

Minutes
STOW FINANCE COMMITTEE
December 12, 2005
Pre-Town Meeting
Hale School Gymnasium

Call to Order

Jason Robart called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Present were Patricia Heron, Pam Glauner, and Elizabeth Tobey, Secretary.

Gary Bernklow arrived at 6:08 pm.
Charles Kern arrived at 6:32 pm.
David Walrath arrived at 6:55 pm.

Correspondence

Hold for review at next meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes was put on hold until the next meeting.

Discussion of Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

There were no Reserve Fund Transfers to be reviewed at this time.

Liaison Reports

There were no Liaison Reports at this time.

Discussion and Votes for Town Warrant Articles

Article 8 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Erosion Control

Patricia Heron moved to recommend approval of Article 8, Pamela Glauner seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Article 9 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Common Drives

Pamela Glauner moved to recommend approval of Article 9, Patricia Heron Seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Article 10 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Non-conforming Uses and Structures

Pamela Glauner moved to recommend approval of Article 10, Patricia Heron seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Gary Bernklow giving SBC presentation at Town Meeting

After a short discussion it was decided, in order to not provide any misconceptions, Gary Bernklow would not sit at the Finance Committee table.

Because he will be giving the presentation for Article 3 with Chris Way, Pamela Glauner would make the Finance Committee speech concerning Article 3 in replacement of Gary.

Article 3 – Purchase of PreK-5 Elementary School Design Plans

Patricia Heron recused herself from the discussion and the vote.

It was discussed that the language regarding the cap of 38.5 will not meet technical requirements regarding the ballot and inconsistencies. If someone wanted to challenge it they would have the right to be heard. The construction plans will present an alternative to help alleviate the costs.

It was decided that Article 3 would need a revote.

The Finance Committee moved the meeting to the School Building Committee meeting in the Media room.

There was a discussion between the School Building Committee and the Finance Committee regarding the wording on Article 3. The Finance Committee was concerned with the wording of the warrant and requested that they clarify the wording.

It was asked by Anne Draudt, “If we come to a resolution with the language and it was accepted, would we have the support of the Finance Committee?”.

Jason stated that they would all take a vote after the changes are agreed upon. If we say not to the plans we are in reality saying no to construction. That is why there are two wordings.

Pam moved to reconsider the vote on Article 3, Charles Kern seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There was a brief discussion regarding the wording of the Warrant. It was discussed that the School Building Committee should come to Town Meeting with plans to control cost. It was suggested that the plans and the construction be voted separately.

It was stated; If Article-2 fails in essence Article-3 will fail.

Pamela Glauner moved to approve Article 3 with the amendments, Charles Kern seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Article 4 – Improvements and Construction at Existing School Site

Patricia Heron recused herself from the discussion and the vote.

There was a brief discussion regarding Article 4. We don't know what \$10mil will get us. If Article-2 fails the town should give them the dollars to get the plans and come back to the next Town Meeting with plans.

Charles Kern moved to reconsider the vote on Article 4, Pamela Glauner seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to recess until the end of town meeting was made by Patricia Heron and seconded by Charles Kern at 7:04 pm.

The motion carried unanimously.

Town Meeting ended at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Tobey,
Secretary