

**Town of Sturbridge
Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2013**

Attendees: Kevin Smith (KS), Prescott Arndt (SA), Bob Jepson (BJ), Joni Light (JL), Laurance Morrison (LM), Kathy Neal (KN), Mike Serio (MS), Arnold Wilson (AW)

Guests: Jean Bubon, Town Planner; Sandy Gibson-Quigley, Planning Board Chair; Heather Hart, Planning Board

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall.

LM made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 27, 2013 as amended; seconded by AW. So voted, 5 – 0 – 3.

LM made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 28, 2013 as amended; seconded by MS. So voted, 6 – 0 – 2.

LM made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 2, 2013 as written; seconded by AW. So voted, 6 – 0 – 2.

KS expressed concerns about all boards involved in reviewing the warrants are using the same version containing the same language.

The Finance Committee discussed Article 3 – Village Gateway District with the Town Planner and the Planning Board members.

For Article 3 – Village Gateway District, AW made a motion to approve the article as written; seconded by LM. So voted, 8 – 0.

The Finance Committee then discussed Article 6 – Medical Marijuana Moratorium with the Town Planner and the Planning Board members.

For Article 6 – Medical Marijuana Moratorium, BJ made a motion to approve the article as written; seconded by MS. So voted, 6 – 2.

The Finance Committee then discussed Article 5 – Sign Bylaw with the Town Planner and the Planning Board members.

AW made a motion that no action be taken on the article. Motion failed for lack of a second.

KS made a motion to approve the article as amended:

Modify 22.01 (4) (a) to read, “Balance the community’s objectives and regulatory requirements with business’s needs for advertising and wayfinding”, and

Modify the matrix in 22.06.2 by striking the word “or” to make the Type of Sign entry read “Professional Name Signs”

And otherwise approve the article as written.

Seconded by LM. So voted, 8 – 0.

SA made motion to recommend the amount of \$88,925.00 for the Safety Complex Purchase of Services account (11972-52000); seconded by MS. So voted, 8 – 0.

SA made motion to recommend the amount of \$9,000.00 for the Safety Complex Supplies account (11972-54000); seconded by MS. So voted, 8 – 0.

SA made motion to approve a Reserve Fund transfer in the amount of \$8,200.00 from the Reserve Fund account (19102-57800) to the Elections & Registration Salaries/Wages account (11621-51130); seconded by MS. So voted, 8 – 0.

SA made motion to approve a Reserve Fund transfer in the amount of \$500.00 from the Reserve Fund account (19102-57800) to the Elections & Registration Purchase of Services account (11622-52000); seconded by MS. So voted, 8 – 0.

SA made motion to recommend the amount of \$79,571.00 for the Fire Department Department Head Salary account (12201-51120); seconded by MS. So voted, 8 – 0.

SA made motion to recommend the amount of \$595,948.00 for the Fire Department Salaries/Wages account (12201-51130); seconded by MS. So voted, 8 – 0.

SA made motion to recommend the amount of \$139,260.00 for the Fire Department Overtime Expense account (12201-51140); seconded by MS. So voted, 8 – 0.

SA made motion to recommend the amount of \$42,382.00 for the Fire Department Purchase of Services account (12202-52000); seconded by MS. So voted, 8 – 0.

SA made motion to recommend the amount of \$43,504.00 for the Fire Department Supplies account (12202-54000); seconded by MS. So voted, 8 – 0.

SA made motion to recommend the amount of \$7,250.00 for the Fire Department Other Charges account (12202-57000); seconded by MS. So voted, 8 – 0.

For Article 4 – Zoning Map, BJ made a motion to approve the article as written; seconded by MS. So voted, 8 – 0.

For Article 21 – Tax Rate Relief Stabilization Fund, AW made a motion to approve the article as written; seconded by JL. So voted, 8 – 0.

For Article 22 – Rescind Acceptance of MGL c.90, section 22B, LM made a motion to approve the article as written; seconded by SA. So voted, 8 – 0.

Motion made to adjourn at 9:50 PM by KN; seconded by JL. So voted, 8 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Smith