

AGENDA
Board of Selectmen
April 26, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Town Building

Public Input
Chairman's Comments
Town Administrator's Report
Meeting Minutes
Visitors

- 7:15 p.m. Multi-Use Paths Committee appointments
- 7:25 p.m. Bose donation of amplifier system – Phil Moseley
- 7:35 p.m. One-day liquor license for Decibels Foundation
- 7:40 p.m. Plans for Randall Library – Randall Library Trustees

Action/Discussion

- Police Chief recommendation and vote
- Criteria for Public Ways permits
- Project ideas for Sustainable Communities program
- Town Meeting Warrant Articles 39, 40, and 44
- Master Plan implementation – next steps
- Letter of support for Municipal Health Insurance Reform proposal
- Stow transportation services summary and next steps
- Update on Stow musket display and Memorial Day Parade rifles

Liaison Reports
Correspondence
Adjournment

Posted 4/22/11

Correspondence

Town:

- Mass Fire Services letter re Chief McLaughlin's credentialing award, rec'd 4/15
- Letter of resignation from Recreation Commission, rec'd 4/20
- Mass Dept of Transportation bridge inspection reports, rec'd 4/20
- Planning Board decision on Highgrove Estates special permit, rec'd 4/20
- Planning Board decision on Stow Community Park site plan modification, rec'd 4/20

General:

- Central Mass Mosquito Control annual report
- Mass Dept of Transportation Interchange newsletter – Fall/Winter 2010

Selectmen's meeting motions, 4/26/11

Multiuse Recreational Paths Committee appointments

I move to appoint John Akers to the Multi-Use Recreational Paths Committee, for a three-year term, ending on June 30, 2014.

I move to appoint Barbara Myles to the Multi-Use Recreational Paths Committee, for a two-year term, ending on June 30, 2013.

I move to appoint Rachel Persson-Ganimian to the Multi-Use Recreational Paths Committee, for a two-year term, ending on June 30, 2013.

Bose Donation of Amplifier

I move to accept the Bose Company's gift of an L1 model I portable amplification system to the Town of Stow, with care and custody given to the Veterans' Graves Committee for use primarily at their Memorial Day activities and for other Town functions, as approved by the Committee.

One-day Liquor license for Decibels Foundation

I move to grant Julia Dunning a one-day liquor license for the annual Decibels Foundation fundraising golf tournament on June 20, 2011 from 10 am to 8 pm at the Wedgewood Pines Country Club.

New Police Chief

I move to accept the Police Chief Search Committee's recommendation to appoint _____ as the Stow Police Chief, effective _____.

Support of Town Meeting warrant articles

I move to support/not to support Article 39, National Guard/Reserve Tax Relief.

I move to support/not to support Article 40, Amend Zoning Map on Wireless Service Facility District.

I move to support/not to support Article 44, Revocable Agriculture Licenses.

Support of House proposal on Municipal Health Insurance Reform

I move to write a letter to Rep Kate Hogan asking her to support the Municipal Health Insurance Reform as specified in the House budget, as of April 26, 2011.



Town of Stow
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Stow Town Building
380 Great Road
Stow, Massachusetts 01775
(978) 897-4515 selectmen@stow-ma.gov Fax (978) 897-4631

NOTICE OF VACANCY
MULTI-USE TRACK ROAD COMMITTEE
Three members

This is a new committee.

Objective: To obtain and implement a design plan for a multi-use path along Track Road including connections with the Maynard Rail Trail and the White Pond Road trail in the Assabet National Wildlife Refuge.

Major Activities:

1. Review public input and survey data.
2. Prepare bid request, obtain Selectmen approval, and receive bid response.
3. Submit response to Selectmen for approval and present at public meeting.
4. Meet with Selectmen to make go/no go decision on design contract.
5. If go, prepare contract and send to design firm; receive design plan with options.
6. Review plan with Selectmen and present at public meeting.
7. Selectmen decide whether to proceed with construction.
8. Oversee construction (assuming Selectmen approve).

In addition, the Committee will work with officials at the Assabet National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to improve the path surface at the north end of White Pond Road, and to obtain agreement on use of the ANWR path for biking and other recreational uses.

Qualifications:

- Registered voter of Stow.
- Interest in providing additional recreational opportunities for Stow residents.
- Prior experience with rail trail projects preferred.

Term: Appointment by the Board of Selectmen for staggered three-year terms.

Application: The Board of Selectmen will accept letters of application until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2011, to Selectmen's Office, Town Building, 380 Great Road, Stow, 01774 or selectmen@stow-ma.gov.

Posted March 11, 2011

Stow Selectmen's Office

From: john akers [jakersjohn@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 05, 2011 12:10 PM
To: laura@spear.net
Cc: selectmen@stow-ma.gov
Subject: Committee Volunteer

Hello Laura,

I wish to present myself to the Town of Stow as a potential volunteer. I am specifically interested in the committee to be formed regarding trails, (vis-a-vis) the track trail from White Pond Rd. to Sudbury Rd.

I was born and raised in Weston, and have recently moved to Stow from Sudbury where I raised my own family for the past 30 years. I have been somewhat active in town things for both towns over the last 50 years.

My work career consisted of management and executive rolls in manufacturing and retail and service. I am now retired, but still active in the business world as the owner of a small property management company.

I am considered knowledgeable in matters of Agriculture, Conservation, Historical Preservation, and Recreation. I have degrees in mathematics, business, and geography.

I now have the time, energy, and desire to help in some small way.

Regards,

John Akers
54 Heather Lane
Stow, MA 01775

Cell: 978-831-3210
Home: 978-443-4704
Email: jakersjohn@yahoo.com

Barbara Myles
4 Wildwood Road
Stow, MA 01775

February 2, 2011

Selectmen
Town Building
380 Great Road
Stow, MA 01775

Dear Selectmen,

Please consider me for a position on the Multi-Use Track Road Committee. I have lived in Stow for 5 years and am a registered voter.

