

Minutes
STOW FINANCE COMMITTEE
June 26, 2012
7:30 PM
Approved

Call to Order

Chairman Peter McManus called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. Present were,
Members: Christopher Sarno, Ann Deluty and Richard Rollins
Secretary: Elizabeth Tobey
Guests: Mike McLaughlin, Pam Landry

Correspondence

- RFTR - Fire (2)
- RFTR - Treasurer
- RFTR – Selectmen’s Office
- Email – Selectmen’s office requesting a vote for NRSD Audit Advisory Committee Liaison joint appointment.

Meeting Minutes

Held for next meeting

Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

Fire –Call & Drill Payroll - \$7858.99

The need is due to back filling vacations, mutual aid and extreme dry conditions
There was an increase in calls due to extreme weather and mutual aid fire calls. The most recent fires were in Acton and Hudson.

Discussion:

After a brief discussion regarding the additional calls from other towns for mutual aid Rick Rollins moved to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$1500.00 for the salary for the call Fire Fighter/ EMT wages. Chris Sarno seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously (McManus, Rollins, Deluty and Sarno).

Fire –Salary FF/EMT Overtime Wages - \$548.00

To cover overtime due to June vacations, mutual aid calls, a large fire in Marlborough and extreme dry conditions and most recent fires in Acton and Hudson.

Discussion:

Members questioned why and Mike explained that he had to pay the accrued vacation time out to a firefighter that left the Town of Stow to work in Lexington.

After a brief discussion Rick Rollins moved to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$548.00 for the Salary for FF/EMT Overtime wages. Chris Sarno seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously (McManus, Rollins, Deluty and Sarno).

Group Insurance - \$19,653.75

The amount is to pay the town's share of the June health insurance and the Town's share of Medicare for June payrolls. Among other differences, they added one employee who had insurance through another company and no longer works there and lost his benefits. We had to add him to the Town insurance.

Discussion:

Rick asked what the budget was for FY13. Pam stated \$750,000.

Chris Sarno recommended approval of the Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$19,653.75 for group insurance. Ann Deluty Seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (McManus, Rollins, Deluty and Sarno).

Liaison Assignments

Library – Peter commented that the Library has extensive water damage. The oldest part of the building is in the best shape. The load bearing up stairs is not up to code. Should they consider knocking down the old additions? It was commented that it has not been well maintain. However it was noted that the new addition was built with a 30 year life and that it has been about 40 yrs.

Other Business

Appointee to NRSD Audit Committee

Chris moved to appoint Henry Hagopian as the appointee to the Nashoba Regional School district Audit Advisory Committee. Ann Deluty seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously (McManus, Rollins, Sarno and Deluty)

Televising Town Meeting Live

It was suggested that televising the Town Meeting live will help make Town Meeting accessible. Broadcasting it live may or may not decrease the attendance, and:

- may enable single issue voters
- may happen anyway, we are not adding to it
- don't see the harm of the way it is now
- try it and see what happens
- moderators decision
- may level the playing field
- might help preserve Town Meeting

Chris felt that anything that may help the traditional Town Meeting is a benefit.

Ann commented that a lot of people will see how few people are there making decisions for the town and it will cause them to come to the meeting and future Town Meetings.

Options:

- ask Dave to our next meeting
- create an online survey
- post something in the paper about it

Discussion about Nashoba Regional

Members expressed concerns with Michael Wood and George King. At the their last meeting with Mr. Wood and Mr. King regarding the sports field, members asked them if they anticipated any other big money projects coming in the near future. Mr. Wood stated "we might need to do something with the science labs".

Members agreed that they were misled at that meeting when the school picked their priority of the fields. Now we are looking at 3 projects in town. The town has been very forth coming with the three projects. The school most likely knew what they were going to do but were not forthcoming with the information. This may derail what we are trying to do here in Stow. Members questioned if all three towns voted on the renovations of the science labs.

Should we invite the Stow School Committee members in to discuss school issues and what they are doing for the tax payers?

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Rick Rollins at 8:41pm. Christopher Sarno seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously (Deluty, McManus, Sarno and Rollins)

Future meetings:

July 10, 2012

August 14, 2012

Action Items:

It was agreed there would be 1 meeting per month for June, July and August.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Tobey,
Secretary