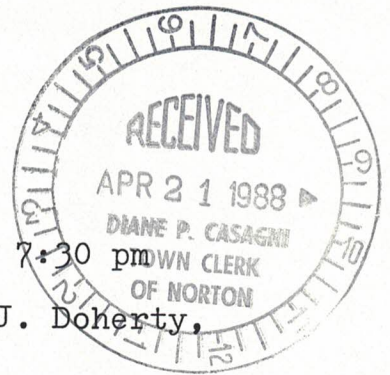


Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
March 7, 1988



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

Present: R. Anderson, M. Brown, J. Desrochers, J. Doherty,
P. Helmreich, B. Kimball, C. MacQuown, R. Nugent

article 35 & 36

Petitioners are requesting that the Town pay 75% of all
Employee's Health Insurance. Pays 50% currently.

Review of surrounding Towns.

Review of figures: takes into consideration of 15% yearly
increase in the costs of Insurance

Requesting need for \$65,566.81 for account 790.

The figures do not take into consideration the dividends that
may return to the Town.

P. Helmreich questions figures and how they have been reached.
Account 790 has been requested level funded at \$320,000. To
pay for 75% of Insurance an additional \$160,000 will be needed.

R. Lima notes dividends are essentially 50% of the employee's.

By State law - 50% of Insurance has to be paid by the Town.

Article 35 is to grant approval to pay over 50% of costs

and article 36 is to specify the rate of additional payment.

There are currently 271 employees in the Town's Insurance plan.

Family plan under Blue Cross is \$33.09 per week and

Healthy way is \$35.00 per week.

The Petitioners note that the figures are incorrect but request
the intent of the article.

P. Helmreich notes that the Personnel Board is requesting
additional information regarding Finance Committee's action
regarding Dog officer's recommendation.

Article 30

Discussion of reconsideration motion-notice of intent- to be
filed at the session of the meeting that the article is
initially considered. All reconsiderations will be done at the
end of Town meeting.

B. Kimball questions the right to reconsideration if this is
not put in writing at that time.

D. Casagni states this would be Town Counsel's decision.

STREETS

Adding change to current bylaw to include throwing of snow or
water into streets as hazardous materials

VEHICLES

change - All Town owned vehicles used for official Town use
shall be marked with appropriate Town department with exception
of 'unmarked' police car.

TOWN OFFICIALS

Revised in regards to the number of positions can be held

Review of Charter Commission

CAR REPAIR AND AUTO BODY SHOPS

Bylaw will help eliminate disposing of hazardous wastes

C. MacQuown questions fines for junk cars

Inspector notes that the Police Dept will be doing the ticketing

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Discussion of Capital Improvements Committee and involvement of a Finance Committee member in violation of new revised bylaw

RACING

P. Helmreich questions flexibility of road rallies to Allow for the antique car parade.

SOLICITORS

Excludes charitable organizations

CENSUS

There is a Federal census every ten years, including local review. Current mapping needs to be done especially due to the amount of growth in Town, noted D. Casagni.

Costs include one person x 3 months from Spring '89 to 1990.

If local census is not done, federal funds, grants, etc will be given per Federal census which may use old data with less population, therefore, less funds received.

The Town Clerk's Association may suggest State mandated funds which is questionable to the present time.

P. Helmreich notes the Town has received a grant to help set up a Central Purchasing system. The Town needs to set up a Committee for this purpose. They would like a member of the Finance Committee to sit on this new Committee, which will meet 3-4 times during the day if possible.

Review of budgets and recommendations previously voted on.

222

R. Anderson moves to reconsider account 222

B. Kimball seconds

Unanimous

P. Helmreich notes request for additional mileage to be placed back into the budget due to the lack of a Town car.

B. Kimball moves \$7,125 for account 222

M. Brown seconds

Unanimous

232

B. Kimball moves to reconsider account 232

R. Anderson seconds

Unanimous

Review of cash register maintenance. Department not currently using machine and in bad condition. New machine would cost equal value to contract.

Delete maintenance contract.

B. Kimball moves \$28,180 for account 232

R. Anderson seconds

Unanimous

252

R. Anderson moves to reconsider account 252.

B. Kimball seconds

Unanimous

Notices to Dog Owners cost, \$350, actually a transfer
M. Brown moves \$1850 for account 252
J. Doherty seconds
Unanimous

264
R. Anderson moves \$3000 for account 264
B. Kimball seconds
Unanimous

271
R. Anderson moves reconsideration of account 271
R. Nugent seconds
6-1-0
Add part time person
R. Anderson moves to amend account 271 to \$63,340
J. Doherty seconds
Unanimous

490
B. Kimball moves to reconsider account 490
R. Anderson seconds
Unanimous
Addition error
B. Kimball moves to amend account 490 to \$35,261
J. Doherty seconds
Unanimous

P. Helmreich notes School special needs budget is \$80,000 over.
The School Committee is having its hearing tonight. They
may request additional funds for future special needs.

P. Helmreich will request additional information from Cemetery
Commission since Hicks funds are higher than expected.

P. Helmreich notes problem with account 810 due to the sick
time accumulated by back clause. S. Lombard will be dealing
with the contracts to set future limit of accumulation of
sick days. May need to by back time accumulated when contract
is renegotiated, therefore, additional funds may be needed.

P. Helmreich also notes that S. Lombard will be trying to
take the two Selectmen's secretaries out of the union due to
their handling of confidential information.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:20 pm until
3-9-88 at approximately 7:30 pm.