I enjoy riding the bike path that connects Stow to Marlborough and would like to help build a similar path in Stow. The paths are pretty and safer than walking or riding on the streets. I understand that a path will be created along Track Road, which is near my house.

While I do not have prior experience building rail trails, I am a Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official. I am the Director of the Lincoln Public Library and have been the library's project manager on dozens of building maintenance and repair projects as well as a vault renovation project. I have a good understanding of the public procurement process that will be followed by the Multi-Use Track Road Committee and can use this knowledge to help the committee do its work.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara Myles

617-721-5431

Stow Selectmen's Office

From: Rachel Persson-Ganimian [raganimian@me.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 3:13 PM
To: selectmen@stow-ma.gov
Subject: Re: Multi-Use Recreational Path Committee

Hi Susan,
Here is my letter of interest. Please let me know if there is anything else that you need!

Rachel

24 Hastings Street
Stow, MA 01775
April 6, 2011

Stow Board of Selectman
PO Box - Box
Stow, MA 01775

Attention: Susan McLaughlin

Dear Ms. McLaughlin:

Your recent advertisement in the Stow Independent made it clear that Stow is looking for a volunteer for the Multi-Use Track Road Committee. I would like to volunteer for this committee.

I am a successful grade 1 teacher in the Natick Public Schools and it is because I place a high value on personal integrity and represent both my employer and myself in an ethical and respectable manner. Added to my diligence in paying close attention to detail, as a representative of the Multi-Use Track Road Committee I would bring focus not only to the value of the project, but also to the town. Furthermore, I am a hard, smart-working, self-starter who works equally well in a team environment or individually.

I am available to be at the selectman's meeting, Tuesday April 12th. I am also available by phone anytime after 3:00 to answer any questions that you might have. Please contact me by phone (978) 270-1704 or e-mail, rjganimian@gmail.com.

Thank you for your time in considering me for this committee.

Sincerely,

Rachel Persson-Ganimian

On Apr 6, 2011, at 2:46 PM, Stow Selectmen's Office wrote:

Wonderful, Rachel. We'll look forward to getting it.
Best,
Susan

-----Original Message-----

From: Rachel Persson-Ganimian [<mailto:raganimian@me.com>]

4/8/2011

Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 2:43 PM
To: selectmen@stow-ma.gov
Subject: Re: Multi-Use Recreational Path Committee

Hi, Thanks for the email, yes, I am still interested! I will get the letter to you today.

Sincerely,

Rachel Ganimian

On Apr 6, 2011, at 11:49 AM, Stow Selectmen's Office wrote:

Hello Rachel,

Susan asked me to check back with you regarding the information she sent you last week on the Multi-Use Recreational Path Committee. We both hope you received the information and were able to open the attachment, and that you are still interested.

The reason I'm contacting you today is because the closing date for applications on this posting is tomorrow, Thursday, April 7. If you would like to be considered, you need to submit a short letter of interest (it can be emailed) by the end of the day.

As it happens, another applicant came in today, so if you also apply, the Selectmen could consider and appoint both of you at their next meeting this coming Tuesday, April 12. If you're available then, you could come for a brief appearance at the beginning of the meeting and be introduced to the Selectmen. If that date isn't convenient, they will be meeting again on April 26, or another date could be found.

Mainly, we just wanted to be sure you realized when the deadline was. We wish you good luck and thank you for your interest!

Phoebe Haberkorn

Stow Selectmen's Office

From: Stow Selectmen's Office [selectmen@stow-ma.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 1:02 PM
To: Laura Y. Spear
Cc: Phil Moseley; Bill Wrigley; Jeff Lance
Subject: FW: Town of Stow - Donation request

Laura,

Bose is donating a portable amplification system to the Town, as described below in the email exchange between Phil Moseley, new member of the Veterans' Graves Committee, and Bose Community Relations contact Betsy Pielocik. (Anyone who has listened to the Memorial Day speeches on our broken-down system will appreciate the enormity of this gift. Thank you, Phil!)

The Board needs to accept the gift on behalf of the Town, so I am going to put this on the April 26 agenda. Betsy cannot attend but Phil will be there to speak on the topic.

The SpringFest folks are hoping to use it, if it's available in time.

If you have any questions, I suggest that you contact Phil directly.
Thank you.
Susan

Susan McLaughlin
Phoebe Haberkorn
Selectmen's Office
Town of Stow
978-897-4515

-----Original Message-----

From: Moseley [mailto:stowfarm@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 11:42 AM
To: Betsy Pielocik
Cc: Stow Selectmen's Office; Jeffrey Lance
Subject: Town of Stow - Donation request

Betsy,

The Town of Stow is very grateful for and appreciative of your advice that Bose has approved the very generous donation of a "L1 model I" portable amplification system for use by The Town. This system will provide us with a significant ability for use at Town functions as described in my earlier application for this donation.

Although we are very excited to get some hands on experience with the system, I have been advised that, by rule, the Town Board of Selectmen must formally vote to accept the donation at their next meeting. In the meantime, however, this will give me some time to seek out and purchase a microphone compatible with the system.

The Selectmen next meet on Tuesday, April 26th at 7 PM and the request to accept the donation can be made at the start of that meeting. If possible, it would be appropriate for a Bose representative to make the presentation of the system to The Selectmen and to have them vote acceptance. This would give Bose well deserved public recognition for their generous

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donation to The Town as it would be seen local cable TV and also reported in the newspaper.

After you are able to respond to this email, I will seek out and advise you of the precise protocol for receiving the actual delivery of the system.

The Town is indeed fortunate to have you as a partner in this event!

