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### Town of Stow

**Finance Committee**

**Town Building - 380 Great Road**

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**Approved**

Minutes

July 12, 2016

Members Present:

 Peter McManus, Chair (PM)

 Richard Eckel (RE)

 Werner Fritz (WF)

Others Present:

 Kathleen Farrell, Administrative Assistant

 Kathy Sferra, Conservation Commission (KS)(7:10pm – 8pm)

**Public Hearing Called to Order**: 7:10pm

Review Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Article 1. Change Order to the Pompositticut School Building Fire Station/Community Center Renovation Project Construction Contract

General discussion about replacement of Pompo roof – funding approved and room in the budget, but presented in the interest of being transparent

WF – Good idea to do the roof now rather than patching, it’s a sound investment in the building

Article 2. Purchase of Boon Road South Agricultural Preservation Restriction

KS – spoke to this agricultural request from owner - it has prime agricultural soils – there are other agricultural restrictions in Town. Owner would like to see it preserved, not developed.

RE – questioned how broadly farming uses are defined. Is it crops, animals, solar, storage wells, etc.?

KS – Goal of Open Space and Recreation Plan is to preserve agricultural land – land in chapter will stay in chapter

Article 3. Boxborough Road Chapter Land Acquisition

General discussion of Town’s first right of refusal – parcel is not a priority for open space acquisition – both parcels owned by same owner – two separate buyers

Issues related to shared driveway – questions related to affordable housing effort

SMAHT Committee holding a public information meeting on July 26th

8:23pm Article 1

WF Moved to approve, RE second – unanimous support

8:24pm Article 2

WF Moved to approve, PM second – unanimous support

8:25pm Article 3 and Article 4

Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting, postponed recommendation for further information

Public Hearing Closed

**Reserve Fund Transfer Requests**

* Reserve fund transfer request(s) –

8:35pm Selectmen Clerical Wages $85.91

RE moved approval, WF second – unanimous support

8:36pm Principal Assessor Salary $20.40

RE moved approval, WF second – unanimous support

8:37pm Conservation Commission clerical wages $110.96

RE moved approval, WF second – unanimous support

8:38pm ITAC Wages $50.56

WF moved, PM second – unanimous support

8:39pm Municipal Lighting, June electric $445.54

WF moved, PM second – unanimous support

8:40pm Police Officer Wages $6300.00

WF moved approval, PM second, unanimous support

**Liaison Reports**

WF - The date for district-wide voting for the Minuteman building project is September 20th

**Review of Minutes**

8:43 WF moved approval of April 26th minutes as written, RE second – unanimous support

8:48 WF moved approval of May 2-3 minutes as amended, PM second – unanimous support

8:50 WF moved approval of the June 14th minutes as written, PM second – unanimous support

8:51pm Meeting adjourned