



TOWN OF STURBRIDGE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Monday June 29, 2020

Prior to the Annual Town Meeting Town Clerk Lynne Girouard and Assistant Town Clerk Sheila O'Connell met with Board of Health, School Administration, CERT Members and Election Workers to go over safety protocol.

- Prior to entering the building all those in attendance were asked to wear face masks
- Face masks were available to the public
- Only 6 people were allowed to check in at a time
- Placement of safety shields at the check in tables
- Greeters were seating people at safe distance from each other
- All Staff were located to the stage area for safe distancing
- Non Voters asked to be seated in the last row of the main floor of the Auditorium
- Additional microphones and lapel microphones were used to avoid multiple handling of the equipment
- Hand sanitizer and wipes were available to all Board and Committee members seated on and below the stage area
- The Resident microphone was wiped down after each use.
- The Cafeteria was available to anyone with a medical excuse not to wear a mask (Deputy Moderator William McDonald was available for that area to preside and count votes if needed.
- At the close of the meeting the public was asked to leave row by row to avoid crowding at the exits.

Most people were quite happy with the safety protocol put in place. We did have a few people change their seating arrangements though.

The Annual Town Meeting was brought to order at 7:00pm by Moderator Atty. Michael V. Caplette.

The 124 residents in attendance were ask to wear face coverings and social distance themselves due to the current Covid 19 pandemic, everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

The Town Moderator went through the Rules of Order and waived the reading of the Warrant and the Town Report both were passed unanimously.

The following finance committee members were reappointed for a three year term: Michael Hager and Joni Light, there is still a 3 year position open on the finance committee any interested parties can contact the Town Moderator.

The Town Moderator then proceeded to the Warrant Articles:
Town Meeting was then adjourned at 8:55PM.

