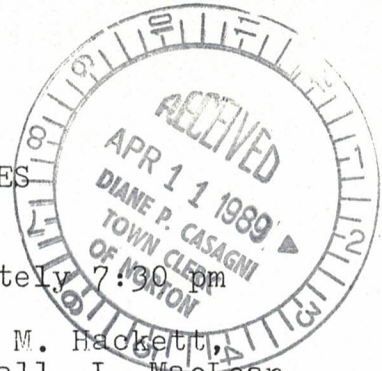


FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 1989



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

Present: M. Brown, J. Desrochers, K. Eagan, M. Hackett,
E. Hamilton, P. Helmreich, B. Kimball, L. Maclean,
C. MacQuown, R. Nugent, D. Ward

Prior year's bills

Dorrance bill of \$27,227.00. Paid 20,742.06. Balance
due \$6,484.94.

M. Hackett notes Dorrance bill regarding Honeywell of \$1377.18
paid on 11 6-86. Also Dorrance bill itemized with honeywell
charges of 10-31 & 10-31.

Paid \$20,742.06, balance then in account.

Total Dorrance paid previously - \$104,658.12

Consensus - to reduce article

Previous bills of Sturdy Memorial for policeman, additional
information received.

#222

P. Helmreich moves to transfer from Finance Committee reserve,
#730, to #222 the sum of \$4,438 for printing and mailing of the
Charter

B. Nugent seconds

Unanimous

B. Kimball notes list of fees received from the Town Clerk.

Reconsideration hearing scheduled on 3-20 for Water and Sewer
department articles. B. Kimball notes open position in Sewer
department.

411

D. Ward moves to reconsider account 411.

B. Nugent seconds

Unanimous

Review of letters regarding postage funds.

B. Kimball notes postage in machine left over from previous
year. Chief wants to use funds in machine and will then use
municipal postage.

Review

D. Ward moves to table for additional information

P. Helmreich moves to increase account 411 to 60,900

C. MacQuown seconds

1-9-0

413

P. Helmreich moves to reconsider account 413

D. Ward seconds

Unanimous

P. Helmreich moves to increase account by \$800 to \$18,500

M. Brown seconds

0-10-0

P. Helmreich notes presentation of budget included postage and office supply breakdown.

B. Kimball notes 3-20-89 meeting with Planning Board regarding reconsideration of computer equipment. B. Kimball notes he stated to R. Lima that S. Lombard is currently working to acquire current computer for department.

790

P. Helmreich moves to reconsider account 790

B. Nugent seconds

Unanimous

B. Kimball notes that S. Lombard stated current cost of \$45,000 per month, therefore, account can be reduced.

P. Helmreich moves \$650,000 for 790

D. Ward seconds

C. MacQuown notes increase will be 20%.

M. Hack tt recommends increase of 30%.

B. Kimball notes benefits of going for conservative guesstimates.

M. Hackett moves \$702,000 for account 790

K. Eagan seconds

K. Eagan notes Town may pay on a calendar year.

P. Helmreich notes Town pays through Bristol County.

8-2-0

820

D. Ward moves Zero for account 820

C. MacQuown seconds

B. Kimball notes need to know what State aid will be for Town.

Unanimous

650

P. Helmreich moves to reconsider account 650

D. Ward seconds

Unanimous

B. Kimball notes call from Chairwomen Myers regarding school alarms. Project just out to bid. Concern about funds if bid is over estimate.

P. Helmreich notes flexibility w thin budget is not voted in article

Discussion of capital expenditure and use of stabilization.

Review of tight fiscal position.

