

Minutes
STOW FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 27, 2008
Public Hearing
Town Hall

Call to Order

Charles Kern called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm. Present were, David Walrath, James Salvie, Gary Bernklow, Anthony Parrinello and Elizabeth Tobey, Secretary.

Charlie Kern began the Public Hearing by thanking everyone that attended and making the introduction of the Finance Committee members.

He explained the Fact Sheet handout and the Warrant (draft) handout

Article 6 thru 36 – Consent Calendar

Charlie Kern asked for comments.

Ed Newman asked if the Finance Committee had any problems with the Police Department having to replace an air conditioner. The Finance Committee members said that Chief Trefry had given them a reasonable enough explanation for the expense.

Linda Hathaway explained that on Article 17 – Election Equipment in the year 2010 after the federal census there will be 2 precincts and a need for more voting booths.

It was explained that on Article 22 – Emerson Hospital Care the Board of Health was discussing not using their services and hiring a part time nurse instead. Fincom will be requesting that this and Article 20 be removed from the Consent Calendar and into the budget.

Linda stated there is an error on the cover, the date of the election reads Thursday May 15th it should read Tuesday May 13th.

Article 37- Capital Requests – there were some questions whether or not the cost was for upgrading a present engine or for purchasing a new engine.

Article 38- Engineering/Consulting Services For Irrigation At Memorial Field – Memorial Field is on Bradley lane

Article 39- Restoration Of Stone Walls And Lower Village Cemetery – The price is higher this year due to the need to add a police detail for Pompositticut Street. The traffic is heavy and the wall is close to the road. It will also take longer because the workers will be unable to leave the work materials overnight because of the space restraints.

Article 40- Assabet River Rail Trail – Marsha Rising asked when the town voted to purchase the first right of way. Dave stated it was the May annual town meeting in 2004.

Article 41- Senior Tax Relief

Charlie asked for comments. None were made

Article 42- Town Of Stow Affordable Housing Trust – Jim asked if the article made any changes to the fundamentals, how and where we borrow? Mike Kopczynski stated that it did not.

Article 43- Street Acceptance – Cranberry Circle

Charlie asked for comments. None were made

Article 44- Street Acceptance – Fairway Drive
Charlie asked for comments. None were made

Article 45- Street Acceptance – Blueberry Court And A Portion Of Woodland Way
Charlie asked for comments. None were made

Article 46- General Bylaw Amendment – Animal Control
Charlie asked for comments. None were made

Article 47- Zoning Bylaw Amendment: Wireless Communications Facilities Moratorium
Charlie asked for comments. None were made

Article 48- Zoning Bylaw Amendment: Front, Rear and Side Yards
Charlie asked for comments. None were made

Article 49- Zoning Bylaw Amendment: Historic Buildings and Structures/Wireless Service Facility
Charlie asked for comments. None were made

Article 50- Zoning Bylaw Amendment: Trailers and Mobile Homes
Charlie asked for comments. None were made

Article 51- Transfer To The Stabilization Fund – General
Charlie asked for comments. None were made

Article 52- Transfer To Stabilization Fund – Clean Up Of Carryover Articles
Charlie asked for comments. None were made

Article 53- Balance The Fiscal Year 2009 Budget

Article 54- Town Election

Terri Cole stated that there were a few things that needed to be addressed;

- Special article for Water Operator – Please leave the money there, it is needed for the training of the Building inspector who is taking over that position.
- The Public Health Nurse should be in the warrant and is not.
- The trash container should only be \$1,000 on Article 23.
- The expenses listed in the warrant are \$200 less than what was asked for. Says \$8560 should read \$8760.

There were no further questions or comments.

Adjournment
Public Hearing closed at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Tobey,
Secretary