

Minutes  
**STOW FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
August 28, 2007  
7:30 PM  
Town Building

**Call to Order**

Charles Kern called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm. Present were, David Walrath, James Salvie, and Elizabeth Tobey, Secretary.  
Gary Bernklow arrived at 7:30 pm  
Guest: Ross Perry arrived at 7:25 pm

**Correspondence**

- Association of Town Finance Committees Announcement of the annual meeting on Nov. 3
- Letter from the Town of Lancaster regarding Chapter 70
- Memo regarding the appointment of Charles Kern to the Master Plan Committee

**Approval of Minutes**

Dave Walrath moved to approve July 24, 2007 minutes as amended. James Salvie seconded the motion.  
The motion carried           3 for (Kern, Salvie and Walrath)  
  1 abstained (Bernklow)

**Appointment of Representative to the Elementary School Building Committee**

David Walrath moved that Gary Bernklow be appointed the Finance Committee Representative to the Elementary School Committee. James Salvie seconded the motion.  
The motion carried unanimously (Salvie, Kern, Walrath and Bernklow)

**Reserve Fund Transfer Requests**

There were no Reserve Fund Transfer Requests at this time.

**Liaison Reports**

Police Department - Charlie stated that the Police Department is getting ready to sign a contract for Swift911 (also known as reverse 911). They are hopeful to have it up and running within 30-days.

Town Clerk – Linda Hathaway has expressed the need for more funds due to moving the polling place and a special state election. She will be submitting Reserve Fund Transfer for these funds.

**Reorganization of the Finance Committee**

Put on hold for the next meeting with a full committee.

**Discussion of Liaison Assignments**

Put on hold for the next meeting with a full committee

**Liaison Reports**

Ross Perry asked if any members of the Finance Committee had and questions that they would like him to bring to Capital Planning.  
He stated;

- The Hale School roof is in the process of being repaired.
- There has been no additional talk regarding the school security changes.

**Discussion of the Finance Committee Public Hearing**

It was asked if anyone had any thoughts to make the public hearing more useful.

Ross suggested that there could be a joint Capital, Selectmen and Finance public hearing.

Jim stated that they would need the cooperation of the Town Administrator.

Some items that would be needed to do this are;

- Someone there to represent the article they are sponsoring
- Request more time to see the warrant
- Know enough to vote the substance and what it's supporting.
- Public hearing after the warrant is closed.

Future Meetings

September 11, 2007

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Gary Bernklow at 8:00 pm. David Walrath seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Bernklow, Salvie and Walrath)

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Tobey,  
Secretary