roll call vote was taken: Juan Fox (P1) – YES, Geroge Dolinsky (P2) – YES, Carmel Drewes (P5) –YES, Christine Iacobucci (P6) – YES, Dianne Dolan (P7). Vote passes unanimously.

Mr. Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 08:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Rego

Moderator Secretary /Senior Clerk II

Minutes approved June 28th, 2023