

Minutes  
**STOW FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
April 19, 2011  
7:30 PM  
Town Building  
**Approved**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Gary Bernklow called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. Present were,  
*Members:* Ann Deluty, and Peter McManus  
*Associates:* Eric Sears, Patricia Heron and Rick Rollins  
*Secretary:* Elizabeth Tobey  
Guest: Mike McLaughlin

**Correspondence**

Association of Town Finance, newsletter, April 2011

**Meeting Minutes**

After a review of the minutes Ann Deluty moved to approve March 22, 2011 minutes as Amended. Peter McManus seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously (Bernklow, Deluty, McManus)

After a review of the minutes Ann Deluty moved to approve April 7, 2011, Public Hearing minutes as Amended. Peter McManus seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously (Bernklow, Deluty, McManus)

After a review of the minutes Ann Deluty moved to approve April 7, 2011, Post Public Hearing minutes as Amended. Peter McManus seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously (Bernklow, Deluty, McManus)

**Reserve Fund Transfer Requests**

*Fire Department – Full Time FF/EMT Overtime - \$5,000*

The amount requested is to be used for funding the vacations and callbacks or officers.

Mike McLaughlin explained that overtime for one week was \$2,500. His Captain slipped on some ice and was out for Four weeks. He had to fill in his time other employees on overtime. The total overtime was \$7,891. As of today the balance is \$1,379.57. There are also vacation requests coming in. Multiple fires have used up the funds they had. The \$5,000 will get them through May and June salary and FF/EMT overtime. The balance is now \$1,379.57, the addition \$5,000 will give them a total of \$6,379.57. Mike explained that he is trying to keep the overtime down by using call Firefighters.

Ann Deluty moved to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer Request in the amount of \$5,000.00. Peter McManus seconded the motion.

The motion carried Unanimously (Bernklow, Deluty and McManus)

*Review of Town Meeting*

The presentation is not complete as of today. Gary explained what is completed and when he thought it would be complete for review. He will forward the Assessors information when he receives it.

*Article 40: Amend Zoning Map on Wireless Service Facility District*, Gary will contact Zoning Board of Appeals regarding questions about the article. There was a brief discussion of the zoning bylaws. Gary will speak to Town Council regarding some concerns.

*Article 44: Revocable Agriculture License*, have to speak to Conservation Commission. There is a difference between what we do now and what they are looking to do.

## **Liaison Reports**

ESBC- Gary explained that they met in executive session last Friday. The contractor is disputing what he's being paid on one particular item. They can't stop construction; they must continue on and put that one portion under dispute on hold. They are still on schedule to open the new part of the school around January 2012. They are a total of 4 weeks behind in the total project and will be able to catch up in the summer. One of the steel suppliers went bankrupt. The construction manager will handle it.

Gary also commented that the committee would need an appointee from Finance if he were elected as a Selectmen. They can choose someone, it doesn't have to be a member of Fincom. He expressed that he is not apposed to remaining the Liaison for FinCom. He would like to see it through.

The project is 1-year and 18-months away from completion.

CPC- Peter stated that it has been quiet, no meetings and nothing to report.

Patti questioned whether the town should be part of the CPC funding. They haven't spent much of what they have already collected. Should we continue to collect when we are not doing anything with it? Should we opt out of the Act and stop charging our residents 3%. We are not using what we already have. If we continue maybe we should lower it to 1%, rather than continuing to collect the maximum amount allowed.

Peter explained that the use of the funds is very specific. We may need it for Plantation or Pilot Grove projects.

### Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Ann Deluty at 8:35pm. Peter McManus seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (Bernklow, Deluty and McManus).

### **Future meetings:**

April 26, 2011

May 02, 2011 Annual Town Meeting

### Action Items:

Beth to cancel April 26, 2011 meeting if it is not needed

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Tobey,  
Secretary