

Minutes
STOW FINANCE COMMITTEE
December 12, 2006
Town Building

Call to Order

Patricia Heron called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm. Present were, Charles Kern, Pamela Glauner, Gary Bernklow, Stephen Piotte, Joseph Hogan and Elizabeth Tobey, Secretary.

Linda Hathaway arrived at 7:35pm

Jason Robart arrived at 7:50pm

Correspondence

- Reserve Fund Transfer Request from the Selectmen for conflict resolution
- Newsletter from the Association of Town Finance Committees, Dec 2006
- Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue Tax Rate Recapitulation
- The Beacon Newsletter Dec 2006
- The Trust of Public Land Fall 2006
- Memo from the Capital Planning Committee re Capital Planning Requests

Approval of Minutes

Charles Kern moved to approve November 28, 2006 minutes as amended. Pamela Glauner seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

Conflict Resolution Consultant Fee

The transfer request is to cover the cost of conflict resolution consultant fee, assuming 16 hours at \$200.00 per hour.

There was a discussion between the members and Jason Robart. Jason expressed the need for the Mediator to come to a resolution within the board members. He stated that to do nothing is a disservice to the town. There is a real potential this will work. A potential to get things running smoothly will make this worth it.

Charles Kern moved to approve the transfer of \$3,200.00 from the Reserve Fund, for payment of a Conflict Resolution Consultant Fee. Patricia Heron seconded the motion.

The motion carried 2 for (Kern, Glauner)

1 opposed (Heron)

There was a brief discussion between members regarding Patti, Joe and Gary's involvement with the petitions. All three will draft a letter to Ed Newman stating their involvement.

Liaison Reports

Conservation Commission – Joe stated that he had talk to Pat Perry and the budget has been approved

Recreation – Joe spoke to Laura and she stated that she is meeting with the committee one more time before the deadline to get approval on the budget.

School Building Task Force – Gary stated that they are hoping to get the final school population numbers this week from NESDEC. It will be projections of 50 years. They did get a report back from the Architect on the Center and Pomp schools structurally. Where they are in terms of systems and what they can support in terms of renovation. Adding a story to any one of those schools is cost prohibited more than likely because they do not have enough lateral strength in

the buildings themselves to support a second story structure. When they receive the numbers they are all set to get this project going.

Police – Charlie stated that the Police department has had a mold issue. The insurance company will pay for most of it but not all. There may be a reserve fund transfer coming in for the difference.

Nashoba Regional – Charlie stated that there is not a committee member regularly attending the board meetings. The liaison should be there at the beginning of the meetings. The members will discuss at the next meeting reassigning some of the liaison assignments.

Other Business

Budget – Pam reviewed the budget with the members. The members agreed with the budget after review.

Charles Kern moved to approve the budget for submission to the Town Administrator. Pamela Glauner seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

Future Meetings

January 9, 2007
January 23, 2007
February 13, 2007
February 27, 2007
March 13, 2007
March 27, 2007
April 10, 2007
April 24, 2007
May 1, 2007
May 7, 2007 Pre-TM

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Charles Kern at 9:12 pm. Pam Glauner seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously — (Heron, Kern and Glauner)

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Tobey,
Secretary