Sincere thanks,

Philip Moseley
Member, Veterans' Graves Committee

From: Pielocik, Betsy [mailto:Betsy_Pielocik@Bose.com]
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2011 10:11 AM
To: stowfarm@comcast.net
Subject: Donation request

Good morning, Philip-

I have contacted my colleague in our Professional Products Division for advice about the product that would be best suited for your needs. Please see his response below. If you feel that this product would be beneficial, please provide me with a contact name, address and phone number and we will be pleased to make this donation in support of the Veterans Grave Committee and the town of Stow.

Thank you and best wishes,

Betsy Pielocik
Community Relations
Bose Corporation
508.766.7975

The ideal solution for the applications described would be a L1 model I single bass package. The limitation with this (or any other L1 related system) would be that it requires electricity in order to operate. The reason I would recommend the L1 model I system is due to its built-in ability to deliver a speech or pre-recorded music for 300-500 people.

Here is a link to the system on the web: http://www.bose.com/controller?url=/shop_online/speakers/portable_amplification_systems/l1_model1/l1_model1_single_pkg.jsp

Unfortunately Bose does not have a recommended solution for portable power (generator). These devices are often very expensive, heavy, and noisy.

So to summarize the L1 model I would be a nice donation for those times when electricity is available.

I hope this information is helpful.

From: Moseley [<mailto:stowfarm@comcast.net>]

4/15/2011

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 1:30 PM
To: Pielocik, Betsy
Subject: Town of Stow MA

Betsy,

My name is Philip Moseley and I live in Stow MA (my wife and I own the farm land which abuts your Bose facility land on the back west side here in Stow).

The purpose of this email is to gather information as regards a potential public/private opportunity for Bose to assist The Town of Stow – details follow. But first, some background;

In my retirement, I now serve on two committees for The Town.

- One of these is the “Stow Lower Village Committee” and I’ll make note that a very valuable member of that committee is a Bose employee, Lori Clark, (Lori_Clark@bose.com) and she has assisted me by providing information on Bose products.
- The other committee on which I serve is the Veterans Grave Committee – and that is the focus of my inquiry to you.

The primary duties of our committee center on the annual recognition of Memorial Day. We focus on two key areas;

1. We coordinate activities to (a) confirm the marking and the display of a flag on the grave of every veteran among our three cemeteries, (2) we have flags available for all school children who participate in the parade and (3) we coordinate a program by which the school children place flowers on the graves of the veterans.
2. The second area of focus is the organizing of a parade and the presentation of two ceremonies – one at our largest cemetery and the other on the steps of our library. These ceremonies involve speakers from Town and also our State Legislators. These are outdoor ceremonies and require use of a powerful amplified sound system – and this is the crux of my inquiry to you to see if there is a possibility that Bose could in any way help us with this.

Currently, and for years and years, The Town has scrambled to borrow portable battery powered and significantly powerful sound equipment from various public and private sources so as to have the ability to hear the speakers at the ceremonies. As noted, these ceremonies are held outdoors and in areas where there typically is not any access to electricity – thus the need for a truly portable and powerful battery powered system in order for the audience of up to 300 persons to clearly hear the words.

There are also other opportunities for such a sound system throughout the year now that the Town has developed the land adjacent to the Stow Bose facility where athletic and social events are held for residents of all ages. In fact, our “Stow SpringFest” will be held at that site in May. All this to simply say that a portable and powerful sound amplification system would be a significantly valuable item for

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Town use.

If there is any opportunity for Bose to work on this item with us and to receive appropriate public recognition, this would indeed be greatly appreciated!

Please advise me of any possibility in this regard or any additional information which may be needed for your consideration.

All the best and thank you!

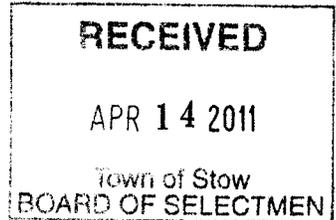
Philip Moseley

32 Maple Street

Stow, MA 01775

978-897-4930

TOWN OF STOW
STOW, MASSACHUSETTS 01775



APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE

Date: April 14, 2011

Name of Applicant(s)

Julia Dunning

Home Address & Telephone

241 Red Acre Road
Stow, MA 01775

978-461-2582

Name of Organization

Decibels Foundation

Address

1269 Main Street
Concord, MA 01775

Date(s) for which license is requested: June 20, 2011

Hours of sales: 10^{AM} - 8:00 PM

Type of beverage(s) to be sold: Full bar

Event for which license is requested: Golf Tournament

Profit or non-profit? Non-Profit

Location of event: Wedge wood Pines Country Club

The undersigned will be responsible for the license, if granted.

Signature(s): [Signature]

Stow Selectmen's Office

From: Laura Spear [laura@spear.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 7:31 AM
To: 'Timothy Reed'
Cc: selectmen@stow-ma.gov; 'TownAdministrator'
Subject: Randall Library Trustees at the next BOS meeting?

Hi Tim,

At last night's Board of Selectmen meeting, we reviewed our priorities, and the library came up as a possible new priority for consideration. As a first step for consideration, we decided to see if the trustees could attend our next meeting on Tuesday, April 26. We would like an update on your plans, particularly as they may concern the Pompo building or possible renovation/expansion of the current building. Questions about who is responsible for maintaining the current building also came up last night, so we'd appreciate more information. Please confirm with Susan McLaughlin (selectmen@stow-ma.gov) that you and/or other trustees can attend our April 26 meeting.

Additionally, the Pompo Use Study Committee was at our meeting last night and said they would like to present two plans at a Special Town Meeting in the fall: one with room for the library and one without. We thought it would be better to talk with the trustees about the plan rather than with the Pompo Use Study Committee.

Lastly, we were told that there will be a public meeting sponsored by the library trustees on April 28. Attending our meeting two days before may get you more input!

Thanks, and we look forward to talking with you,
Laura

General Bylaws

ARTICLE 6. POLICE REGULATIONS

SECTION 1. No owner or person having the care of any sheep, swine, horses, oxen, cows or other grazing animal shall permit or suffer them to go at large or to graze on any street, lane, common, square or other public place within this town, nor permit any such animal to go or stand upon any sidewalk therein.

