

**WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

**HOLDEN ♦ PAXTON ♦ PRINCETON ♦ RUTLAND ♦ STERLING**

Minutes

Special Meeting #242 Wednesday, October 23, 2002

6:00 – 6:45 PM

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~~Wachusett Regional High School~~  
MAYO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Committee Members Present:*

John Rokicki, Chairman	Natalie Mello
Duncan Leith, Vice-Chairman	John Nunnari
Donald Benson	Julie Scott
Carol Esperti (6:08 PM)	Kathleen Singh
Jeffrey Gibbs	Tammy Tod
Jane James	Edwin Twarog
Alice Livdahl	Margaret Watson (6:07 PM)
David Lowenthal	Patricia Young (6:16 PM)
Kelly Maxwell	

*Committee Members Absent:*

David Fedeli	Peter MacDonald
Kimberly Ferguson	

*Administration Present:*

Alfred D. Tutela, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

*Others Present:*

Linda Lehans, *The Landmark*  
Mark Ellis, *Worcester Telegram & Gazette*  
Sue Staudaher, *Sterling Meetinghouse News*  
Rachel Grabek, Paxton  
Mark James, Holden  
Maureen Floryan, Holden  
David Gibbs, Sterling

I. Call to Order

Chairman John Rokicki called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

The Superintendent distributed the Agenda (attachment 1).  
II. Discussion of November Town Meeting Time and Religious Observances

Motion: To reconsider the motion of September 30, 2002 which requested of Member Town Selectboards the scheduling of Special Town Meetings on Saturday November 16, 2002 at 10:00 AM  
(J. Gibbs)  
(J. James)

The motion to reconsider was requested because it had come to the attention of the membership that certain religious denominations celebrate the Sabbath from sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday.

Roll call vote:  
In favor:

John Rokicki  
Duncan Leith  
CAROL ESPERTI  
Jeffrey Gibbs  
Jane James  
Alice Livdahl  
David Lowenthal  
John Nunnari  
Julie Scott  
Patricia Young  
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

Donald Benson  
~~Carol Esperti~~  
Kelly Maxwell  
Natalie Mello  
Kathleen Singh  
Tammy Tod  
Edwin Twarog

(Motion passed ~~10-7~~ 11-6)

Motion: To request of Member Town Selectboards a change of time of the Special Town Meetings on Saturday November 16, 2002 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

(J. Gibbs)  
(A. Livdahl)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

John Rokicki  
Duncan Leith  
Jeffrey Gibbs  
Jane James  
Alice Livdahl  
Natalie Mello  
John Nunnari  
Margaret Watson

Opposed:

Donald Benson  
Carol Esperti  
David Lowenthal  
Kelly Maxwell  
Kathleen Singh  
Tammy Tod  
Edwin Twarog  
Patricia Young

Abstained:

Julie Scott

(Motion failed 8-8-1)

III. Adjournment

Chairman John Rokicki adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred D. Tutela, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

ADT:ss

School committee/minutes