

**Town of Sturbridge  
Finance Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2009  
Sturbridge Senior Center  
7:00 P.M.**

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm with the following members present: Kevin Smith (KS), Larry Morrison (LM), Mike Serio (MS), Mary Redetzke (MR), Priscilla Gimas (PG), Mary Dowling (MD), Bob Williams (BW) and Patricia Affenito (PA).

Motion to approve minutes of 11/06/08, as written, made by MR, seconded by BW, so moved 6-0-2.

Virginia Stallone (VS) arrives.

Motion to approve minutes of 11/10/08, as written, made by LM, seconded by MR, so moved 7-0-2.

Motion to approve minutes of 1/22/09, as amended to correct spelling of “without“, made by MR, seconded by BW, so moved 9-0-0.

Motion to approve minutes of 1/27/09, as written, made by MR, seconded by PG, so moved 8-0-1.

Motion to approve minutes of 1/31/09, as amended to include adjourned time at “12:45pm“, made by VS, seconded by MR, so moved 9-0-0.

Please send STM questions to KS by Wednesday 2/11 by noon.

Veteran’s Agent and Tree Warden

These have not been formally reviewed by the Personnel Committee.

Motion to approve FY10 budget line #15431-51120 through #15432-57700 for Veterans Agent at \$12,435 made by MS, seconded by MR, so moved 9-0-0.

7:15pm - 8:15pm: Mike Cimini and Alix McNitt (Chair and Secretary, respectively- Economic Development Committee (EDC))

The EDC has surveyed businesses in all sectors.

- Would like to attract businesses to Sturbridge:
  - Light industry is difficult to entice- limited infrastructure, low on national agenda (43D)
  - SHHP results show Sturbridge needs an attraction but there is no incentive (eg. TIF).
  - Recent Planning Board meeting on Route 20 issues showed no consensus and no plan by the Board.
- Master Plan is essential:
  - Need a sense of where to grow our revenue side.
  - There is a plan in place; however, it is old and possibly outdated.
  - \$75,000 from the Town and \$18,000 from the ZBA account= \$93,000 available for a new Master Plan. Estimates on cost range from \$75k - \$100k.
- Discussion on protocols for the new plan development and statistically relevant data.
- EDC Coordinator: would be similar to Town Planner but focus on
  1. Attract business
  2. Retain business

3. Workforce Development
4. Grants
5. Coordinate BID project

Position description is finalized; only PT needed now.

Motion to approve FY10 budget line #12941-51120 through #12942-57000 for Tree Warden at \$12,424 made by MS, seconded by VS, so moved 9-0-0.

Motion to approve FY10 budget line #19102-51700 Unclassified: Group Insurance at \$1,020,000 made by MR, seconded by VS, so moved 9-0-0.

Motion to approve FY10 budget line #11751-51100 through #11752-57000 Town Planner at \$101,243 made by MD, seconded by MR, so moved 9-0-0.

Motion to approve FY10 budget line #11221-51100 through #11222-57000 Board of Selectmen at \$3,300 made by MR, seconded by VS, so moved 9-0-0.

Motion to approve FY10 budget line #16902-54000 Historical Commission at \$0 made by BW, seconded by PG, so moved 9-0-0.

Motion to approve FY10 budget line #16702-52000 through #16702-54000 Design Review at \$0 made by MD, seconded by LM, so moved 9-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Affenito