

Minutes
STOW FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 27, 2007
Town Building

Call to Order

Charles Kern called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were, Pamela Glauner, David Walrath, James Salvie and Elizabeth Tobey, Secretary.

Joseph Hogan arrived at 7:09 pm

Gary Bernklow arrived at 7:40 pm.

Guests: Jim Henry, Laura Greenough, Eric Bachtell, and John Sangermano arrival time 7:00 pm.

Bob Wilbur arrived at 7:00 pm

Chief Soar arrived at 7:15 pm

Recreation for Stow budget review

Jim Henry explained that the Gayle Associates have been putting together the Master Plan. The Recreation for Stow working group is trying to minimize the amount of none town money needed to fund the project.

- Community Preservation - 600k
- Town - 400k
- Grant - 500k

They would also like to see in the future: Walking trails, Picnic Pavilions and a Band Stand.

Recreation for Stow members exited at 7:42 pm.

Fire Budget Review

Chief Soar stated that there are no big changes in his budget this year.

Purchases –

Hearst Tool (the Jaws of Life) - He presently has 2; one is 30 years old and has been condemned by the maintenance company. The other is 10 years old and is unable to cut through most of the new metals/plastics on cars. He will keep the new one on the pump truck and keep the 10 year old one for a back up.

Wireless Receivers – For fire alarm activation to be placed at businesses and throughout the town in areas such as the town beach, cemetery and other areas in need of an emergency alarm system. This item is in the Mass Fire Academies budget, if it passes the town will not have to pay any monies for the system.

Chief Soar exited at 8:15 pm

Community Preservation Committee budget review

Bob Wilbur explained some of the future projects of the CPC

- Fire alarm system for the Town Hall.
- Sprinkler system for the Town Hall.
- 23k Gallon Tank for sprinkler water for the Town Hall, Library and Town Building to be Located on Crescent Street.
- Generator to run the Water Pump.

Bob explained that any unexpended operating funds go back to the CPC fund at the end of the year.

Correspondence

No correspondence at this time

Approval of Minutes

David Walrath moved to approve March 20, 2007 minutes as amended. James Salvie seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Glauner, Walrath and Salvie)

Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

No Reserve Fund Transfer Requests at this time.

Liaison Reports

Police – Charlie stated that Chief Trefry stated that the finance committee should expect a reserve fund transfer request from them in the near future for a readiness examination for an officer returning to duty.

School Building Task Force – Gary stated there is nothing new. The statements of interest are being rewritten and will be ready by the end of next week.

Other Business

Public Hearing – The members discussed what would be needed for the public hearing.

- Copies of the warrant for residents
- One page break down sheet
- Warrant Report
- What presentations are needed at Town Meeting and who will present them

Future Meetings

April 3, 2007- 7pm Planning, Joint w/Capital, assign warrant articles

April 5, 2007 - 7pm Public Hearing followed by Finance Committee meeting

April 10, 2007

April 24, 2007

May 1, 2007

May 7, 2007 (Pre-Town Meeting, Annual Town Meeting)

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by David Walrath at 9:38 pm. James Salvie seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously — (Kern, Walrath, Salvie and Glauner)

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Tobey,
Secretary