

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 1988

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 pm

Present: R. Anderson, M. Brown, J. Desrochers, J. Doherty,
P. Helmreich, B. Kimball, A. Smith, D. Ward

STM petitioned article presentation

The Big E Association notes the desire of Tennants to buy the Park and needs to have situation taken care of in order to be able to receive a mortgage.

Request \$100,000 - 120,000 for funds till 6-89.

P. Helmreich notes that the STM can only fund till 6-88.

They will need additional article on Annual Town meeting for funding F89.

P. Helmreich notes they can attach to an article already on TM warrant

Big E association questions if Town has to pay to dump in Mansfield facility.

D. Ward notes the Town of Norton owns part of the Mansfield plant for critical needs and only has to pay trucking costs.

A. Smith states this area needs to be investigated more thoroughly with the appropriate Boards.

P. Helmreich notes the responsibility of petitioners to get full information and figures. They can get assistance from Town Officials-Executive secretary, Water and Sewer Department, Board of Health.

The Big E Association notes that they have an attorney reasearching the legality of the article. The Selectmen have an opinion which notes that this is not a legal article.

P. Helmreich notes that after Town meeting approval, the article will then be approved by the Attorney General.

The Association questions if the STM passes their article will the Finance Committee recommend an article for the ATM.

The Committee cannot commit themselves at this time due to a lack of information.

P. Helmreich notes that the Town's people cannot be held to approve at the ATM.

P. Helmreich questions if this will be an annual fundings because there are no sewerage lines.

M. Brooks notes that the Town has applied for funds for Mansfield Avenue sewerage and Mr. Kraskas has agreed to pay part of project.

P. Helmreich notes that the Town cannot be held to annual funding.

The Big E Association feels that if the Town does not do the sewerage that Mr. Kraskas will fund the whole project. They also feel that if the Town does get grant approval, any funds will not be needed from the Town.

P. Helmreich notes Mr. Kraskas did not make a written committment of funds for this project. This may be under negotiations but no agreement has been made.

Mr. Kraskas' funds may be pending re-zoning of the land for another project on Mansfield Avenue.

The Park owner has signed a discontinuance of the Park, therefore, the tenants have to purchase park and have already signed a purchase and sale agreement.

The Association was questioned on how they will be allowed a mortgage with just a short term resolution.

P. Helmreich notes problems that may arise.

The Big E Association notes that Mr. Kraskas has paid for the main engineering on North Mansfield Avenue. He has indicated he will pay if the right conditions exist. The Big E members will handle their own engineering laterals. They note the article requesting \$220,000 for engineering, consulting and design, ?? 50% of grant from DEQE for laterals.

D. Ward notes Mr. Kraskas engineering is not done.

M. Brooks notes grants filed on 11-30-87 to DEQE for 70% grant.

B. Kimball notes Norton is the 80th on list and only 24 grants are to be approved.

A. Smith requests Big E to return with further information and breakdowns.

B. Kimball questions alternative solutions.

The Association has looked into running lines themselves, and are currently lobbying with State officials.

Mortgage costs included financing of costs.

B. Kimball notes costs of plowing, maintenance of roads etc.

The Park members do perform all these and plan to in the future. Discussion of trailers on another owner's property.

The Association notes that their attorney is looking into this situation which includes 10 trailers and 50 feet of land. The Park itself is 17 years old with 13 acres in Norton and 5 acres in Mansfield. 125 mobile Homes. Polulation of 266 as of 1-1-87.

The Mobile owners had no idea of problems that could arise and stated that they would not have purchased if they were brought to his attention.

P. Helmreich notes that the Park Owner can at any time, with proper notification, close the park.

12 Mobile Homes are not in Association.

B. Kimball notes the taxes are currently: \$14,660 for land; \$18,000 for trailers (\$144 per traier) total of \$32,660 per year.

B. Kimball notes that Mr. Enos has separated his portion of the Park from the Main portion (3.5 acres)

There are currently approx 10 school age children. The Association notes the elderly home owners and the problems they will have.

D. Ward notes that if grant does not go through, that Mr. Kraskas is researching his own self-contained sewerage plant.

Selectmen noted that Mr. Kraskas agreed to relocate all trailers.

M. Brooks notes that the Association was happy to meet with Mr. Kraskas with the Attorney but Mr. Kraskas refused meeting.

The Big E Association has monthly meetings and all members who do not attend can contact Chairwomen on the action taken.

P. Helmreich notes the need for cooperation of each member of Association.

M. Brooks noted that the Associati~~on~~ has received funds for the down payment but does not have any written agreements with members.

P. Helmreich notes the Finance Committee needs figures for STM for this fiscal year and the Association can attach a figure for the ATM onto an expense budget, Board of Health.

M. Brown notes that for the elderly in the Park should apply for Housing for Elderly if the funds are turned down. They will receive preference due to their housing problem.

Review of Dog Officer evaluation by Personnel Board
Discussion.

Review of Public Health Nurse budgets. S. Lombard noted previously to P. Helmreich the problem that the budget can mushroom if not held to the State regulations regarding Public Health Nurses

540

D. Ward feels the increase is justified because S. Zumalt is mostly called out in bad weather

D. Ward moves \$8,746 for account 540

B. Kimball seconds

Unanimous

541

D. Ward moves \$14,968 for account 541.

A. Smith seconds

Unanimous

560

D. Ward moves \$48,300 for account 560

B. Kimball seconds

Unanimous

565

A. Smith moves \$34,631 for account 565.

R. Anderson seconds

\$64.25 per hydrant every six months.

6-0-1

600

Laborers are under negotiations. Level fund at 52 weeks except Supervisor.

A. Smith moves \$156,927 for account 600.

J. Doherty seconds

Unanimous

601

A. Smith moves \$90,050 for account 601

J. Doherty seconds

Unanimous

602

B. Kimball moves \$52,000 for account 602

D. Ward seconds

Unanimous

627

D. Ward moves \$3,000 for account 627

J. Doherty seconds

6-1-0

628

B. Kimball moves \$60,000 for account 628

D. Ward seconds

Unanimous

640

D. Ward moves \$19,934 for account 640

J. Doherty seconds

Unanimous

641

R. Anderson moves \$556 for account 641

D. Ward seconds

Unanimous

642

P. Helmreich notes that D. Charette feels that \$50,000 is not enough for any problems that may arise.

D. Ward moves \$60,000 for account 642

A. Smith seconds

Unanimous

644

D. Ward moves \$1515 for account 644

B. Kimball seconds

Unanimous

650

A. Smith moves \$8,396,009 for account 650

J. Desrochers seconds

Discussion

Unanimous

653

D. Ward moves \$20,000 for account 653

Seconded

Unanimous

655

J. Doherty moves \$40,525 for account 655

D. Ward seconds

Unanimous

659

R. Anderson moves \$106,622 for account 659

D. Ward seconds

Unanimous

680, 681

D. Ward moves to table until next meeting

Seconded

Unanimous

690

Personnel approved \$13,000 for 30 hour week for Director
D. Ward moves \$13,000 for account 690
J. Doherty seconds
Unanimous

691

P. Helmreich questions custodial fees for use of School buildings.
D. Ward moves to table until further information can be obtained.
R. Anderson seconds
Unanimous

710

R. Anderson moves \$44,917
D. Ward seconds
Add longevity pay
Unanimous

711

R. Anderson moves \$5,564 for account 711
D. Ward seconds
B. Kimball notes that the Departments with the appropriate equipment
should be designated to certain parts of the Town's property to
upkeep.
Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:10 pm
until 2-22-88 at approximately 7:30 pm