

Minutes
STOW FINANCE COMMITTEE
Post Public Hearing
March 18, 2010
8:55 PM
Town Building
Approved

Call to Order

Charles Kern called the meeting to order at 8:55 pm. Present were, David Walrath, Gary Bernklow, James Salvie, Christopher Sarno and Elizabeth Tobey, Secretary.

Vote of Town Warrant articles for October 19, 2009 Special Town Meeting

Article 6 to 36

Dave recommended approval of Articles 6 through 36 of the Consent Calendar. Gary Bernklow seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimous (Kern, Salvie, Bernklow, Walrath and Sarno)

Article 37 – Capital Requests

1 – building Department – External repairs and painting of the Town Building	\$65,000
3 – Fire – Rescue – Radio System	\$39,000
5 – Highway Department – Six wheel truck and spreader	\$80,000
6 – Highway Department – Replace Highway barn roof	\$54,000
7 – Police – Police Vehicle	\$33,000
8 – Randall Library – Slate roof repairs	\$33,000
9 – Randall Library – Mold/Mildew field upgrade	\$25,000

David Walrath recommended approval of numbers 1,3,5,6,7,8,9, of Article 37, excluding numbers 2, 4 and 10 on the Draft Warrant dated 3/18/2010. Christopher Sarno seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimous (Kern, Salvie, Bernklow, Walrath and Sarno)

10 – NRSD – Hale baseball field upgrade \$32,500

Gary explained that on the original site plan for MSBA the coach had recommended that the current filed at Center School would be ok. It was found that the field would not be the correct length, per the Recreation Commissions request for a 90' field. Hale School will need some fill, which would make room for a 90' field.

Gary Bernklow recommended approval of Article 37 number 10 on the Draft Warrant dated 3/18/2010.

Christopher Sarno seconded the motion

The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Salvie Bernklow, Walrath and Sarno)

2 – Fire – Rescue – Replace command Vehicle \$37,500

4 – Board of Health – Dog Kennel \$60,000

Will make a recommendation at Town Meeting

Article 38 – Alternate Design of Center School Add/Reno to Retain Larson Apple Barn

Gary explained that if the Stone Building passes they cannot go out to bid on the current time schedule. SMMA has to draw up the new designs. However long that takes is how long they will take to make a decision the monies are already encumbered unless they find an error, they would then take it back. The project has to start the day after school closes. That can't be done if the plans have to be changed. If they can't start this summer they will have to wait a year. The MSBA meets one time a month. They will lose the summer which means they will have to wait to start until the following year. They will need full construction documents for a change in scope. All of this will delay construction.

Gary Bernklow moved to recommend to Town Meeting that they should not approve Article 38. David Walrath seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Salvie Bernklow, Walrath and Sarno)

Article 39 – Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School Renovation Feasibility Study

David Walrath recommended approval of Article 39 on the Draft Warrant dated 3/18/2010. James Salvie seconded the motion

The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Salvie Bernklow, Walrath and Sarno)

Article 40 – Town Land Gift to First Parish Church

Will make a recommendation at Town Meeting

Article 41 – Rescind Funds to Purchase Land on Red Acre Road

David Walrath recommended approval of Article 41 on the Draft Warrant dated 3/18/2010. Christopher Sarno seconded the motion

The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Salvie Bernklow, Walrath and Sarno)

Article 42 – Restoration of Stone Walls at Lower Village Cemetery

Gary Bernklow recommended approval of Article 42 on the Draft Warrant dated 3/18/2010. David Walrath seconded the motion

The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Salvie Bernklow, Walrath and Sarno)

Article 43 – Restoration of Headstones at Town Cemeteries

Christopher Sarno recommended approval of Article 43 on the Draft Warrant dated 3/18/2010. David Walrath seconded the motion

The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Salvie Bernklow, Walrath and Sarno)

Article 44 – Town-wide Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey

Gary Bernklow recommended approval of Article 44 on the Draft Warrant dated 3/18/2010. James Salvie seconded the motion

The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Salvie Bernklow, Walrath and Sarno)

Article 45 – Open Space Conservation Construction

David Walrath recommended approval of Article 45 on the Draft Warrant dated 3/18/2010. James Salvie seconded the motion.

David Walrath withdrew his motion and James Salvie seconded the withdrawal.

Will make a recommendation at Town Meeting

Article 46 – Senior Tax Relief

Gary Bernklow recommended approval of Article 46 on the Draft Warrant dated 3/18/2010. James Salvie seconded the motion

The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Salvie Bernklow, Walrath and Sarno)

Article 47 – General Bylaw Amendment: Authorize Affordable Housing Trust to Make Loans/Grants

James Salvie recommended approval of Article 47 on the Draft Warrant dated 3/18/2010. David Walrath seconded the motion

The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Salvie Bernklow, Walrath and Sarno)

Article 48 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment: Flood Plain/Wetland Overlay District

Gary Bernklow recommended approval of Article 48 on the Draft Warrant dated 3/18/2010. David Walrath seconded the motion

The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Salvie Bernklow, Walrath and Sarno)

Article 49 – Transfer to Stabilization Fund

David Walrath recommended approval of Article 49 on the Draft Warrant dated 3/18/2010. Gary Bernklow seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously (Kern, Salvie Bernklow, Walrath and Sarno)

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Tobey,
Secretary

