

Sturbridge Finance Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 11, 2011  
Senior Center  
7:00 pm

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm with the following members present: Kevin Smith (KS), Rich Volpe (RV), Prescott (Scott) Arndt (SA), Mary Redetzke (MR), and Mike Serio (MS), Arnold Wilson (AW), Joni Light (JL), and Patti Affenito (PA).

Members Absent: Larry Morrison (M).

Charter Review Committee Members: Bill Haggerty (BH); Peter Levine (PL) and Heather Hart (HH).

Audience: Carol Childress (CC), Linda Cocalis (LC), Al Jones (AJ), Jean Bubon (JB), Tom Chamberland (TC), and Shaun Suhoski (SS).

A motion is made to reconsider Article 57 Charter Amendments-Administrative Items by SA, seconded by MS. Vote is 8-0-0.

PA arrives at 7:12 pm. AW recommends to take no action. The motion dies for lack of a second. MS makes a motion to approve as amended, MR seconded. Vote 7-1-0.

Al Jones (AJ), member of the Recreation Committee arrives to discuss Article 48 Shepard Parcel Use-80 Route 15. AJ states the Town does not currently have enough open space dedicated for active recreation to accommodate the Town's needs. The Field Study Committee researched all the available land in Sturbridge and the conclusion that was reached was that the Shepard parcel and the Town Barn Fields were suitable for development for active recreation. AJ states that the design is close to completion for the Shepard Parcel. A motion to take no action is made by AW, seconded by RV. Vote is 7-0-1. If exploration of the ballfield expansion is desired, a committee would need to be formed.

Article 49 Transfer of Funds-Purchase of Ambulance: a motion to approve as written is made by MS, seconded by SA. Vote is 7-0-1.

JB discusses Articles 52 and 53 with the FinCom.

SS and TC discuss Articles 54, 55 and 56 with the FinCom.

KS questions the integrity of our conservation process and asks what it means in the Town of Sturbridge when someone donates or sells land to our community for conservation purposes?

KS makes a motion to adjourn at 10:35 pm.