

Minutes
STOW FINANCE COMMITTEE
Public Hearing, Post meeting
October 14, 2010
7:00 PM
Town Building
Approved

Call to Order

Gary Bernklow called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm. Present were, Members: Christopher Sarno, Tom Ryan, Anne Deluty and Patricia Heron arrived. Associate Members: Rick Connelly, Bruce Walbridge, Eric Sears, Peter McManus and Rick Rollins Elizabeth Tobey, Secretary.

Discussion of Town Warrant articles for November 8, 2010 Special Town Meeting

Article 1: Acceptance of Anticipated Emergency Legislation from General Court

Gary suggested there is no outlay of cash and this is unavoidable.

Tom stated that before he voted on it he would like to read the legislation. He suggested that he is not expecting anything strange in it and is very supportive of it.

Patty suggested they vote it provisionally and revisit it on Monday night before town meeting if need be.

Rick Rollins asked if it enabled anyone in town to drill a well and use this Bill for it. Charlie explained that it is not a stand alone Bill and is a part of the stimulus package.

Recommendations need to be in to Susan by the 21st.

Patricia Heron moved to approve Article 1: Acceptance of Anticipated Emergency Legislation from General Court subject to the review of the legislation. Ann Deluty seconded the motion. The motion carried Unanimously (Bernklow, Sarno, Ryan, Deluty and Heron)

Article 2: Transfer and Authorization of Deerfield Lane Parcel

Gary stated that he is in favor of putting the well on town owned land, there are more options and it is more flexible. Tom and Chris Concur.

Tom thought that we should be able to use town land for any thing passive like this. Patty asked if ConCom had voted on it yet. Tom replied they had not voted on it yet. Patti said there are no questionable costs and it gives us flexibility.

Chris suggested everyone keep in mind that we are not getting in the water business, we just want to be sure there is water available to them and increase their access.

Patricia Heron moved to approve Article 2: Transfer and Authorization of Deerfield Lane Parcel. Christopher Sarno seconded the motion. The motion carried Unanimously (Bernklow, Sarno, Ryan, Deluty and Heron)

Article 3: Engineering Design Funds for Assabet River Rail Trail on Track Road

There was a discussion between the members regarding where the Rail Trail will stop and that it is not going all the way to Hudson. Peter asked how much the final cost is. Acton and Maynard going forward on construction and we will piggyback on their design.

Gary stated that the 20% is for the design and the remaining 80% of the design is covered.

Peter explained that having no bridges and other special designs might bring the price in lower. The money has already been earmarked on the government level. Tom agreed that if the money is on the table he is in favor of us taking our piece. Chris explained that it is CPC funds.

Rick suggested if we don't spend our share of the money on the design there is a possibility the money for the construction might not be there.

Eric questioned the way the article was written. Patty explained "or any other sum" gives you flexibility to change the numbers up or down on the town floor. Tom said that at town meeting the will read a specific number.

Patricia Heron moved to approve Article 3: Engineering Design Funds for Assabet River Rail Trail on Track Road \$45k and no more, as written, with the provision that any substantial change to the language fincom will revisit it before Town Meeting.

*The motion carried 4 for (Bernklow, Sarno, Deluty and Heron)
1 Opposed (Ryan)*

Tom commented that CPC had not voted the article yet. What is their hesitation and should we be voting it without their vote?

Article 4: Change in Hours for Serving Alcohol in Restaurants

Gary explained that the change is to allow restaurants or Liquor License holders to sell alcoholic beverages between the hours of 10AM and 12PM on Sundays and the last Monday in May and on Christmas day or on the day following when said day occurs on Sunday.

No comments made.

Patricia Heron moved to approve as written Article 4: Change in Hours for Serving Alcohol in Restaurants.

Christopher Sarno seconded the motion.

The motion carried Unanimously (Bernklow, Sarno, Ryan, Deluty and Heron)

Adjournment from the Post Public Hearing

Public hearing closed at 8:00pm.

A motion to Close the Post public hearing meeting was made by Patricia Heron at 8:01 pm. Christopher Sarno seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously – Bernklow, Deluty, Ryan, Sarno and Heron

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Tobey,
Secretary