

Minutes  
**STOW FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
April 21, 2009  
7:30 PM  
Town Building  
**Approved**

**Call to Order**

Charles Kern called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Present were David Walrath, James Salvie, Gary Bernklow, Ann Deluty, Christopher Sarno and Elizabeth Tobey, Secretary.  
Guest speaker: Bill Byron

**Correspondence**

- Nashoba Regional School District budget letter
- Memo from the Building Department re: Construction starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor meeting room.
- Massachusetts Coalition for Jobs and Growth letter regarding gaming in Massachusetts.
- Memo regarding the Hazardous waste collection day

**Meeting Minutes**

James Salvie moved to approve March 31 2009 minutes as amended. David Walrath seconded the motion.  
The motion carried 3 for (Kern, Salvie and Walrath)  
1 abstained due to absence from the meeting (Bernklow)

**Reserve Fund Transfer Requests**

There were none at this time.

**Discussion and vote of warrant articles**

Article 38:

James Salvie recommended approval of Article 38- Fence Section for Brookside Cemetery. David Walrath Seconded the motion.  
The motion carried Unanimously (Kern, Walrath, Salvie and Bernklow)

Article 54:

Bill Byron explained that changes were made to keep the wording consistent. There was a brief discussion among the members as to why the paper ballot would be needed. It was understood that it is because of the perception of intimidation.

Gary Bernklow recommended approval of Article 54- Amend General Bylaw: Use of Paper Ballots at Town Meeting. David Walrath seconded the motion.  
The motion carried Unanimously (Kern, Walrath, Salvie and Bernklow)

Guests: William Byron exited at 7:49 pm.

Article 35

Item 9 – Hale School Roof Repairs – Gary explained this is the 3rd year of a 5-year project. The members questioned why this year was significantly higher than the previous years. Why was there a change in the dollar amount? Finance committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

Item 1 – Emergency Generator for Town Building – There was a discussion among member regarding the need and the cost of the generator and installation. Finance Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

Item 3 – Expansion of Town Building Parking Lot – Members agreed they needed more information as to where the parking will be. Finance Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

**Review of Finance Committee Presentation for Town Meeting**

Jim explained how his presentation was set up and the information that was contained within the presentation. Members made a few suggestions regarding data and setup of the presentation.

**Liaison Reports**

Library – Ann explained that the library had lost power from 3 different service lines. The Librarian wants to get the repairs done as quickly as possible. Finance members agreed to have an emergency meeting if it was needed to get the repairs completed as quickly as possible.

Minuteman – Chris had lunch with Alice DeLuca and received a tour of the school. The roof is not in good shape. He stated that Minuteman is the first Vocational School to ask for money from the Massachusetts School Building Association.

ESBC – Gary stated they are meeting on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Other Business**

No other business at this time

**Future meetings**

April 28, 2009

May 4, 2009 pre-Town Meeting

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by David Walrath at 9:42 pm. James Salvie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Walrath, Bernklow and Salvie).

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Tobey,  
Secretary