**Minutes**

**Stow Board of Selectmen**

**October 13, 2015**

**Town Building**

Present at the meeting that was held at Town Building were Donald Hawkes, Brian Burke, Thomas Ryan and James Salvie. Absent: Charles Kern

Also present were William Wrigley, Town Administrator and Maureen Trunfio, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Hawkes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Input:

Resident Hank Tarbi of 116 Barton Road asked for follow up from the Entertainment License discussion that occurred at the Board’s September 8, 2015 meeting. He asked whether an agreement had been reached between Town Counsel and Counsel for The Collings Foundation to allow them to hold their event that took place on October 10 & 11. Mr. Wrigley answered that the two attorneys had been able to come to an agreement with stipulations that would protect the Town and ensure public safety was attainable for the event. A provision was included in the agreement that the event would allow for free admittance with a suggested donation by attendees.

Resident Ron Gerhardt of 222 Barton Road noted that Police details were vigilant during the day but that vandalism did occur on their property and signs were removed from the area. He said that he had hoped police would patrol the road later in the evening of the events as well.

Linda Cornell also of 222 Barton Road addressed the Selectmen and said that she was very upset that the event occurred at The Collings Foundation over the past weekend. She noted a letter to the Selectmen that had over 40 signatures from neighbors of the Barton Road area.

Mr. Hawkes addressed the audience and reminded them that at the Board’s September 8, 2015 meeting, they had voted unanimously to authorize Town Counsel to reach out to The Collings Foundation’s attorney and attempt to come up with a licensable event. That is what happened and that is the only thing the Board could do given the circumstances.

Resident Dan Barstow of 99 Pine Point praised the Town for its efforts with this situation, as well as Planning Board’s efforts to issue a decision.

Resident Mike Schultz of 220 Barton Road showed the Board (on his laptop computer) a glimpse of the traffic that was present on Barton Road during the days of the event. He asked the Board to consider the quality of life for residents living near The Collings Foundation on days when events are in progress.

**Chairman’s Comments:**

Mr. Hawkes announced that State Representative Kate Hogan has re-opened her district office in the lower level of the Maynard Town Hall at 195 Main Street, Maynard. She will be hosting office hours in Maynard on Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, or by appointment.

**Minuteman High School Building Project Meeting in Weston**Mr. Hawkes explained that a meeting has been scheduled by the Town of Weston Board of Selectmen for representatives from all MMHS member communities to discuss the MMHS building project. Mr. Burke, Mr. Hawkes and Mr. Ryan will not be available to attend the meeting. Mr. Salvie said he is available to attend if Mr. Kern is not available to attend.

**Discussion/vote to Accept the November 16, 2015 Special Town Meeting warrant**

*Mr. Salvie moved to accept the warrant for the November 16, 2015 Special Town Meeting, dated October 13, 2015. Mr. Burke seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously*.

**Liaison reports**Mr. Burke reported that the **Community Preservation Committee** (CPC) and the **Stow Municipal Affordable Housing Trust** (SMAHT) have completed their article that will be included in the fall 2015 STM warrant. SMAHT is preparing to appear before the Selectmen to explain their vision of potential for affordable housing at 323 Great Road.

Mr. Burke mentioned that he will be attending the **Tri-Town** meeting the following night at 7 p.m. at the Houghton Building in Bolton and invited others to do the same.

Mr. Ryan reported that work at the **former Pompositticut School** is moving along well. He commended the **Highway** **Department** on the many roadway and bridge projects they have going in town at the moment. He also commented on the improvement of traffic during apple picking season, thanks in part to Public Safety’s plan that was introduced last year and thanks in part to the orchard owners.

Mr. Kern had nothing to report.

Mr. Salvie had nothing to report.

Mr. Hawkes reported that the **Nashoba High School Space Task Force** is nearing the completion of its charge and will be finalizing its analysis and drafting a report with their recommendations.

*Mr. Burke moved to go into Executive Session with the Planning Board, Finance Committee, and Zoning Board of Appeals, pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, section 21(a)(3), for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to possible litigation, and to adjourn thereafter. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Mr. Burke, aye, Mr. Salvie, aye, Mr. Hawkes, aye, Mr. Ryan, aye, Mr. Kern, aye.*

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Trunfio

Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen