

Stow Board of Selectmen
Hale School Library
July 10, 2017

Present were Selectmen, Brian Burke, Don Hawkes, Ingeborg Hegemann, and Tom Ryan. James Salvie was absent. Also present were Town Administrator Bill Wrigley and Administrative Assistant Maureen Trunfio and Town Counsel Barbara Carboni.

At 6:20 p.m. Mr. Burke called the meeting to order.

The Board determined who would make each motion during Town Meeting.

The Board discussed and voted on their support and concerns regarding articles.

Article 1

Mr. Hawkes stated that he felt that the Town should be encouraging the addition of affordable housing units in town. Mike Kopczynski, Chair of the Stow Municipal Affordable Housing Trust, (SMAHT) was present and explained that if the article passes at Town Meeting, and then at the election, a study group will be established and, after approximately one year, would come back to SMAHT with a recommendation of how to best utilize the parcels. Mr. Ryan expressed his concern for purchasing parcels in a case where it is not clear whether they could be built upon or not. He mentioned the possibility that the Town may want to sell one or both of these parcels.

Ms. Hegemann added that the Ch. 61 process has restraints and makes this process difficult, but that is critical that the Town take risks in these situations and try to work toward a friendly agreement that would help the Town work toward its goal of providing more affordable housing.

Mr. Ryan stated that he would prefer to actively pursue land for the purpose of building affordable housing instead of being required to react to alerts from Chapter 61A and Chapter 61B notices.

The Chair agreed that this item should be discussed in the future.

The majority of the Board voted to support of the article.

Mr. Hawkes moved to support Article 1 which would provide funding to purchase parcels on Old Bolton Road. Ms. Hegemann seconded the motion and it was passed. Mr. Hawkes, Ms. Hegemann and Mr. Burke, aye. Mr. Ryan, nay.

Article 2

Mr. Wrigley explained that if the Town does not procure the required engineering assessment that would provide proper repair to the dam, the State could take control of it. The Board voted unanimously to support Article 2.

Mr. Ryan moved to support Article 2 which provides funding for the engineering required for repair of the dam. Ms. Hegemann seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Article 3

Mr. Ryan moved to support Article 3 to provide funding for the repair of the Randall Library sewage disposal system. Mr. Hawkes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Articles 4 & 6

Mr. Wrigley explained the opt-in option available to municipalities for provisions relating to a speed reduction in thickly settled areas and the ability to create Safety Zones in Town.

Mr. Hawkes moved in general support of Article 4 and 6. Ms. Hegemann seconded the motion and it passed. Mr. Hawkes, Mr. Burke and Ms. Hegemann, aye. Mr. Ryan, nay.

Adjournment

At 6:52 pm Mr. Hawkes made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Hegemann seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maureen Trunfio
Administrative Assistant*