

Minutes  
STOW FINANCE COMMITTEE  
**Pre-Public Hearing**  
October 06, 2011  
6:45 PM  
Town Building  
**Approved**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Ann Deluty called the meeting to order at 6:50pm. Present were,  
*Members:* Christopher Sarno, Richard Connelly, Peter McManus and Richard Rollins  
*Associates:* Bruce Walbridge  
*Secretary:* Elizabeth Tobey

**Prepare for Public Hearing**

Ann explained to members what to expect at a Public Hearing.  
Meeting suspended at 7:00pm to open the Public Hearing

Meeting reopened at 8:05pm

**Discussion and Vote of Warrant Articles, Speakers Assigned**

**Article 1. Field Drivers**

It was explained that a field driver is a town officer esp. in early New England authorized to round up and impound domestic farm animals roaming at large.

*Speaker – Rick Connelly*

On October 11, 2011 the Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of Article 1.  
The vote carried unanimous. (Deluty, Sarno, Connelly, McManus, Rollins)

**Article 2. Flagg Hill Bond Line Item Transfer**

*This article results in shifting some of the interest portion of the Town's debt service to principal. This is the result of a prudent and favorable restructuring of the debt associated with the purchase of the Flagg Hill conservation property. Though this favorable restructuring will not result in reducing our overall debt service this fiscal year, it will result in significant long-term savings of interest expense.*

*Speaker – Christopher Sarno*

On October 11, 2011 the Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of Article 2.  
The vote carried unanimous. (Deluty, Sarno, Connelly, McManus, Rollins)

**Article 3. Town Building Structural Repairs**

*The Stow Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. We view the structural repairs to the Town Building as necessary.*

*Speaker – Bruce Walbridge*

On October 11, 2009 the Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of Article 3.  
The vote carried unanimous. (Deluty, Sarno, Connelly, McManus, Rollins)

**Article 4. Pompositticut School-to-Community Center Pre-Design**

*Discussion: Members agreed that this Article 5 couldn't stand-alone. It is necessary to have Article 4 also.*

*The Finance Committee recommends approval of this warrant article.*

*Speaker – Ann Deluty*

On October 11, 2009 the Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of Article 4.  
The vote carried unanimous. (Deluty, Sarno, Connelly, McManus, Rollins)

### **Article 5. Fund Transfers for Community Center Pre-Design**

*The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article.*

*Speaker – Ann Deluty*

On October 11, 2009 the Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of Article 5.  
The vote carried unanimous. (Deluty, Sarno, Connelly, McManus, Rollins)

### **Article 6. Fire Station Improvement Pre-Design Funds**

*Discussion: Chris stated that this is an unfortunate time, but this needs to happen. Peter explained that he had toured the building and feels it is a very good use of the funds.*

*The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article.*

*Speaker –Peter McManus*

On October 11, 2009 the Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of Article 6.  
The vote carried unanimous. (Deluty, Sarno, Connelly, McManus, Rollins)

### **Article 7. Randall Library Improvement Pre-Design Funds**

*Discussion: Members had a discussion regarding the 100k they already have and have not used and questioned why the second floor had never been used.*

*Speaker – Rick Rollins*

On October 11, 2011 the Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of Article 7.  
The vote carried for – 4 (Deluty, Connelly, McManus, Rollins)  
Apposed – 1 (Sarno)

### **Article 8. Larsen Apple Barn Relocation and Preservation Funds**

*The Finance Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.*

*Speaker – Peter McManus*

### **Article 9. Street Acceptance – Cardinal Court**

*The Stow Finance Committee recommends approval of these articles. All the necessary requirements have been completed.*

*Speaker – Bruce Walbridge*

On October 11, 2011 the Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of Article 9.  
The vote carried unanimous. (Deluty, Sarno, Connelly, McManus, Rollins)

### **Article 10. Street Acceptance –Cricket Court**

*The Stow Finance Committee recommends approval of these articles. All the necessary requirements have been completed.*

*Speaker – Bruce Walbridge*

On October 11, 2011 the Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of Article 10.  
The vote carried unanimous. (Deluty, Sarno, Connelly, McManus, Rollins)

### **Article 11. Street Acceptance – Fox Court**

*The Stow Finance Committee recommends approval of these articles. All the necessary requirements have been completed.*

*Speaker – Bruce Walbridge*

On October 11, 2011 the Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of Article 11.  
The vote carried unanimous. (Deluty, Sarno, Connelly, McManus, Rollins)

### **Article 12. Street Acceptance –Salamander Lane**

*The Stow Finance Committee recommends approval of these articles. All the necessary requirements have been completed.*

*Speaker – Bruce Walbridge*

On October 11, 2011 the Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of Article 12.  
The vote carried unanimous. (Deluty, Sarno, Connelly, McManus, Rollins)

**Article 13. Street Acceptance – Wildlife Way**

*The Stow Finance Committee recommends approval of these articles. All the necessary requirements have been completed.*

*Speaker – Bruce Walbridge*

On October 11, 2011 the Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of Article 13.  
The vote carried unanimous. (Deluty, Sarno, Connelly, McManus, Rollins)

**Article 14. Street Acceptance – Woodpecker Court**

*The Stow Finance Committee recommends approval of these articles. All the necessary requirements have been completed.*

*Speaker – Bruce Walbridge*

On October 11, 2011 the Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of Article 14.  
The vote carried unanimous. (Deluty, Sarno, Connelly, McManus, Rollins)

**Article 15. Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installations**

*Discussion: Members discussed the use of Solar farms and what the impact would be on the town. It was questioned that Stow may become referred to as Solar Town the way we are currently referred to as a Golf or Apple town. Will they eventually replace the apple orchards with a solar farm?*

*The Finance Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting*

*Speaker – Christopher Sarno*

**Article 16. Town Election**

**Other Business**

None at this time

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Christopher Sarno at 8:35pm. Richard Connelly seconded the motion.  
The motion carried unanimously (Deluty, Sarno, Connelly, McManus and Rollins)

Future meetings:

October 11, 2011

October 25, 2011

November 07, 2011 Pre-Town Meeting

November 07, 2011 Town Meeting

Action Items:

Chris to talk to planning

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Tobey,  
Secretary