

**Minutes  
Stow Board of Selectmen  
September 11, 2018  
Town Building**

Present at the meeting that was held at Town Building were James Salvie, Brian Burke, Donald Hawkes and Ingeborg Hegemann. Tom Ryan was absent.

Also present were William Wrigley, Town Administrator and Maureen Trunfio, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Salvie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Chairman's Comment:** Mr. Salvie noted the passing of Jim Gray, a member of several Town government groups.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Minutes:** *Mr. Hawkes moved to approve the Minutes of the August 28, 2018 meeting as amended. Mr. Burke seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.*

**Permit for 2018 Stow Gobbler Race – November 22 – Joey Sabourin**

Joey Sabourin and his father were present to request permission to run this year's Thanksgiving Day 5K fundraising race. The Board thanked them and voted unanimously to support their efforts.

*Mr. Burke moved to approve the use of Town public ways for the Annual Stow Gobbler 5K Road Race on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2018. Mr. Hawkes seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.*

**Appointment to Town Hall Restoration Committee – Arnie Epstein**

Doug Hyde, Assistant Facilities Director, was present and informed the Board that the Town Hall Restoration Committee had met and voted unanimously to recommend Arnie Epstein for the at-large seat on the Committee. Mr. Epstein was present and confirmed his interest in the position.

*On the recommendation of the Town Hall Restoration Committee, Mr. Hawkes moved to appoint Arnold Epstein as member-at-large, to serve the remainder of a three-year term expiring June 30, 2021. Mr. Burke seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.*

**Appointment to the Board of Registrars of Voters– Town Clerk**

Town Clerk Linda Hathaway was present and recommended the appointment of Nancy Arsenault to fill the open position of Registrar of Voters. Mrs. Arsenault was not present.

*On the recommendation of the Town Clerk, Mr. Hawkes moved to appoint Nancy Arsenault as a Registrar of Voters, to serve the remainder of a three-year term expiring June 30, 2021. Mr. Burke seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.*

**Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. Wrigley reported on a resident's interest in requesting that the Selectmen consider changing their choice for the preferred route of the proposed Eversource Transmission Line. Resident Bhaird Campbell, purports that the Town would collect substantially more in taxes from Eversource if the line were to be installed under the roadway. He told the Board that he had asked Kristen Fox, the Town's Principal Assessor, to undertake a preliminary due diligence effort, including having a commercial appraisal firm review the written tax assessing material Mr. Campbell has presented to the Town. Mr. Wrigley said he

would keep the Board apprised of the findings of the tax assessment comparison exercise. He reported that the Planning Department, Conservation Department and Highway Department, are working collectively with engineers from MassDOT in hopes of developing an agreed upon plan for repair or replacement of the Box Mill Road bridge.

Mr. Wrigley told the Board that the Stow Board of Health has worked recently with the Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project in scheduling additional spraying, due to isolated findings of mosquitoes carrying the West Nile Virus in the area.

Finally he informed the Board that public safety departments have met with local orchard owners to develop a comprehensive traffic management safety plan for the several weekends extending from mid-September through early October.

Mr. Wrigley left the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

### **Liaison Reports**

Mr. Burke said that he had attended a LACAC meeting. They will be posting soon to fill a vacancy created by one of the Committee members moving out of town.

Mr. Hawkes said that the Lake Boon drawdown will begin on or around October 1<sup>st</sup>. He said that he will be absent from the September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting but will be back for the October 1 Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Salvie reported that he had attended the recent Library Trustees meeting. They received the same presentation by the Library Director that the Board saw at their 8/28/18 meeting. CPC members also received a tour of the newly restored second floor of the Library. He said that the Capital Planning Committee and the Lower Village Subcommittee will meet next week. He mentioned that historic artifacts that Stow Historical Society takes care of must come back and there is some discussion between the two groups about when that would occur and how to do so without disrupting ongoing library programs. Mr. Salvie and Mr. Wrigley have offered to facilitate a meeting between the two groups.

Ms. Hegemann reported that SMAHT would be meeting on the following night.

### **Adjournment**

*At 7:50 p.m. Mr. Hawkes moved to adjourn. Mr. Burke seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Trunfio, Administrative Assistant

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1Tm-hLpJdE>

### **Documents addressed at the Selectmen's 9/11/2018 Meeting**

8/28/18 Draft minutes

2018 Gobbler 5K map/plan