SECTION 2. No person shall coast in any street or public way except such as are publicly designated for that purpose by the Selectmen.

SECTION 3. No person or persons shall play or perform on a musical instrument, sing, parade, hold a public meeting, make a public address, march or congregate in any public way or public place, except in connection with a funeral, without a written permit from the Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 4. No person shall at any time swim or bathe in any pond, stream, or waters in the Town of Stow unless properly clothed. No person shall appear in any way, street, or public place in the Town of Stow in a bathing suit unless properly covered. *(amended 2/24/59)*

SECTION 5. No person shall collect, deal in, or keep a shop for the purchase, sale, or barter of junk, old metals or second hand articles within the limits of the Town, unless licensed by the Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 6. Public Ways

- (a) No person shall surface, resurface, break or dig up the ground in any street for any purpose whatever or set or place any fence, post, tree or edgestone, or alter or change the position or direction of any fence, post or edgestone, or swing any door or gate in, upon or over, or change the grade or width of any public way without a written permit of the Board of Selectmen, which shall prescribe the limitations or restrictions of such permit. Such permit may be obtained on payment of a fee as determined from a schedule established by the Board of Selectmen. It shall be required of the person obtaining the permit as part of the permit that the Superintendent of Streets be notified in writing at least forty-eight (48) hours before the work is to be commenced. No permits shall be issued for projects which will not be completed by November 15, except in an emergency situation. *(amended 3/4/69, 5/20/74, 5/6/81)*

When any stone walls or other markers or monuments, which are highway boundaries, are removed in a manner which destroys the boundary of the highway, they shall be replaced with bounds and to the specifications contained in the manual of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Works Standards for Highways and Bridges, Section 710. *(added 3/3/70; amended 3/7/73)*

- (b) When meeting the edge of the present traveled way of a street with driveways, walks, etc., the construction of the same shall be as prescribed by the Superintendent of Streets.

Sustainable



Boston

Metropolitan Area Planning Council | Sustainable Communities

Request for Project Ideas

April 12, 2011

The Metro Boston Consortium for Sustainable Communities invites its members to share ideas for projects that could be funded or otherwise supported by its Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant (SCRPG).

Your response to this request will help the Steering Committee to:

- Better understand project and resource needs;
- Finalize the Consortium's 3-year program work plan; and
- Refine criteria for the selection of future projects.

Projects should fit within the structure of work that HUD funded, as outlined on the reverse and described in greater detail at www.mapc.org/sustainablecommunities. Please describe your project, in one to three pages, and include:

- General description of the proposed project, including desired outcomes
- The partners who would need to be involved for the project to achieve success
- The tools and/or resources that would be needed to support the project

This solicitation is designed to gauge interest in the program and the types of projects that are most needed. It is not a mandatory first step in the project selection process, but it will help to inform the work program and allocation of funds to activities.

Once the Steering Committee has finalized the program work plan and defined criteria for selecting projects (based in part on these submittals), it will issue a Request for Project Proposals to the entire Consortium. That Request will begin the formal project screening and selection process.

Please submit your ideas by May 13 to:

Jessie Grogan
Metropolitan Area Planning Council
60 Temple Place
Boston, MA 02111
jgrogan@mapc.org

Questions?

Contact Jessie Grogan at
jgrogan@mapc.org (preferred) or
617-451-2770 ext. 2022.

Thank you for your ideas and for your participation in the Metro Boston Consortium for Sustainable Communities!

Key MetroFuture implementation activities will be funded by the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant through February 2014, in the five program areas listed below (The sixth program area – filling gaps in the MetroFuture plan – is limited to specific elements that were included in the application to HUD). The program areas are presented below with examples of projects that fall within their parameters.

Place-Based Planning Projects

The core of the program will help to make sustainable and equitable development a reality through intensive local planning and zoning efforts in specific communities or groups of communities. Twelve specific place-based planning activities will be conducted:

1. Compact growth planning & zoning
2. CDC planning & pre-development
3. Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) funding
4. Anti-displacement strategies
5. Local & multi-municipal land use planning
6. Housing Production Plans
7. Office & industrial park retrofits
8. Urban open space planning
9. Local pedestrian & bike planning
10. Agricultural preservation programs
11. Wastewater treatment planning
12. Entrepreneur assistance

For example: Community engagement to identify priority areas for development or preservation; integrated land use and Transportation Demand Management plans along a road or rail corridor; strategies that link TOD with open space preservation in a neighborhood or downtown center.

Tools, Best Practices, and Models

Together, these place-based efforts will inform the development of new tools and models for local implementation of best practices. These tools and models will continue to advance MetroFuture long after the funding period for HUD's Regional Planning Grant ends.

For example: Toolkit for developing local stormwater utilities; template for evaluating local trends, strengths, and challenges in a regional context, and using that analysis to reach future land-use decisions; techniques for improving the economic base of Gateway Cities.

Regional and State Policy

The Consortium will also conduct regional and state-level policy work designed to remove barriers and create incentives for smart growth.

For example: Evaluating the success of strategies to prevent displacement in Massachusetts and throughout the country; establishing an inter-municipal Transfer of Development Rights system; taking steps to implement policy recommendations from MAPC's State of Equity Report.

Dialogue and Capacity Building

The program will build capacity of local leaders through education, workshops, and opportunities for cross-regional dialogue.

For example: Training in sustainable development for leaders from disadvantaged communities; cross-regional dialogues that bring together leaders from throughout Metro Boston.

Regional Indicators

The Consortium will track the region's progress through regional indicators, disseminate these indicators to decision-makers and the general public, and use them to inform policy & planning work.

For example: Steps to acquire the "10 Most Wanted Data Steps" in MetroFuture; analysis of Journey to Work or Vehicle Miles Traveled data; assessment of the success of development mitigation measures.

