

Minutes
STOW FINANCE COMMITTEE
January 13, 2009
7:30 PM
Town Building

Call to Order

Charles Kern called the meeting to order at 8:07 pm. Present were David Walrath, James Salvie, Gary Bernklow, Ann Deluty and Christopher Sarno and Elizabeth Tobey, Secretary.

Correspondence

- Beacon Newsletter Jan 2009
- Memo from Planning Board regarding the Community Preservation Act Surcharge
- Budgets – Highway and Zoning Board of Appeals

Meeting Minutes

James Salvie moved to approve September 9, 2008 minutes as submitted. David Walrath seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Salvie and Walrath)

Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

There were no requests at this time

The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Salvie and Walrath)

Liaison Reports

Fire – Jim stated that he met with Chief McLaughlin regarding his budget and his anticipated Reserve Fund Transfer request for Call Fire Fighter pay in the amount of \$12k. All payroll line items are tracking well and are being spent, as they should be except Call Fire Fighter. The biggest unforeseen expense is Captain Benoit's sick leave. The cover by Call Fire Fighters is \$19k. Overtime budget is also up for paying this, it was budgeted at \$29k and should have been around \$50k.

Chief McLaughlin expressed that he has corrected this error in the FY10 budget.

Minuteman – It was stated that Minuteman is going up 2.9%. The Superintendent Dr. Bouquillon spoke, he is trying everything in his control to reduce the expense. Stow's enrollment is down, last year it was 45 students this year only 25 (down 20 students). He wants to put an article on the warrant for authorization to establish a stabilization fund.

Minuteman has plenty of space, if they do renovations it would be a renovation not additions.

Tri-Town - None of the Tri-towns have shelters. It is each town's responsibility to set up a shelter in their individual town in the lower school. All three Stow Schools have some problems. Lancaster used the College shelter. Bolton used the Lancaster shelter.

School Building Committee - They are waiting to hear back from the state for permission to proceed.

Budget Reviews to Schedule

Police, Fire, Highway, Assessors (expectations for new growth), Board of Health, Treasurer, Council on Aging.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by James Salvie at 8:53 pm. David Walrath seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Walrath, and Salvie)

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Tobey,
Secretary