

Sturbridge Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2011
7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm with the following members present: Kevin Smith (KS), Patti Affenito (PA), Scott Arndt (SA), Mike Serio (MS), Arnold Wilson (AW), Joni Light (JL), and Mary Redetzke (MR). Members absent: Larry Morrison (LM), and Rich Volpe (RV).

Members of the BOS present: Tom Creamer (TC), Mary Blanchard (MB), Priscilla Gimias (PG), Angie Ellison (AE), and Mary Dowling (MD).

Members of the Charter Review Committee (CRC) present: Bill Haggerty (BH), Heather Hart (HH), Peter Levine (PL), and John Kittel (JK).

The finance cmte came before the BOS to consider warrant articles that were removed from the June 6 Town Meeting Warrant prior to the June 6 Town Meeting.

TC-our objective here is to reconcile disagreements between the CRC and the Finance Cmte.

CRC chair states that language changes are agreeable to the CRC.

KS makes the point that the working copy of the warrant is dated April 26, 2011.

TC says the BOS is working from the CRC document. There was brief discussion about the prior question regarding the validity of that document.

KS wants to begin the language changes in the 4/26 warrant.

TC asks if any substantive changes are being proposed.

KS makes the statement that the CRC and the BOS know the position of the Finance Cmte on these articles.

MD would like to deal with any substantive changes now and work through the language later as it is already past 8:00 pm. She goes on to ask KS what his questions are, and who the appointing authority should be.

KS states the need for the BOS to write articles to be placed on the upcoming special town meeting warrant; the current articles are dead since they were removed from the June 6 warrant.

TC says the BOS and the CRC want to come to agreement on sticking points.

PG expected a work session for the three committees.

MD states the BOS needs to complete the new articles before the Finance Cmte will consider and vote.

KS restates that the Finance Cmte came to discuss the 4/26 warrant.

TC calls for a motion to terminate the current discussion until such time as new articles are completed. BOS Motion carries 5-0-0.