

**Town of Sturbridge
Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2009
Sturbridge Senior Center
7:00 P.M.**

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm with the following members present: Kevin Smith (KS), Larry Morrison (LM), Mike Serio (MS), Mary Redetzke MR), Priscilla Gimas (PG), and Patricia Affenito (PA).

Discussion of FY10 budget:

We should be clear on consequences of every cut.

Town Clerk assistant: FY09 the additional hours were used but the higher pay was not. Look at for FY10

Several questions on Police budget cuts: LM and PA to followup with meeting with Chief Ford.

Should FinCom and BOS issue a joint statement to educate residents on the budget, explain general budget cut impact and show that Sturbridge is still better off than many other towns? (e.g) we have a 'rainy day fund'

Will non-union employees get the 2% step in additional to the 3% cost of living increase? Union employees will get both.

Board of Health- reduce # of recycling days?

Recreation- what are fees now? Is there a fund for families in financial difficulties?

Request Town Counsel detail of costs from Jim Malloy.

Discussion of removal of dams at Hammett Brook.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Affenito