

Minutes
STOW FINANCE COMMITTEE
April 3, 2007
Town Building

Call to Order

Charles Kern called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Present were, Pamela Glauner, David Walrath, James Salvie, Henry Hagopian and Elizabeth Tobey, Secretary.

Gary Bernklow arrived at 7:15 pm.

Guests:

Ernie Dodd arrived at 7:10 pm

Ed Newman arrived at 7:15 pm

Planning Board budget review

Ernie Dodd explained that in

- Article 59 - The Definitions are being changed to Alpha rather than Numerical and is strictly a housekeeping change.
- Article 60 - A name change only from Assisted Living to Independent living.
- Article 61 - To change from having to be owner occupied to allowing a manager or employee to live there.
- Article 62 - Moving the bylaws concerning overlays all into one section.
- Article 63 - Change to the bylaw to allow the Planning Board a special permit to reserve the cultural buildings. The purpose is to help buildings to be preserved in their original style.
- Article 64 - The change on the signs will allow a ladder type sign at major intersections. It will be seasonal for 6 months + 1wk before and 1wk after. There will also be a change to temporary signs regarding size and how long they can stay up.
- Article 65 - The new bylaw is in an attempt to cut down on the amount of light pollution emitted from light bulbs.

7:30 pm Members moved to the Joint Boards meeting, with Capital and Bill Spratt regarding school repairs.

Joint Boards

Repairs

Bill Spratt explained that phasing the projects will spread out the capital funds. Phasing also allows for different sections and different levels of work at different times while still being covered under the warranty.

- He explained that the heat problems in Hale School will be reduced with circulation fans and curtains.
- The roof will be done in building sections as to not create any seams
- The carpet at Pompositticut will be postponed to 2009

Security Systems

There has been no formal policy put forth by the district regarding school security. All doors are now kept locked. The next step is security badges for the staff, extended day and user groups. They are programmable for times of access to building. Allow user to only enter on the time slots that they are programmed for. If the Add/Reno goes through for Center school they will only lose the wiring in some areas. All programming will be handled through Human Resources.

Land Banking

The taxes for the Snow property will be approximately \$47 for a year for 20 years. The town can not pay more than fair market value. It is residentially zoned.

Jason Robart was concerned that only one other place in Massachusetts that has done land banking and is the town of Barnstable. Having limited resources requires trade offs. Unless we know what this land is for we can't value it by a trade off. We do not have a completely prioritized list as a town.

9:10 pm Return to COA Room for remainder of the meeting

Assignment of Warrant Articles

Art.	Description	FinCom
1	Town Officers Not Elected by Ballot	
2	Reports of Selectmen and Other Officers	
3	Reports of Special Committees	
4	Wage and Salary Schedules	Pamela Glauner
5	General Budget for Fiscal Year 2008	Pamela Glauner
6	Reserve Fund	David Walrath
7	Tax Title Proceedings	David Walrath
8	Audit of Financial Records	David Walrath
9	Revolving Fund for Inspection Fees	David Walrath
10	Revolving Fund for Advanced Life Support Services	David Walrath
11	Transfer to Conservation Fund – Land Maintenance	David Walrath
12	Addition to Conservation Fund	David Walrath
13	Transfer from Wetlands Protection Fund	David Walrath
14	Update of Property valuations	David Walrath
15	Town Record Binding and Repair	David Walrath
16	Town Common sign Maintenance	David Walrath
17	Highway Road Machinery and Private Ways	David Walrath
18	Highway Road Construction	David Walrath
19	Federal Safe Drinking Water Act	David Walrath
20	Household Hazardous Waste Collection	David Walrath
21	Emerson Hospital Home Care	David Walrath
22	Solid Waste Disposal Container	David Walrath
23	Medical Reserve corps Expenses	David Walrath
24	Public Health Services Mutual Aid Agreement	David Walrath
25	Stow Cultural Council	David Walrath
26	Planning Board Engineering/Consulting Expenses	David Walrath
27	Purchase of Information Technology Equipment	David Walrath
28	Legal Services – Transfer from Overlay Surplus Account	David Walrath
29	Legal Services – General	David Walrath
30	Policemen and Firemen Medical Expenses	David Walrath
31	Agricultural Commission Expenses	David Walrath
32	Weights and Measures Testing	David Walrath
33	Community Preservation Committee Expenses	David Walrath
34	Community Preservation Reserves	David Walrath
35	Capital Requests	Henry Hagopian 1-7

		David Walrath 8-14
36	School Building – One Site	James Salvie
37	School building – Two sites	James Salvie
38	Land Purchase – Snow Property	Pamela Glauner
39	Development of Town Recreational Fields	Charles Kern
40	Creation of Recreational Fields	Charles Kern
41	Town Hall Fire Alarm System	David Walrath
42	Town Hall Sprinkler System	David Walrath
43	Lake Boon Restoration	David Walrath
44	Restoration of Stone Walls at Lower Village Cemetery	David Walrath
45	Purchase of Public Emergency Notification System	Charles Kern
46	Selectmen Engineering Expenses	James Salvie
47	Acceptance of Kingland Road Land for Recreational Use	Henry Hagopian
48	Transfer of Land to Conservation Commission	Joseph Hogan
49	Senior Tax Relief	Joseph Hogan
50	Voting Eligibility For Adjudicatory Hearing	Joseph Hogan
51	Street Acceptance – Trefry Lane	Charles Kern
52	Street Acceptance - Cranberry Circle	Charles Kern
53	Street Acceptance – Fairway Drive	Charles Kern
54	Street Acceptance - Blueberry Court	Charles Kern
55	General Bylaw Amendment – Community Preservation Membership	James Salvie
56	General Bylaw Amendment – Personnel Administration Grievance Procedure	James Salvie
57	General Bylaw Amendment – Police Regulations	Henry Hagopian
58	General Bylaw Amendment – Fire Prevention Code	Henry Hagopian
59	Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Definitions	Gary Bernklow
60	Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Assisted Living Residence	Gary Bernklow
61	Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Bed and Breakfast Establishment	Gary Bernklow
62	Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Overlay Districts	Gary Bernklow
63	Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Use Regulations	Gary Bernklow
64	Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Signs	Gary Bernklow
65	Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Lighting	Gary Bernklow
66	Transfer to Stabilization – General	David Walrath
67	Transfer to Stabilization – Clean Up of Carry Over Articles	David Walrath
68	Balance the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget	Charles Kern
69	Town Election	

Approval of Minutes

Pamela Glauner moved to approve March 27, 2007 minutes as amended. James Salvie seconded the motion.

The motion carried 4 – For (Kern, Glauner, Walrath and Salvie)
 1 – Abstained (Hagopian)

Correspondence

No correspondence at this time

Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

No Reserve Fund Transfer Requests at this time.

Future Meetings

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 Pamela Glauner at 9:45 pm. Henry Hagopian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously — (Kern, Walrath, Salvie, Hagopian and Glauner)

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Tobey,
Secretary