

Minutes
STOW FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 31, 2009
7:30 PM
Town Building
Approved

Call to Order

Charles Kern called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Present were David Walrath, James Salvie, Ann Deluty, and Elizabeth Tobey, Secretary.
Christopher Sarno arrived at 7:55 pm.

Correspondence

- Association of Town Finance New Letter for April 2009

Meeting Minutes

James Salvie moved to approve March 24, 2009 minutes as amended. David Walrath seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Salvie and Walrath)

Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

There were none at this time.

Discussion of the Finance Committee Warrant Report

After a brief discussion concerning the setup of the Warrant Report the members decided to take Community Preservation out of the report and put in information tables. All members present approved of Dave's Warrant Report.

Guests: William Byron and Peter Rhodes arrived at 7:45 pm.

Discussion and vote of warrant articles

Article 51:

Bill Byron explained that the Concerned Citizens of Stow came up with the warrant article and asked the Selectmen to support it. The original intent was to make things more confident at town meeting by trying to get paper ballots for contentious articles. "Contentious" is debatable so they decided to set a trigger amount to set them at.

It was stated that Nashoba Regional School District and Minuteman Regional High are both line items in the budget. Bill stated they would strike reference to the education budget. Dave and Jim offered another wording to change to "for paper ballot exceptions".

Fincom suggested they boost the dollar amount higher. All present reviewed the rewrite by Dave and Jim of the article. Bill and Pete agreed with the final results. Jim will send the final wording to Bill Byron tonight.

Guests: William Byron and Peter Rhodes exited at 8:18 pm.

Article 11

David Walrath recommended approval of Article 11 – Transfer To Conservation Fund- Land Maintenance \$3395.00. James Salvie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Walrath and Salvie)

Speaker – David Walrath

Article 13

David Walrath recommended approval of Article 13 – Transfer From Wetlands Protection Fund \$2305.50. James Salvie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Walrath and Salvie)

Speaker – David Walrath

Article 34:

David Walrath recommended approval of Article 35 – Capital requests, item 2 – Building Department Energy efficient lighting for Town Building. James Salvie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Walrath and Salvie).

David Walrath recommended approval of Article 35 – Capital requests, item 5 – Fire Rescue Department Turnout Gear. James Salvie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Walrath and Salvie).
Capital requests, Item 9 – School District Hale Roof Repairs. No vote taken.

David Walrath recommended approval of Article 35 – Capital requests, item 10 – School District Center School Floor and Ceiling Tiles. James Salvie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Walrath and Salvie).

Capital requests, items 1, 3 and 9 – deferred to Town Meeting

Speaker – Christopher Sarno Items 1 to 5

Speaker – Ann Deluty Items 6 to 10

Article 35:

Deferred to Town Meeting

Speaker – Gary Bernklow

Article 37: - Police Building Energy Upgrades

Dropped from Warrant

Article 41:

David Walrath moved to recommended approval of Article 41- Senior Tax Relief. James Salvie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Walrath and Salvie).

Speaker – Ann Deluty

Article 42:

David Walrath moved to recommended approval of Article 42- Add to Unemployment Compensation Fund. James Salvie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Walrath and Salvie).

Speaker – David Walrath

Article 44:

James Salvie moved to recommended approval of Article 44- Accept MGL C 32B, s 18: Requirement for Medicare Part A Enrollees. David Walrath seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Walrath and Salvie).

Speaker – David Walrath

Article 46:

James Salvie moved to recommended approval of Article 46- Minuteman Regional Stabilization Fund. David Walrath seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Walrath and Salvie)

Speaker – Christopher Sarno

Article 48:

David Walrath recommended approval of Article 48 – Road Acceptance–Wildlife Woods. James Salvie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Walrath and Salvie).

Speaker – Charles Kern

Article 52:

David Walrath recommended approval of Article 49 – Road Acceptance – Cider Mill Road. James Salvie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Walrath and Salvie).

Speaker – Charles Kern

Article 53:

David Walrath recommended approval of Article 50 – Road Acceptance – Kettell Plain Road. James Salvie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Walrath and Salvie).

Speaker – Charles Kern

Article 56:

David Walrath recommended approval of Article 53 – Amend Zoning Bylaw: Developable Site Area. James Salvie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Walrath and Salvie).

Speaker – Christopher Sarno

Other Business

No other business at this time

Future meetings

April 16, 2009

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by James Salvie at 9:05 pm. David Walrath seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Walrath, and Salvie).

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Tobey,
Secretary