Article 38. Senior Tax Relief

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, and further to act under the aforesaid statutes to increase by 100 percent the amount of property tax exemption granted to persons who qualify for said exemption under clauses 17, 17C, 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 37, 37A, 41, 41B, and 41C of Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws and Acts and amendments thereof or additions thereto, for fiscal year 2012; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Council on Aging)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this warrant article. Under state law, communities are allowed double property tax exemptions granted by the state to persons who qualify. This article, which must be made annually, assures that qualifying Stow residents will retain the maximum exemptions allowed. There is only a minor financial impact to the Town.

Article 39. National Guard/Reserve Tax Relief

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Clause 56 of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5, whereby the Board of Assessors may grant real and personal property tax abatement up to 100 per cent of the total tax assessed to members of the Massachusetts National Guard and to reservists on active duty in foreign countries for the fiscal year they performed such service subject to eligibility criteria to be established by the Board of Assessors, to be effective beginning in the fiscal year 2012; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Assessors)

The Finance Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

Article 40. Amend Zoning Map on Wireless Service Facility District

To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Zoning Map of the Town of Stow including the map entitled "Wireless Service Facility District - Town of Stow, Massachusetts" dated January 23, 2001, as referenced and described in the Town of Stow Zoning Bylaw, including without limitation, in Section 2.3.11 and 5.3.5 to add and include the property now or formerly of Felix and Sandra A. Pittorino, Trustees of F&S Realty Trust, located at 215 Harvard Road, Assessor's Map R04, Lot 039A, also known as the Wedgewood Pines Country Club, and establish the same as part of the Wireless Service Facility District ; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Citizen's Petition)

The Finance Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

Article 41. Preserve the Larsen Apple Storage Barn

To see if the Town will vote to preserve and protect the former Larson Apple Storage Barn, also known as the Stone Building, located on the Center School Property and depicted on Assessors Map U-9, Parcel 44, and by the vote of the citizens of Stow, Massachusetts, protect this historic and irreplaceable town landmark from demolition; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Citizens' Petition)

The Finance Committee does not recommend approval of this article. The financial ramifications of a positive vote are unknowable and potentially large.

Article 42. Reuse of Pompositticut Elementary School

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, section 15A, to authorize the transfer of the care, custody, management and control to the Board of Selectmen for use for any lawful municipal purpose, including but not limited to the rental or leasing of land and buildings for private use, the real property and buildings thereon known as the Pompositticut School Property, more particularly identified by Articles 2 and 3 of Special Town Meeting 1964 (October 26, 1964) and including approximately 18 acres of real property as identified on a plan entitled "Land in Stow, Mass. owned by William H. Peck and Eleanor L. Peck," Harlan E. Tuttle, surveyor, July 13, 1964 containing Lot 1 (6.658 acres) and Lot 2 (11.309 acres); or take any other action relative thereto.

(Pompo School Reuse Committee)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. Currently, Pompositticut School is leased by the town to the school district and the district has responsibility for custody, management and control of the school. This article allows the control to be transferred to the Board of Selectmen once the school district no longer needs Pompositticut School for its students. There is no financial impact to the town.

Article 43. Nomination Papers Deadline

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 53, Section 9A with respect to nomination papers as follows: The final date for obtaining blank nomination papers for nomination to a town office shall be forty-eight week day hours prior to the hour on which nomination papers are required to be submitted to the registrars of voters for certification. Each candidate shall file with the town clerk, prior to obtaining blank nomination papers, a statement containing his/her name and address, and the town office for which he/she intends to be a candidate. No candidate for town office shall receive more blank nomination papers than will contain the number of signatures required to place his/her name in nomination, multiplied by five; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Town Clerk)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. It will align Stow with the state law establishing that nomination papers must be pulled at least 2 days prior to the submission deadline. It will have no effect on the town's finances.

Article 44. Revocable Agriculture Licenses

To see if the Town will vote to permit the Stow Conservation Commission to grant revocable licenses at terms favorable to the town of Stow, not to exceed six (6) years without renewal, to use portions of Town owned property under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission which were acquired for agriculture purposes and for agricultural uses consistent with the use and enjoyment of public conservation land, subject to all applicable laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Conservation Commission)

The Finance Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

Stow Selectmen's Office

From: Jim Salvie [jimsalvie@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2011 7:07 PM
To: Dotty Wilbur
Cc: Susan McLaughlin; Laura Spear; Alyson Toole; TownAdministrator
Subject: Re: Senior Tax Relief

Hi Dotty -- Thank you very much for the clear explanation that makes a lot of sense and I appreciate it.

Jim Salvie

On Apr 14, 2011, at 12:17 PM, Dotty Wilbur wrote:

> Sorry, I didn't see your e-mail before I answered Bill's. Here's what I
> said:
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> I am presuming you're referring to the article we pass every year for the
> Town to add up to 100% to the actual exemption. The way it works is the
> following:
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> Suppose Mr. X is in the program and gets a \$1000 exemption (41C). If his
> taxes go up the following year, with this article in place, he will receive
> the \$1000 plus the amount his tax increased. He does not pay any more than
> he paid the year before. This continues each year until he hits the
> maximum--\$2000 (assuming the article is for 100%). If his taxes go down,
> his exemption amount will decrease so that he does not pay any LESS than he
> paid the previous year. In other words, the first year in the program is
> the "base" and the amount of the exemption fluctuates according to his tax
> burden until he is receiving the max or, if taxes actually decrease, he is
> back down to the base.

> Hope this helps. If you'd like to discuss it further, please give me a
> call.