B. Nugent questions flexibility to use school funds to pay any additional costs.

P. Helmreich moves to amend and reduce by \$90,000 from \$9,161,649 to \$9,071,649 for account 650

D. Ward seconds

Unanimous

430

P. Helmreich moves to reconsider account 430

B. Nugent seconds

Unanimous

P. Helmreich moves to add \$30,000 to account 430

B. Nugent seconds

B. Kimball notes his personal problems with building in the Town.
B. Kimball notes the accomplishments of S. Lombard and feels Committee should give him the opportunity.
E. Hamilton notes duties of Building Inspector. He believes S. Lombard and Boards need help but there is no criteria for the position for future duties.
Review of job description.
M. Hackett notes need for Administrative Assistant.
Discussion of certified Engineer.
D. Wards reads his letter noting only partial solution of a long-standing problem. He feels Committee should fund a position to correct the problem.
L. MacLean notes need for booklet and procedure manual.
S. Lombard noted no guarantee for continuity. There was a lack of knowledge of what is needed. Need clarification.
P. Helmreich notes agreement between Boards and that S. Lombard has seen position work in another Town. He notes position has no authority. Someone is needed to help various departments.
Review of problems of routine work in Planning Department.
Position will overlook department secretaries and channel work. There will still be a need for a certified Engineer.
Review of year's policies. The Committee has agreed no new positions this year. Also if the Charter passes, a Town Manager will have to make the decision.
K. Eagan notes he feels there is a need for something but questions effectiveness. Willing to give opportunity.
B. Nugent notes there is a need in the Town and the Boards feel that this is the way to solve it.
D. Ward notes the weekly meetings of all the Boards under the previous Executive Secretary.
2-8-0
D. Ward moves suspended from consideration until after Charter is voted upon
Discussion
Motion withdrawn
B. Kimball reviews feelings of Committee for ATM.

ATM articles

2

P. Helmreich moves No Action for article 2

B. Nugent seconds

Unanimous

The Selectmen will move on Town meeting floor at the time of the ATM

3

P. Helmreich moves No Action for article 3

D. Ward seconds

Unanimous

No report currently available.

4

D. Ward moves to recommend article 4

P. Helmreich seconds

Unanimous

5

P. Helmreich explains article enable close out of accounts.

B. Nugent moves to recommend article 5

D. Ward seconds

Unanimous

a list of account to be closed will be read on the town meeting floor

6

D. Ward moves to recommend article 6

L. MacLean seconds

Unanimous

7

P. Helmreich moves to recommend article 7

D. Ward seconds

Unanimous

8

E. Hamilton moves to recommend article 8

D. Ward seconds

8-0-2

9

D. Ward moves to recommend article 9

B. Nugent seconds

8-0-2

ranges pending ratification of proposed management union as stated in introduction

10

Review explanations written by B. Kimball

Review additional comments to be published in Fin Com report.

D. Ward moves to recommend article 10 with appropriate comments.

B. Nugent seconds

Unanimous

11

B. Kimball notes that S. Lombard spoke to Departments and all are willing to hold off until Fall STM. with exception of the Schhol Fire alarm.

Chief Keene notes that if there is a wait he may have to purchase 1989 cruisers.

P. Helmreich notes that the Committee should not wait but purchase those items that the Town needs.

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P. Helmreich notes they can rescind in future or override.
Finance Committee should recommend or not at the ATM if needed.

#11 FD a)

P. Helmreich moves to recommend the 4-wheel drive vehicle

B. Nugent seconds

1-9-0

11 FD b)

D. Ward moves to recommend Turnout Gear

P. Helmreich moves to table

B. Nugent seconds

Unanimous

11 FD c)

B. Nugent moves to recommend

P. Helmreich seconds

0-10

11 FD d)

B. Nugent moves to recommend

D. Ward seconds

E. Hamilton notes only involves materials with voluntary labor.

P. Helmreich notes not critical per Chief's priorities.

0-10-0

11 FD e)

B. Nugent moves to recommend

E. Hamilton seconds

0-10-0

11 HD a)

D. Ward moves to recommend

P. Helmreich seconds

Unanimous

11 HD b)

D. Ward moves to recommend

K. Eagan seconds

Unanimous

#11 HD c)

D. Ward moves to recommend

E. Hamilton seconds

5-3-0

11 PD a)

P. Helmreich moves to recommend \$37,500 for 3 cruisers

B. Nugent seconds

7-1-0

11 PD b)

B. Nugent moves to recommend

P. Helmreich seconds

0-8

11 MC A)

D. Ward moves to recommend

E. Hamilton seconds

B. Kimball notes funds appropriated last year are not used.

P. Helmreich notes not a critical need at present time.

0-8-0

11 SD a)

B. Nugent moves to recommend

P. Helmreich seconds

Unanimous

11 SD b)

B. Nugent moves to recommend

D. Ward seconds

P. Helmreich notes bleachers are inadequate but not unsafe.

Discussion of fund raisers and new league

0-8-0

#11 SD c)

D. Ward moves to recommend

C. MacQuown seconds

P. Helmreich notes need and notes smaller PTA has raised some funds but not critical.

0-8-0

#11 FD b)

D. Ward moves to remove from the table

B. Nugent seconds

Unanimous

D. Ward moves to recommend

B. Nugent seconds

Discussion - per contract the equipment must meet standards

Unanimous

P. Helmreich moves that the Finance Committee's total capital expenditures to be moved in article 11 be transferred from stabilization

D. Ward seconds

Unanimous

B. Kimball notes some accounts to be closed out.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11 pm until
3-20-89 at approximately 7:30 pm