

**STERLING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
MEETING MINUTES
Special Town Meeting**

DATE: December 16, 2013

LOCATION: Crockett Middle School Gymnasium
40 Boutelle Road
Sterling, MA 01564

BOARD MEMBERS: Matthew Stelmach (Stelmach), Chairman
Michael Rivers (Rivers), Vice-Chairman
George Pape (Pape), Clerk

SMLD STAFF: Sean Hamilton (Hamilton), Manager

MINUTES: Jane Brunetta (Brunetta)

6:45 p.m. Meeting called to order, Stelmach opens meeting with **Roll Call Vote, Rivers present, Pape present, Stelmach present. All Present.**

Approval of Agenda

Rivers makes a motion to accept agenda as written, no discussion, Pape Second, Stelmach aye, Pape aye, Rivers aye. All in Favor

7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order by Moderator - Stelmach read the motion: To see if the town will vote to authorize the creation and operation of a municipal gas plant as allowed by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 164, section 36, and place such municipal gas plant under the authority of the Sterling Municipal Light Department Light Board. Upon such authorization, the municipal gas plant shall be combined with the Sterling Municipal Light Department to form the Sterling Municipal Light & Gas Department, which shall do business as "Energy Sterling"

Stelmach read the requirements as to how this process must be met. After reading the information the Moderator opened the floor for discussion and questions. Several citizens voiced concerns as to who would be paying for the cost. Hamilton explained in detail that the cost would be the gas recipients and not the light rate payers. Several citizens thought that there should be a cost limit, Mr. Rivers stated that he was confident the cost would not be any higher than \$60,000 for the feasibility study going forward.

Moderator called for a ballot vote after discussion was closed.

A total of 123 **votes** –

107 **yes** – 16 **no** - article passed with a 2/3 vote

8:20: **Rivers made a motion to adjourn – Pape Second, Rivers aye, Stelmach aye, and Pape aye All in Favor.**

ATTEST: 3/17/14

George Pape, Clerk

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Approved and Released

Attachment:

1. Special Town Meeting Article