FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES March 20, 1989

The meeting was called to order at approximately %

M. Brown, J. Desrochers, K. Eagan, M. Hackett Present:

E. Hamilton, P. Helmreich, B. Kimball, L. Macbean

C. MacQuown, R. Nugent, D. Ward

B. Kimball notes Fiscal planning meeting on 3-30-89 at 7 pm.

B. Nugent moved that the minutes of the meeting of 2-22-89 be accepted

K. Eagan seconds

7-0-1

B. Nugent moved that the minutes of the meeting of 2-27-89 be accepted

D. Ward seconded

M. Hackett absent

7-0-1

D. Ward moved that the minutes of the meeting of 3-1-89 be accepted.

B. Nugent seconded

7-0-1

B. Nugent moved that the minutes of the meeting of 3-6-89 be accepted

D. Ward seconded

6-0-2

D. Ward moves that the minutes of the meeting of 3-8-89 be accepted.

B. Nugent seconded

7-0-1

B. Kimball notes reconsideration hearing with Water and Sewer Commissioners tonight.

375

D. Ward moves to reconsider account 375

P. Helmreich seconds

Unanimous

Reduce account - Fire-\$200, Ambulance-\$700, Treasurer-\$150 D. Ward moves \$16,545 for account 375

P. Helmreich seconds

Unanimous

820

P. Helmreich moves to reconsider account 820

D. Ward seconds

Unanimous

P. Helmreich moves \$157,839 for account 820 Add to stabilization Flatley sale account-\$86,339 and Old Town Hall Sale account-\$71,500.

P. Helmreich notes proceeds from real estate sales can only be used as stabilization funds are used, retricted for bondable items.

B. Kimball questions transferring funds and will check with the Town Accountant.

D. Ward seconds

Unanimous

370

P. Helmreich moves to reconsider account 370

D. Ward seconds

Unanimous

B. Kimball notes part time custodian range has been increased, therefore, must be raised to minimum

D. Ward moves \$23,707 for account 370

L. MacLean seconds

Unanimous

710

D. Ward moves to reconsider account 710

L. MacLean seconds

Unanimous

Mr. Watson classified as driver/laborer with increase to \$9.05

previously done.

ATM #11

D. Ward moves to reconsider account 11

B. Nugent seconds

Unanimous

HD c)

B. Kimball notes Town center revitalization study.

D. Ward notes sidewalk elimination in Taunton Ave (telephone side) due to S&G placing water line in sidewalk

P. Helmreich notes not a critical need and may be able to use funds in Fall

P. Helmreich moves to delete recommendation

B. Nugent seconds Unanimous

MC a)

B. Kimball notes S. Lombard has requested \$18,000 for an architect to draw up a plan to enable running the Municipal Center more efficiently.

J. Clark has notes concerns regarding bonding of project. P. Helmreich notes S. Lombards plans. Bid of \$23,000 for

plans which included \$5,000 for Clerk of the works.

D. Ward notes to wait until after election due to Charter and Town Manager.

Discussion of occupancy permit and the need to have a set of plans in order to get items done.

Architect plans will encompass all Town buildings. M. Brown moves to recommend \$18,000 for # 11 MC a.

B. Nugent seconds

10-1-0

P. Helmreich moves capital improvements total of \$232,500. S. Lombard to return funds to Debt Retirement, account 239. B. Nugent seconds

Unanimous

ATM # 14

Discussion of Dorrance overpayment of \$1,377.18. D. Ward moves to recommend \$7,951.73

K. Eagan seconds

Unanimous

ATM 12

P. George notes Personnel Board approvals: Foreman - currently 11.02. F90 under negotiations. Equipment operator - currently 9.25. F90 9.85. Mechanic - currently 11.02. F90 11.74. W&S Technician - vacant position. Minimum 8.00. Driver/laborer - currently 8.50. F90 9.05. Superintendent & Office Administrator under negotiations. Sewer Secretary is an open position, is not a new position, of 26 hours per week. Water secretary is full time, 40 hours per week. Sewer computer services and hardware includes expansion of system, another terminal. Chairman notes cut from \$100,000 to \$40,000 in water meters. He notes that the department will need to meter the Grove Mansfield Avenue, and Cobb Street, approx 700 meters. Due to time constraint and limited man power, this project will be bid to an outside contractor. Cost approx \$150 per home. Currently 2200 meters installed in Town. D. Nason notes that there will be no vehicle purchases this year, therefore, the department will be concentrating on metering.

Current budget will not effect water rate this year.

C. MacQuown questions penalty if contractor does not finish all work within the 1 year time constraint.

P. Helmreich questions when Sewer Department will become part of the Enterprise account.

P. MacKesy notes sewer will not be enterprise until it is self funding.

P. Helmreich requests estimate of revenue for fiscal year. Superintendent notes that there are currently 10 homes on line and will estimate revenue.

Review of revenue and fees. Question return to E&D. Discussion of Enterprise account for Sewer division.

P. Helmreich notes original agreement to follow the budget approved by Town meeting for the upcoming year.

ATM 15

B. Nugent moves to recommend article 15

K. Eagan seconds

Unanimous

ATM 16

B. Nugent moves No Action for article 16

D. Ward seconds

Unanimous

ATM 17

B. Nugent moves to recommend article 17

D. Ward seconds

C. MacQuown moves to amend to 50% increase over present fees.

K. Eagan seconds.

P. Helmreich notes fees are not in excess and to establish a uniform fee schedule.

C. MacQuown questions set fees in all Towns. K. Eagan feels an 100% increase is too large.

E. Hamilton notes Town Clerk stated that she spends much more time and does do not reflect the cost.

3-6-0 6-3-0

ATM 18

B. Nugent moves to recommend article 18

P. Helmreich seconds

Unanimous

ATM 19

B. Nugent moves to recommend article 19

C. MacQuown seconds

Unanimous

ATM 20

B. Nugent moves to recommend article 20

L. MacLean seconds

Discussion of conditions on sale.

Unanimous

B. Kimball notes STM warrant will close on 4-4-89.

B. Kimball notes fire department contract regarding turnout gear. Equipment must reach NFPA per contract as does the current equipment. Call firefighters do usually receive 'hand-me-downs'

P. Helmreich moves to reconsider article 11 FD b.

C. MacQuowns seconds

K. Eagan notes equipment is better suited for chemicals.

B. Nugent notes contract states NFPA standards not SARA III and the misunderstanding of Chief's presentation.

C. MacQuown requests letter sent for explanation of misrepresentation.

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P. Helmreich reaffirms total of \$232,500 for capital.
expenditures
D. Ward seconds

Unanimous

Review of Finance Committee Report introduction. D. Ward moves to approve introduction. L. MacLean seconds Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:50 pm until 3-22-89 at approximately 7:30 pm