> Dotty

> Dotty Wilbur MAA
> Principal Assessor
> Town of Stow
> 978 897-4597

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Stow Selectmen's Office [mailto:selectmen@stow-ma.gov]
> Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2011 9:42 AM
> To: Dotty Wilbur; James H. Salvie
> Cc: Laura Y. Spear; Bill Wrigley; Alyson Toole
> Subject: FW: Senior Tax Relief

> Dotty,

> Per Selectman Jim Salvie's email below, he has a question about how Senior
> Tax Relief works. The question stems from our warrant article and a
> discussion last night at the Tri-Town meeting.

> Could you please explain it? If not, who is the best person to contact?

> Many thanks.

> Susan

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Jim Salvie [mailto:jimsalvie@comcast.net]

> Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 8:47 PM

> To: Laura Spear; Susan McLaughlin; TownAdministrator

> Subject: Senior Tax Relief

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> Hi -- I need help! I just got back from Tri-town and I answered a question

> about the senior tax relief article on our warrant. I told them my

> understanding: that the abatement doubles every year (a 100% increase over

> the last year). But it occurred to me, at the same time that it occurred to

> everyone else in the room, that that's impossible. If it doubled every year

> it would one day eat up the whole budget! Fortunately, years of legal

> training allowed me to BS my way through it with minimal embarrassment.

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> However, I would very much like to understand what this does and I have a

> Bolton Advisory Board member who wants a better answer than I was able to

> give. Can someone help me here?

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> Thanks in advance.

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> Jim

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Stow Selectmen's Office

From: Dotty Wilbur [assessors@stow-ma.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2011 12:33 PM
To: selectmen@stow-ma.gov
Cc: Mike Dugas; Dom Pugliese; Laura Y. Spear; Bill Wrigley
Subject: RE: article 39 on tax relief for on-duty military?

Hi all,

We are not alone--from what I hear on the Assessors' website, many towns are struggling with these questions. Apparently, the Assessors are responsible for defining the program, but it is difficult since we don't know how many applicants there might be. Some towns are deciding to set aside a certain amount in the overlay to fund this program and then split it up among the applicants.

The Assessors have not discussed any of the detail of this program as yet. I'll look into it further and the Assessors will bring it up at their next meeting.

Dotty

Dotty Wilbur MAA
 Principal Assessor
 Town of Stow
 978 897-4597

-----Original Message-----

From: Stow Selectmen's Office [mailto:selectmen@stow-ma.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2011 10:31 AM
To: Dotty Wilbur
Cc: Bill Wrigley; Laura Y. Spear
Subject: article 39 on tax relief for on-duty military?

Hi Dotty,
 I missed Tues night's selectmen's meeting but Bill said that the Board had questions about the article on tax relief for Mass National Guard and reservists on active duty in foreign countries (Art 39).

Also, Bill said he will present this at Town Meeting, if you like, but he needs to know more.

People would like to know the specifics of the Assessors' plans implement the statute:

- First, have you decided which year to offer it?
- When you do, what is the percent of abatement? Can be up to 100 percent.
- What are the eligibility criteria?
- What is the anticipated impact on Town revenue?
- Whatever else that might help them fully understand impact of accepting the statute.

Thanks very much, Dotty.
 Susan

4/22/2011

Stow Selectmen's Office

From: Laura Spear [laura@spear.net]
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 9:57 AM
To: 'Charles Kern'; 'Stephen M. Dungan'; 'Thomas E. Ryan III'; jimsalvie@comcast.net
Cc: selectmen@stow-ma.gov; 'TownAdministrator'
Subject: FW: Latest Master Plan actions

Thanks, all, for the input on Tuesday night to our Master Plan actions. Attached is the revised version with the changes that Jim made that evening. Per our meeting, our next homework assignment is to:

- Identify the top 1-2 categories/subject matter for focusing on – a vertical cut, if you will
- Identify the top 4-5 High priority action items for focusing on, looking across all of the categories

Please send them to me by next Friday, 4/22, if you can. I will compile them and send them to you for discussion at our next meeting.

Thanks again. I know this is tedious work at times, but I would like continue the momentum!
Laura

From: Jim Salvie [mailto:jimsalvie@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2011 6:30 AM
To: Laura Spear
Subject: Re: Latest Master Plan actions

Stow Selectmen's Office

From: mma-alert@mma.org
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2011 2:33 PM
To: selectmen@stow-ma.gov
Subject: HOUSE MUNICIPAL INSURANCE REFORM PLAN

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MMA Alert Contact: Tom Philbin 617-426-7272 ext. 121

SUPPORT THE HOUSE MUNICIPAL INSURANCE REFORM PLAN – PLEASE CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AGAIN TODAY!!!

- **SUPPORT MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM IN HOUSE BUDGET**
- **OPPOSE THE CRIPPLING AMENDMENT OFFERED BY LABOR AND CO-SIGNED BY 49 REPS**

LABOR IS GENERATING THOUSANDS OF CALLS AND EMAILS TO UNDERMINE MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM IN HOUSE BUDGET

The municipal health insurance reform plan proposed by Speaker Robert DeLeo, Chairman Brian Dempsey, and the House Ways and Means Committee offers real reform for cities, towns and taxpayers. The measure would give cities and towns the same power the state has to implement necessary cost savings changes in municipal health insurance plans outside of collective bargaining, saving local taxpayers up to \$100 million. Please see the MMA's letter to the House of Representatives calling for passage of the reform by [clicking here](#).

Unions are responding by urging legislators to endorse a labor-backed budget amendment offered by Rep. Martin Walsh, who also serves as a labor official with the building trades. A total of 49 Representatives have signed onto Amendment 749, the union "alternative" to the Speaker's reform plan that would be the opposite of reform. It is imperative that you get your Representatives to oppose Amendment 749 (also known as "the Walsh Amendment").

Amendment 749 is worse than no reform at all, and actually strengthens union leverage and

control over health benefits, offers taxpayers virtually no relief, and does nothing to protect municipal services and jobs. The amendment would subject any plan design change to coalition bargaining; require mandatory binding arbitration if an impasse is reached; guarantee only 25 percent of the “savings” to go to communities, require 25 percent to go to employees, with the remaining 50 percent subject to bargaining; block all further plan design changes until 2014; and place all future negotiations over health insurance changes (any future plan design changes or any change in the employee-employer contribution share) in permanent Section 19 coalition bargaining.

