

Minutes  
**STOW FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
February 2, 2010  
7:30 PM  
Town Building  
**Approved**

Charles Kern called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. Present were Ann Deluty James Salvie, David Walrath, Christopher Sarno  
Minutes by David Walrath

Minutes were reviewed for January 19  
Salvie moved to accept the minutes as submitted, Walrath seconded.  
Motion is approved unanimously (Walrath, Kern, Sarno, Salvie)

The Town Accountant requested that the Finance Committee approve deficit spending

Motion to approve deficit spending for Snow and Ice  
Moved: Sarno, second: Walrath  
Motion is approved unanimous (Walrath, Kern, Sarno, Salvie)

There is a discussion of the Fincom town report, with Chris leading the discussion.  
There was some confusion about the current amount in the Stabilization Fund balance; Chris will check back with the town treasurer.

Gary Bernklow arrives 8:05

Motion to accept the report as amended, and to submit to the town  
Salvie moves, Walrath seconds  
Passes unanimously (Kern, Walrath, Sarno, Salvie, Bernklow)

Liaison reports:

Minuteman (by Sarno)  
Some (three) towns are unhappy with Minuteman.  
Chris notes that Alice Deluca, Stow's Minuteman School Committee Rep, is highly respected by other committee members.  
There is some question whether some towns are subsidizing other towns in some areas, such as special ed costs. Minuteman has a high percentage of special ed students (and does an excellent job bringing most up to or nearly up to grade level).

Nashoba (Jim)  
Thursday will be the Nashoba budget night. The rumor is that they are aiming for level assessment, with possibly a small increase.

Fire Department (Jim)

Jim has not checked on the overtime situation recently.

The fire department has not increased in many years, but call volume goes up.

Elementary School Building Committee (Gary)

The state Historical Commission has ruled that there is no adverse effect in removing the old stone building at Center School.

They are on schedule to go to bid in April, begin construction in June after school is closed, and open in 2012.

There was some discussion about bonding issues.

Pretty much all good news.

CPC (Dave)

Nothing new

Library (Ann)

Nothing new, there is a belief that the roof repairs will be around \$50,000.

Other issues:

There was some discussion about OWL access of budgets

Ann will be re-arranging the COA room, and asked about suggestions. There was some discussion.

Jim moves to adjourn, Gary seconds.

Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

David Walrath