

Minutes  
**STOW FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
July 10, 2012  
7:30 PM  
**Approved**

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Peter McManus called the meeting to order at 7:40pm. Present were,  
*Members:* Christopher Sarno, Ann Deluty and Bruce Walbridge  
*Secretary:* Elizabeth Tobey  
*Guests:* David Walrath

### **Correspondence**

- RFTR – Selectmen's office cancelled their Reserve fund Transfer request

### **Meeting Minutes**

After a review of the minutes Christopher Sarno moved to approve June 12, 2012 minutes as submitted. Bruce Walbridge seconded the motion.

The motion carried for (McManus, Sarno, Deluty and Walbridge).

After a review of the minutes Ann Deluty moved to approve June 26, 2012 minutes as amended. Christopher Sarno seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 for (McManus, Sarno and Deluty)  
1 abstained (Walbridge)

### **Reserve Fund Transfer Requests**

Selectmen, Insurance Bonds - \$28,000.00

Susan McLaughlin withdrew the request on July 9, 2012.

### Discussion:

Members had a brief discussion regarding what the monies could be needed for. It was suggested that it is difficult for Susan to meet with Fincom when Selectmen are in session at the same time. David Walrath explained that the meetings were originally set for the same day to allow the two groups to meet together if it was necessary. Members agreed they should leave the meetings the way they are.

### **Liaison Assignments**

Fire- Chris explained that they are having a space needs meeting with Donhan Sweeney. They are looking for guidance on option 1 regarding how to fill the space needs. Option 2 and 3 are a modified version of the space needs, they have reduced by 3k sq ft. They will discuss more specific needs at their next meeting.

CPC- Peter commented that they haven't met yet.

### **Other Business**

Televising Town Meeting Live – Dave explained that he wanted to hear how the Finance Committee feels about Town Meeting being recorded live. Whichever way it goes he would like Finance Committee's approval.

While discussing the idea of broadcasting live, members commented;

- People will watch on TV and then come to Town Meeting
- Presently a few come and text the others when it is time to come in to vote
- The setup for live broadcast is more work
- Viewership would skyrocket
- It could decrease attendance

It was commented that North Andover televised and attendance went down. They have since decided to stop broadcasting live and also that Boxborough has open Wi-Fi for Town Meeting. Dave may ask StowTV to broadcast a couple Town Meetings once or twice as an experiment and see how it goes. Clickers are also being considered for voting. It was suggested that if they do get the clickers to purchase the ones that give you feed back when you vote, such as a vibration or a sound.

When it was asked if there was going to be voters on camera during voting the reply was, only on the Selectmen and Finance Committee.

Nashoba- Members commented that the Nashoba Regional School District has not been forthcoming about the science labs cost to renovate. Capital projects are based on needs. If it had been in front of voters over the last three years as an issue it would be understandable.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Walbridge at 9:10pm. Christopher Sarno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (McManus, Deluty, Sarno and Walbridge)

**Future meetings:**

July 24, 2012

August 14, 2012

**Action Items:**

None at this time

**Respectfully submitted,**

Elizabeth A. Tobey,  
Secretary