PLEASE CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TODAY:

ASK FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE SPEAKER’S REFORM PLAN IN SECTION 46 OF THE BUDGET WITH NO WEAKENING AMENDMENTS.

ASK THEM TO OPPOSE AMENDMENT 749 BECAUSE IT GUTS THE WAYS AND MEANS PLAN AND IS WORSE THAN NO REFORM AT ALL.

PLEASE GENERATE AS MANY CALLS AS YOU CAN FROM YOUR COLLEAGUES IN YOUR COMMUNITY – LABOR IS MOBILIZING THEIR THOUSANDS OF MEMBERS.

Background Details:

The key provisions of the Speaker and House Ways and Means Committee’s reform proposal (Section 46 of the HW&M budget) are as follows:

- Cities and towns would be able to change the co-pays and deductibles in employee health plans up to the same level that state employees have in the most subscribed plan offered by the state’s Group Insurance Commission, meaning municipal employees would be guaranteed health plans that are as good or better than the coverage for state employees;
- Communities would also have the power to join the GIC if they demonstrate that joining the GIC would provide more savings than making plan design changes on their own;
- Ten percent of the savings or costs avoided in the first year would be set aside to fund a health reimbursement account that would be structured based on an agreement between municipalities and their unions, providing resources to offset costs for heavy users of the health care system; and
- Cities and towns would preserve collective bargaining for any change in the employee-employer premium share or any proposals to have higher co-pays than the state, leaving municipal unions with more collective bargaining authority over health insurance than state employee unions. Municipal employees would benefit from the legislation in three ways – union jobs would be protected, employee premiums would be lower, and communities would establish health reimbursement accounts to offset a portion of the costs for those employees who are heavy users of the health care system.

In contrast to the clear reform and transparency of the House Ways and Means proposal, Amendment 749, the labor-backed “alternative” is deficient in almost every way. Incredibly, Amendment 749 is so flawed that it would be even worse than no action at all. The language would:

- **Prevent any change in municipal co-pays or deductibles in fiscal 2012** (or any other plan design feature) unless 70% of municipal unions agree, then **impose a 3-year moratorium on any further health plan changes** unless unions agree otherwise, then **permanently impose the deeply flawed Section 19 coalition bargaining process** on communities, which would allow one or two unions in a community to permanently control all health insurance matters including plan design and the premium share (Section 19 is now a local-option statute that has not worked – communities in Section 19 are pursuing home rule petitions to get out);
- **Limit the guaranteed savings for taxpayers** at only 25% of the costs avoided by any plan change, set aside 25% for enhancing employee benefits, and require bargaining over the remaining 50% – the entire purpose of reform is to preserve municipal and school services and protect jobs, and this provision would totally undermine reform by funneling as much as half or more of the savings into other employee benefit costs;
- **Impose mandatory binding arbitration** over health insurance matters – mandatory binding arbitration was **REPEALED BY THE VOTERS** as a key part of Proposition 2½ because it is unaffordable for taxpayers (an example is the arbitrator’s decision in the Boston Fire Department case last year, granting extremely high salary increases in exchange for what should be routine drug testing). This amendment would expand mandatory binding arbitration in unprecedented ways (historically, it only existed for police and fire contracts), and would give an unaccountable, unelected outside person the power to set all co-pays, deductibles, contribution percentages, health reimbursement accounts, and other benefits, essentially empowering the arbitrator to control up to 15% or more of a municipality’s budget;
- **Lead to legal disputes and conflict** because the amendment uses an ambiguous benchmark of “actuarial value” to determine the maximum municipal action for increasing co-pays and deductibles – because it is ambiguous and undefined, there would be countless legal challenges and delays before the actuarial value could be determined. By contrast, Section 46 in the House Ways and Means plan is clear and transparent, allowing communities to adjust co-pays and deductibles to specific levels in the GIC, preventing costly legal delays.

Just this week, the Commonwealth won a Superior Court ruling upholding the Legislature’s action in the 2009 Transportation Reform Law removing all health insurance matters from collective bargaining for state transportation workers. Section 46 is a powerful reform plan for cities and towns, yet it is much more modest than what the House voted for in 2009 in the transportation bill.

THE CHOICE IS CLEAR. The legislation proposed by Speaker DeLeo and the House Ways and Means Committee saves taxpayers \$100 million in avoided health insurance costs, protects municipal union jobs and essential services, guarantees equity with state employee health benefits, and still leaves municipal unions with more bargaining power than state unions. This is a balanced, meaningful, fair and transparent reform. Please call on your Representatives to support the House Ways and Means initiative and reject Amendment 749.

Thank you very much.

MMA letter to the House calling for passage of municipal health insurance reform



April 21, 2011

Dear Representative,

Skyrocketing health insurance costs have been crushing local budgets and forcing cuts in essential municipal and school services. Fortunately, relief is on the way, but only if you vote to support the municipal health insurance reform proposal included Section 46 of the House Ways and Means Committee's fiscal 2012 budget recommendation. We commend Speaker Robert DeLeo and Chairman Brian Dempsey for recognizing the need for true reform and proposing a plan that offers powerful relief for local taxpayers and all communities.

The reform in Section 46 would simply give cities and towns the same power the state has to update co-pays and deductibles in municipal health insurance plans, saving local taxpayers \$100 million in avoided health costs. As you know from your own health plans, the Commonwealth has used its authority to make adjustments in co-pays and deductibles to hold down the state's overall costs. Communities, however, are blocked from making the same changes unless they receive permission from their municipal unions. As a recent MTF/Boston Foundation report documents, this has caused municipal health insurance costs to spiral out of control, forcing cuts in education, public safety and other vital programs, and forcing the elimination of teachers, firefighters, police officers and other key employees from local budgets.

