

**Town of Sturbridge
Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2008
Sturbridge Senior Center
7:00 P.M.**

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm with the following members present: Kevin Smith (KS), Larry Morrison (LM), Mike Serio (MS), Mary Redetzke (MR), and Patricia Affenito (PA).

Motion to transfer \$8000 from the Reserve Fund to Account #19102-53070 (Tax Title) made by MR, seconded by LM, so moved 4-0-1.

This amount is requested in order to begin proceedings on parcel takings for tax defaults.

At 7:15pm, Steve Mullen (Chair of the Sturbridge Board of Health) and Alyssa Rusechi (Health Agent) discussed several issues in the Board of Health budget:

- 1) Request a 25% increase for Public Accommodations/ Retail Food Inspector to \$13,375.
Current Inspector is Ron Woolhouse.
Request is based on hours of work and pay in other towns for a similar position.
Discussed his schedule, types and number of inspections, and administrative hours.
- 2) Request a new position: PT File Clerk
There are many hours needed for Recycling Center administration.
There are approx. 2300 permits issued per year; however, no history is available. All information has been thrown out.
- 3) Request funding for a new Forklift through a Reserve Fund transfer
This should be a FY10 Capital Budget request.
Can they share with Highway Dept?
- 4) Noted that as of 1/1/09 the Board of Health has increased all fees 25%.

Motion to disapprove the Reserve Fund transfer of \$15,900 to Board of Health made by MR, seconded by LM, so moved 5-0-0.

The rationale is that this request is not an emergency because there is a temporary alternative with the Highway Dept forklift. This request should be sent to Capital planning.

At 8:30pm, Board of Health members leave.

Discussion of topics and areas of concern to address with the Selectmen in the joint meeting on 11/10/08.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Affenito