

**Town of Sturbridge
Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2013**

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

Guests: Shaun Suhoski, Town Administrator; Bill Mitchell, Principal Assessor; John Schneider, Energy Advisory Committee; John DeVillars, Blue Wave Capital; Eric Garber-Lopez, Blue Wave Capital

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

For Article 24 – Renewable Energy and Article 25 – PILOT Agreement, a question-and-answer discussion was held among the Finance Committee, representatives of Blue Wave Capital, Town Administrator, Principal Assessor, and Chair of the Energy Advisory Committee.

SA made a motion to reconsider the Article 24 – Renewable Energy; seconded by LM. So voted, 9 – 0.

For Article 24 – Renewable Energy, MS made a motion to amend the article by removing the phrase “for a term of more than twenty years” and replacing it with “for a term of three years but not to exceed twenty-five years”, and otherwise approve the article as written; seconded by BJ. So voted, 8 – 1.

LM made a motion to reconsider the Article 25 – PILOT Agreement; seconded by SA. So voted, 9 – 0.

For Article 25 – PILOT Agreement, LM made a motion to approve the article as written; seconded by SA. So voted, 7 – 2.

SA made a motion to reconsider the Fire Department Supplies account (12202-54000); seconded by JL. So voted, 9 – 0.

SA made a motion to recommend the amount of \$68,099.00 for the Fire Department Supplies account (12202-54000); seconded by MS. So voted, 9 – 0.

The Town Administrator informed the Finance Committee that the Board of Selectmen had changed the dollar amount for Article 21 – Tax Rate Relief to \$120,000.

AW made a motion to reconsider Article 21 – Tax Rate Relief; seconded by BJ. So voted, 9 – 0.

For Article 21 – Tax Rate Relief, AW made a motion to approve the article as written; seconded by BJ. So voted, 9 – 0.

Motion made to adjourn at 9:50 PM by AW; seconded by LM. So voted, 9 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Smith