

Minutes
FINANCE COMMITTEE
Post Public Hearing
October 25, 2007

Call to Order

Charles Kern called the meeting to order at 8:02pm. Present were Gary Bernklow, David Walrath, James Salvie and Elizabeth Tobey, Secretary.

Discussion and Vote of Town Warrant articles for December 3, Town Meeting

Article 1 - Rescind October 2005 Vote to Authorize Borrowing and CPA Funds for Cushing Property

David Walrath moved to approve Article 1. Gary Bernklow seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously – Kern, Bernklow, Walrath and Salvie.

Speech: *Writer: Dave – Presenter: Gary*

Article 2 - Farm Land Use Planning Committee – Non-binding Resolution

There was a brief discussion regarding the article being confusing in its wording

Gary Bernklow moved to approve Article 2. David Walrath seconded the motion
The motion failed unanimously – Kern, Bernklow, Walrath and Salvie.

Speech: *Writer: Gary – Presenter: Gary*

Article 3 - Purchase Snow Property and Create Recreational Facilities

This is a very good proposal. The price you pay for the parcel should be considered by the use you put into it. CPC has made a large difference in the tax impact.

Jim Salvie moved to make a recommendation on Town Floor. David Walrath seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously – Kern, Bernklow, Walrath and Salvie

Speech: *Writer: Charlie – Presenter: Charlie*

Article 4 - Purchase Snow Property

Jim Salvie moved to make a recommendation on Town Floor. Dave Walrath seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously – Kern, Bernklow, Walrath and Salvie

Speech: *Writer: Charlie – Presenter: Charlie*

Article 5 - Repair and Upgrade Fire/Rescue Department Communications

David Walrath moved to approve Article 5. Jim Salvie Seconded the motion.
The Motion carried unanimously – Kern, Bernklow, Walrath and Salvie.

Speech: *Writer: Jim – Presenter: Gary*

Article 6 - Establish Agricultural Preservation Fund

David Walrath moved to approve Article 6. Gary Bernklow seconded the motion.
The vote carried unanimously – Kern, Bernklow, Walrath and Salvie.

Speech: *Writer: Dave – Presenter: Charlie*

Article 7 - Accept MGL Chapter 64, Section 16A: Fill Election Officer Vacancies

David Walrath moved to approve Article 7. Gary Bernklow seconded the motion.
The vote carried unanimously – Kern, Bernklow, Walrath and Salvie.

Speech: Writer: Gary – Presenter: Gary

Article 8 - Accept MGL Chapter 41, Section 110A: Close Town Building on Saturdays

David Walrath moved to approve Article 8. Gary Bernklow seconded the motion.
The vote carried unanimously – Kern, Bernklow, Walrath and Salvie.

Speech: Writer: Gary – Presenter: Gary

Article 9 - Accept Street as Public Way: Fairway Drive

David Walrath moved to approve Article 9. Jim Salvie Seconded the motion.
The Motion carried unanimously – Kern, Bernklow, Walrath and Salvie.

Speech: Writer: Jim – Presenter: Charlie

Article 10 - Accept Street as Public Way: Indian Ridge Road

David Walrath moved to approve Article 10. Jim Salvie Seconded the motion.
The Motion carried unanimously – Kern, Bernklow, Walrath and Salvie.

Speech: Writer: Jim – Presenter: Charlie

Article 11 - Amend General Bylaw: Animal Control

Gary Bernklow moved to approve Article 11. David Walrath seconded the motion
The motion Carried: 3 for – Kern, Bernklow, and Walrath.
1 against – Salvie

Speech: Writer: Henry – Presenter: Henry

Article 12 - Amend Zoning Bylaw: Recreation-Conservation District U

David Walrath moved to approve Article 12. Gary Bernklow seconded the motion.
The vote carried unanimously – Kern, Bernklow, Walrath and Salvie.

Speech: Writer: Jim – Presenter: Henry

Article 13 - Amend Zoning Bylaw: Accessory Apartments

David Walrath moved to approve Article 13 Jim Salvie Seconded the motion.
The Motion carried unanimously – Kern, Bernklow, Walrath and Salvie.

Speech: Writer: Dave – Presenter: Henry

Article 14 - Amend Zoning Bylaw: Cross-country Ski Uses in Residential District Subject to a Special Permit by the Planning Board

David Walrath moved to approve Article 14. Gary Bernklow seconded the motion.
The vote carried unanimously – Kern, Bernklow, Walrath and Salvie.

Speech: Writer: Jim – Presenter: Henry

Article 15 - Amend Zoning Bylaw: Golf Course Uses in Residential District Subject to a Special Permit by the Planning Board

David Walrath moved to approve Article 15. Gary Bernklow seconded the motion.
The vote carried unanimously – Kern, Bernklow, Walrath and Salvie.

Speech: Writer: Jim – Presenter: Henry

Article 16 - Town Election

Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

Cable Advisory Committee - \$2500.00

For the services of an attorney to assist in the negotiations with Verizon for a license to provide cable television to the Town of Stow

Gary moved to approve the amount of \$2,500.00 to pay for an attorney for negotiations. Jim seconded the motion.
The motion failed unanimously – Kern, Bernklow, Walrath and Salvie.

Future Meetings

November 13, 2007 with Board of Health

Adjournment

Public hearing closed at 9:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Tobey,
Secretary

Action Item

In December have Dotty Wilbur come talk to us regarding the Recap Sheet.