



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 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

B. Kimball notes Self Help hearing tonight at 8 pm, STM article 3.

B. Kimball reviews agenda:
4-12-89

Selectmen 7:35

with Charter Commission

4-19-89

Water and Sewer Commission 7:35

4-26-89

Advisory Committee 7:35

Southeastern Regional hearing for STM not yet scheduled.

B. Kimball notes Board of Health letter regarding household hazardous waste article. Request is for \$5,000 also using unused funds, \$6,325.23. Will have one collection for Norton residents only.

Self Help, STM article 3

Request \$2,000

B. Kimball notes appropriate of last year for \$2,000.

Community Action group for Taunton and Attleboro. To help individuals pay fuel bills etc. Review of Norton families help last year by Self Help. The Self help worker works out of the Veteran's office when in Norton Town Hall. Self help also receives State and Federal funds.

P. Helmreich notes problem of STM warrant article for F89 services and notes that article should be on ATM warrant to be funded for F90. Next STM may be in September which is too late.

Discussion of transfer from Finance Committee reserve in August. Services received from Self help worth \$203,747.

P. Helmreich moves that \$2000 be given to Self help for services to be rendered for F90.

D. Ward seconds

Unanimous

B. Kimball will discuss with Town Accountant regarding funding.

Meeting Minutes

B. Nugent moves that the minutes of the meeting of 3-13-89 be accepted.

D. Ward seconds

Unanimous

B. Nugent moves that the minutes of the meeting of 3-15-89 be accepted

D. Ward seconds

Unanimous

D. Ward moves that the minutes of meeting of 3-20-89 be accepted

B. Nugent seconds

Unanimous

B. Nugent moves that the minutes of the meeting of 3-22-89 be accepted.

D. Ward seconds

Correction - C. MacQuown present

Unanimous

ATM article 11, FD

B. Nugent moves to reconsider article 11, Fire Department
Seconded

Unanimous

B. Kimball notes building condition and questions tearing down.
Chartley funds currently in accounts - \$1,305.92 and \$6,000 appropriated for Chartley Fire Station

Discussion of directing funds to sheds.

P. Helmreich notes buying storage sheds.

Discussion of costs

B. Nugent notes criteria of essential capital expenditures.

B. Kimball questions requesting Chief to direct his funds.

P. Helmreich notes not worthwhile to save buildings.

E. Hamilton questions asking Building Inspector to look at buildings and give Finance Committee an opinion.

B. Nugent moves to recommend \$6,000 for refurbishing of chartley fire sheds, article 11 FD

P. Helmreich seconds

0-10-0

B. Kimball questions letter to Chief regarding concerns of Committee.
E. Hamilton requests list of contents and further information and total cost to put sheds in 1st class condition.

ATM article 11, PD

B. Nugent moves to reconsider article 11, PD a
Seconded

9-1-0

E. Hailton notes appropriate number of vehicles seems to be four and Committee's responsibility to allow purchase of equipment to perform duties.

B. Kimball notes his feeling as to the indication of last year's hearing to approve four cruisers for F90

P. Helmreich feels the Committee did not indicate purchase for F90.

K. Eagan notes purchase of 4 cruisers is clearly needed and to continue policy of four purchases every year and revolving cars is an attainable policy

Discussion of maintenance and costs.

P. Helmreich notes 9-15-88 letter of S. Lombard regarding policy of 3 cruisers on shifts as of 11-87.

M. Brown notes extra car (trade-in) in Police Department used for schooling.

M. Hackett moves two vehicles at \$25,000

D. Ward seconds

K. Eagan notes 180,000 is too many miles for a cruiser.

C. MacQuown noted policy of trade ins - over 3 years or over 150,000

P. Helmreich requests in writing from Chief that he uses four cruisers on the road per shift.

B. Nugent notes past Finance Committee subcommittees to report on

policy changes in department which could have avoided the problem with the first vote and the Chief's anger.

Discussion of maintenance policy implementation

1-7-2

\$13,619 per vehicle

P. Helmreich moves to recommend \$56,601 for four cruisers

B. Nugent seconds

contingent upon receipt of letter from Police Chief noting that the policy of the department is to keep 4 cruisers on patrol on all shifts

5-3-2

B. Kimball notes receipt of Fire Chief's third quarter report.

B. Kimball notes legality of Flatley gift funds to be placed in account.

B. Kimball notes letter of Thanks from Library for budget support.

B. Kimball notes receipt of letter from Building Inspector noting Secretary's sick time due to surgery.

B. Kimball notes Employee Mileage will be implemented on 7-1-89.

B. Kimball notes road funds appropriated are placed into account and State portions are also placed into these accounts.

Discussion of Library funds transferred from Cherry Sheet and need to insert into budget as separate line item.

B. Nugent moves \$16,591 for account 681A, State grant to Library expense.

P. Helmreich seconds

Unanimous

B. Kimball notes Legal Counsel advised that charges for enterprise account be placed into account.

B. Nugent moves to reconsider account 810

C. MacQuown seconds

Unanimous

B. Nugent moves \$40,000 for account 810

P. Helmreich seconds

Unanimous

B. Nugent moves to reconsider article 12

C. MacQuown seconds

Unanimous

B. Nugent moves to recommend \$698,336 for article 12

E. Hamilton seconds

8-1-0

Canceled meeting on 4-17-89 due to Holiday and 4-29-89 due to election.

Meeting dates: 4-19-89, 4-26-89 and 5-1-89

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm until 4-12-89 at approximately 7:30 pm