

Sturbridge Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2011
Town Hall
7:00 pm

Amended 3/29

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm with the following members present: Kevin Smith (KS); Larry Morrison (LM), Mary Redetzke (MR), Arnold Wilson (AW), Prescott (Scott) Arndt (SA), and Richard Volpe (RV).

Members absent: Patricia Affenito (PA), Mike Serio (MS), and Robert Williams (RW).

Invited town official: Lorraine Murawski.

Line items:

Town Planner: line items 46-48 approved for \$89,690. Motion made by RV, seconded by LM. Vote 6-0-0. Line items 49-52 approved for \$29,962. Motion made by RV, seconded by LM. Vote 6-0-0.

Zoning Board of Appeals: line items approved for \$940. Motion made by RV, seconded by LM. Vote 6-0-0.

Nursery School: line item 66 approved for \$2800. Motion made by KS, seconded by RV. Vote 6-0-0.

KS outlined discussion from the previous evening's Capital Planning Committee meeting. Several categories of items highlighted were vehicles, building repairs, and computer replacement.

Lorraine M. discussed Town Clerk budget. Agreed to forfeit \$90 for marriage software. Defended \$2040 for travel, saying it encompasses travel and lodging expenses, and the cost of several different conferences for continuing education. There was discussion about promoting the administrative assistant to the Town Clerk; however no monies were set aside in this year's planning.

Line items:

Elections and Registration: line items 36-39 approved for \$18,475. Motion made by KS, seconded by LM. Vote 6-0-0.

ATM Warrant Article ____, page 21: Authorize Special Act Relative to Elections. Motion to approve article and language by SA, seconded by LM. Vote 6-0-0.

Lorraine M. left the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant:

Article 1 approved. Motion made by AW, seconded by LM. Vote 6-0-0.

Article 2 approved. Motion made by MR, seconded by LM. Vote 6-0-0.

Article 3 approved. Motion made by LM, seconded by RV. Vote 6-0-0.

Article 12 approved. Motion made by MR, seconded by AW. Vote 6-0-0.

Shaun Suhoski (SS) joined the meeting at 8:45 pm.

SS states holds are on the following items:

Asst. town clerk; Burgess budget; Recreation budget; town roads and maintenance; reserve fund; town bldg cleaning and salary increases for Conservation Agent, Principal Assessor, and Finance Director.

Article 13 approved. Motion made by AW, seconded by MR. Vote 6-0-0.

SS left the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Article 18 approved. Motion made by LM, seconded by MR. Vote 5-0-1 (RV abstained).

Article ____, citizen petition, page 24. Recommend no action. Motion made by AW, seconded by MR. Vote 6-0-0.

Article ____, citizen petition, page 25. Recommend no action. Motion made by KS, seconded by AW. Vote 6-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.