

**Minutes  
Stow Board of Selectmen  
February 19, 2019  
Town Building**

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

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

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

**Chairman's Comments:** The Chair stated that tonight meeting was originally scheduled for February 12, but was postponed due to inclement weather. He congratulated the Sustainable Stow Committee for being chosen by the State, in partnership with the Town of Hudson for the HeatSmart Mass Program. Through this program, the community can take part in lower-priced Heat Pumps systems for their homes.

**Meeting Minutes:**

*Mr. Hawkes moved to accept the meeting minutes of the January 22, 2019 meeting as drafted. Mr. Burke seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.*

*Mr. Ryan moved to accept the meeting minutes of the September 25, 2018 meeting as drafted. Mr. Hawkes seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.*

**Correspondence:** Resident and Library Trustee Laura Reiner submitted a letter to the Selectmen's Office regarding the problem of fast traffic on Common Road. Mr. Salvie said he would ask Planning Board and the Police Department for comment and recommendation the matter to the Complete Streets Committee.

**Discussion/vote re: Execution of deed for gift of land by J. Melone & Sons – Conservation**

Conservation Coordinator Kathy Sferra was present to explain a gift of land adjacent to Town Forest being given to the Town by J. Melone & Sons. The Board voted unanimously to accept the gift and execute the deed.

*Mr. Burke moved that the Selectmen execute the deed for the one- acre Melone property adjacent to the Town Forest, given to the Conservation Commission and accepted at their January 29, 2019 meeting. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.*

**Discussion/vote: Joint Boards Meeting with Board of Assessors re: Appointment to Board of Assessors**

Chair of the Board of Assessors Dom Pugliese and Board member Gary Yu were present with Georgie Smith. Mrs. Smith has stepped forward to fill the vacancy created due to the recent death of her husband, Jack, who served on the Board of Assessors for many years. Stow's Town Charter calls for the Board of Selectmen and the remaining Assessors to make a joint appointment to fill such a vacancy until a replacement can be elected for the remainder of the term. The Selectmen unanimously agreed to appoint Georgie Smith to the Board of Assessors and thanked her for her willingness to serve.

*Mr. Hawkes moved, in a joint vote with the Board of Assessors, that Georgie Smith be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Assessors, effective from now until the May 2019 Annual Town Election. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The vote included aye votes from Dom Pugliese and Gary Yu.*

**Discussion/vote re: Certificate of Appreciation for Charles Barney**

Long-time Zoning Board of Appeals member Charles Barney was present to receive a Certificate of Appreciation for over 40 years of service to the Town. The Selectmen wished him health and happiness.

*Mr. Burke moved to approve and sign a Certificate of Appreciation for Charles Barney, for his service on the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board. Mr. Hawkes seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.*

*Mr. Burke recused himself from the following matter.*

**Discussion/vote re: Signing certificates and letters for Eagle Scouts Connor Bernklow and Edmund Burke**

Both Edmund Burke and Connor Bernklow were present to discuss their Eagle Scout plans. The Selectmen signed certificates for each of them to be presented at their Eagle Court of Honor ceremony in March and wished them future success. Mr. Ryan thanked the Scout leadership of Gary Bernklow and J.P. Benoit.

*Mr. Ryan moved to recognize Boy Scouts Connor Bernklow and Edmund Burke for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, and to sign the letters and proclamations for their recognition ceremony on Saturday, March 2, 2019. Mr. Hawkes seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.*

*Mr. Burke rejoined the meeting.*

**Discussion/vote re: Appointment of Constable**

Paul Tavalone had written to the Selectmen's Office expressing interest in serving as a Constable for the Town. He was present and the Board unanimously agreed to appoint him to serve the Town as Constable..

*Mr. Hawkes moved that the Selectmen appoint Paul Tavalone as Constable for the Town of Stow, to serve the remainder of a three-year term expiring June 30, 2020. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.*

**Appointment of Police Officer**

Police Chief Bosworth was present and recommended the appointment of Jacob Mick to the position of full-time Police Officer at the conclusion of a hiring process for the open position. The Selectmen agreed unanimously to appoint Mr. Mick to the position that had been vacant for some time.

*On the recommendation of the Police Officer Search Committee, Mr. Hawkes moved to appoint Jacob Mick as a full-time Police Officer, for a one-year probationary period from the effective date of hire. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.*

**Discussion/vote re: Board of Selectmen 2018 Annual Report**

The Selectmen agreed to review this report and vote on its acceptance at the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Liaison Reports:**

Mr. Burke mentioned he had attended the Finance Committee meeting along with Mr. Salvie at the beginning of February and received interesting feedback. He said he would like to keep the Finance Committee more informed on what the Selectmen are doing. He said that the LACAC had received Awards. He said that he had missed the most recent Council on Aging meeting held the prior week.



Mr. Hawkes said the Nashoba Regional School District School Committee met last week and had an extensive discussion regarding offering full-day Kindergarten. .

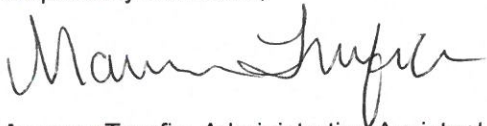
Mr. Salvie mentioned that he continues to attend Capital Planning meetings as they continue to meet and discuss FY-20 Capital requests. He mentioned that he had attended the most recent Finance Committee meeting. He said that he had been working with Doug Hyde and members of the Historical Commission, the Historical Society and the Library Trustees in connection with the renovation project to see if they are considering the housing of historical items from the second floor of the Randall Library.

Mr. Ryan mentioned that the Town Hall Renovation Committee recently lost a few members, but quickly had applicants fill those positions. He said they had received a copy of the existing conditions report. On a separate matter he said that he was given copy of an internal police report and was impressed at how well members of the force work together. They received a complimentary memo mentioning how well they work together.

Ms. Hegemann stated that SMAHT had met last week and chosen a successful bidder for the demolition project at Red Acre Woodland. She announced that Kathy Sferra was named Conservation Administrator of the year by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Coordinators.

*At 8:53 p.m. Mr. Burke made a motion to convene in Joint Executive Session with Planning Board, pursuant to MGL C. 30A, sec.21 (a)(3), for the purpose of discussing possible litigation and to review Executive Session Minutes. Mr. Hawkes seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Roll call vote: Mr. Burke, aye, Mr. Hawkes, aye, Mr. Salvie, aye, Mr. Ryan, aye and Ms. Hegemann, aye.*

Respectfully submitted,



Maureen Trunfio, Administrative Assistant

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAoQXBqHdM4>

**Documents addressed at the Selectmen's 9/19/2018 Meeting**

Eagle Scout Certificates

Certificate of Appreciation for Charles Barney

Quitclaim Deed for Melone Donation Property

Minutes January 22, 2019 & September 25, 2018