Cities and towns will use the House Ways and Means Committee's plan design reform to provide relief for local taxpayers, protect essential

services, and preserve thousands of municipal jobs. Speaker DeLeo and Chairman Dempsey's plan would do the following:

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On behalf of cities and towns across Massachusetts, we are writing to urge you, in the strongest possible terms, to **SUPPORT Section 46** and to **OPPOSE Amendment 749**, which would eviscerate the reform.

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Sincerely,
Geoffrey C. Beckwith
Executive Director, MMA

Stow Selectmen's Office

From: Stephen Dungan [s.dungan@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2011 9:08 AM

To: Bill Wrigley; Charlie Kern; jimsalvie@comcast.net; Laura Spear; Susan McLaughlin (bos); Tom Ryan (BOS)

Subject: Transportation update and recommendation

Hi, folks:

In preparation for our discussion next Tuesday, Laura asked me to prepare a status report and a recommendation on the transportation issue. Also included are the shuttle survey and the Community Chest survey results. They contain important information on transportation needs.

Steve

Donation letter

April 28, 2009

Board of Selectmen
Town of Stow
380 Great Road
Stow, MA 01775

Dear Board of Selectmen,

I would be pleased to present the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stow with a check for \$13,500.00 for the purchase of an Improved 1766 French Charleville military musket, also known as the "Stow musket," owned by the Estate of Thomas Wolfe, and identified by Littlefield Antiques, LLC of Jaffrey, New Hampshire, in a letter dated July 15, 2008.

It is my wish that the musket be placed under the care and custody of the Stow Historical Commission, with the following understanding:

- It be securely displayed in a publicly accessible area designated by the Board of Selectmen, with a plaque that would read:

Donated to the Town of Stow
By Jean E. McFedries
In Loving Memory of William A. McFedries
April 28, 2009

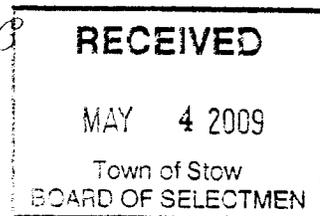
- It may be used by the Stow Minutemen, in a responsible manner, on Patriot's Day, at SpringFest, and on Memorial Day.
- It may occasionally be used in other events for the public benefit, with the approval of the Historical Commission by a majority vote of the Commission.
- These are my only expectations regarding this donation.

Please accept this gift with my best wishes.

Yours truly,

Jean E. McFedries

Littlefield Antiques, LLC
Richard Littlefield, Prop.



PO Box 9
Jaffrey, New Hampshire
03452
May 1, 2009

INVOICE:
Town of Stow
380 Great Road
Stow, Massachusetts
01775
attention: Selectmen's Office

One French Model 1766 (upgraded) Charleville musket with bayonet in beautiful condition with a history of ownership back to Steven Stow and his son Ichabod Stow of Stow, Massachusetts. Steven Stow is listed as being in Concord at the first encounter of the American Revolution. Ichabod is listed at the end of the war as a veteran. This gun has come down through the Stow family to its present owner who is not a family member. Information on the Stow family and the Stow residence accompanies the gun. There is also a typed script of two different interviews with the last family owner, Alex Gray. In addition there is a history of Stow 1683-1933, Basil Stow's personal copy printed in 1933. The book is extremely rare. We are told there is no surviving copy in the town of Stow.

It is understood that the musket will be placed in the care and custody of the Stow Historical Commission.

The musket is to be sold for the sum of \$13,500.00 (thirteen-thousand five-hundred dollars and no cents) by Mr. William Wolfe, 1240 Main Street, Leominster, Massachusetts 01453 representing the estate of Thomas Wolfe. Mr. Wolfe's agent for the sale is Richard Littlefield of Littlefield Antiques. PO Box 9, Jaffrey, New Hampshire. 03452.

Please make your check payable to Richard Littlefield and remit to the above address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elizabeth Littlefield".

Elizabeth Littlefield

Selectmen's vote



**Town of Stow
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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DATE: May 4, 2009

TO: Julie Costello, Town Accountant

FROM: Susan McLaughlin, Selectmen's Office *JMCL*

CC: Stow Historical Commission

RE: Selectmen's vote to accept \$13,500 donation for historic Stow musket

This memo is to confirm the Board of Selectmen's unanimous vote on April 28, 2009, to accept a gift of \$13,500 to the Town of Stow, for the purchase of an historic musket, know as the "Stow musket." This vote will be recorded in the April 28, 2009 meeting minutes.

Attached are the two documents, which the Board members had in hand for the vote:

- Donor's letter for the gift
- Appraisal of the musket



Town of Stow
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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June 23, 2009

Ms. Jean McFedries
102 Whitman Street
Stow, MA 01775

Dear Jean,

On behalf of the Town of Stow, I would like to thank you for your gift of a check for \$13,500.00, for the purchase of the "Stow musket," the French Charleville military musket owned by the estate of Thomas Wolfe and identified by Littlefield Antiques, LLC of Jaffrey, New Hampshire.

This musket will be a valuable addition to Stow's historical collection and a meaningful reminder of the role Stow citizens played in the formative days of our nation. It has been placed under the care of the Stow Historical Commission.

The musket is to be securely displayed in a publicly accessible area designated by the Selectmen, with a plaque acknowledging your donation in loving memory of your husband, William.

The Historical Commission will allow responsible use of the musket by the Stow Minutemen for occasions such as Patriot's Day, Stow SpringFest, and Memorial Day observances, and other events for the public benefit as the Commission deems fit and approves by majority vote.

Once again we thank you for your gift and your role in bringing this important artifact into our town's historical collection. We, and the Town, appreciate your generosity and public spirit.

Yours truly,

Stephen Dungan
Chairman, Board of Selectmen