Minutes STOW FINANCE COMMITTEE

October 04, 2012 7:00 PM Town Building **Approved**

Call to Order

Peter McManus called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00pm. Present were, Members: Christopher Sarno, Richard Rollins and Bruce Walbridge. Elizabeth Tobey, Secretary

Meeting held at 7:01 for the Public Hearing. Meeting reopened at 8:15pm

Article 1. Design Funds for Community Center Building Project – Plan 1

The original \$2.5mil was for the design Xalt to include sprinklers, Showers and all bathroom fixtures replaced. The construction would be \$2mil, the soft cost and contingencies would be \$.5mil. This is without carpeting and air conditioning.

The architect came back and had sectioned off 10k sq. ft. for full upgrade with sprinklers on the whole building not to exceed 2.5mil. 6500 sq., ft. is dedicated space for the Council on Aging.

All areas are usable due to the addition of the sprinkler systems.

Chris commented that the building is in good condition, demo is not an option. Sixty-Five hundred square feet of space is dedicated to the Council on Aging.

Article 2. Design Funds for Community Center Building Project – Plan 2

No Discussion, CCBC will move no action this article at Town Meeting.

Article 3. Design Funds for Fire Station Building Project

It was asked if there are any home land security issues. The report conclusion was that add/renovations improvements are necessary. Chris reviewed the information regarding the building conditions. There are significant structural issues. The biggest concern is the space issues.

Guest Bill Byron questioned what the tower is on the new station. Chris explained that it is for training exercises on site.

Article 4. Design Funds for Randall Library Building Project

Peter explained that originally they were looking for \$3.9mil. They have backed out the furniture and may have \$.7mil of CPC funds available, bring the cost down to \$3.0mil.

Rick Rollins moved to recommend approval of Article 4 – Design funds for Randall Library Building Project. Christopher Sarno seconded the motion.

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

Article 5. Funds for Nashoba Regional High School Science Labs and Other Work

The Science labs were moved no action. Bolton voted them down, 2-1 against.

It was said by Bill Byron, to move no action precludes finding out what the real sense of what the town has for the labs.

Town Moderator David Walrath commented that a debate on the science labs may turn Town Meeting into a two night event. If the school brings a motion forward we will debate and take a vote.

Christopher Sarno moved to recommend not approving Article 5 – Funds for Nashoba Regional High

School Science Labs and Other Work Rick Rollins seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously 3 for (McManus, Sarno and Rollins)

1 Opposed (Walbridge)

Building costs:

<u>Pompo</u> - 0.9% for \$2.5mil @4% = 62.44 a year for 20 years <u>Fire</u> - 2.5% for \$7.2mil @4% = 179.86 a year for 20 years Library - 1.3% for \$3.7mil @4% = 92.37 a year for 20 years

Note: If Pompo is not reno'd maintenance will be \$34 a year)

If all are approved there will be a 4.6% increase on taxes

Article 6. Pompo Building Maintenance

Jim Sauta commented that no committee members are maintenance people. We got an applicant who applied. He goes in two to three times a week to check the systems with minimum heat, light and maintenance. He reports to the building inspector.

Dave commented that on the article they should give an approximate tax burden.

Christopher Sarno moved to recommend approval of Article 6 – Pompo Building Maintenance. Bruce Walbridge seconded the motion.

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

Article 7. Transfer Funds for Fire Station Public Safety Tower Rental

Chris Sarno explained that the radio tower came down during a storm. The current tower was borrowed from the Department of Home Land Security. The damage was covered by our insurance company with the proceeds going to the general fund. He stated that he is not sure how much of the cost was covered by the insurance.

Christopher Sarno moved to recommend approval of Article 7 – Transfer Funds for Fire Station Public Safety Tower Rental. Peter McManus seconded the motion.

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

Article 8. Acceptance of Arbor Glen Open Space Access Easement

Jim commented that the roads are too narrow. Charlie responded that it is called traffic calming.

Bruce Walbridge moved to recommend approval of Article 8 – Acceptance of Arbor Glen Open Space Access Easement

Christopher Sarno seconded the motion.

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

Article 9. Acceptance of Fairway Drive Open Space

No comments from members

Bruce Walbridge moved to recommend approval of Article 9 – Acceptance of Fairway Drive Open Space. Christopher Sarno seconded the motion.

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

Article 10. Street Acceptance – Sylvan Drive

Charlie told those present that Mike Clayton recommended accepting the drive.

Bruce Walbridge moved to recommend approval of Article 10 – Acceptance of Sylvan Drive. Christopher Sarno seconded the motion.

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

Article 11. Town Election

The Public Hearing closed at 9:00pm

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Walbridge at 9:00pm. Christopher Sarno seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully,

Elizabeth A. Tobey, Administrative Assistant