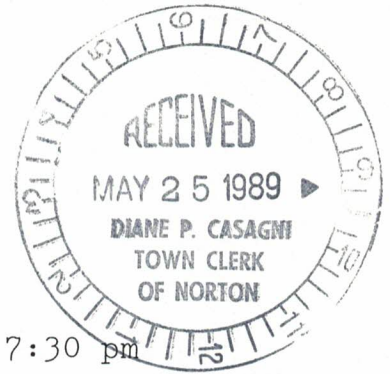


FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 26, 1989



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, C. MacQuown,
R. Nugent, D. Ward

Transfer request, #770 Insurance

Request \$ 3,730.70

S. Lombard notes increase in insurance premiums due to Auto-69 changes of original inventory which has been certified at a cost of \$8,800.

Workman's comp audit-noted school bus drivers need to be covered under Town's policy. Only drivers employed by the Town not paid under bus contract.

Discussion of workman's comp audit.

Transfer request, #371 Municipal Building Maintenance Account
Request \$ 11,000

Repair of HVAC maintenance, heating controls, in all buildings

Fuel bills of \$13,000 - 15,000

Account balance - \$209

\$14,000 transferred last year.

P. Helmreich notes Finance Committee wishes to be consulted prior to expending funds for nonbudgeted needs.

STM #5

\$ 22,000

Legal counsel used for sizeable labor relations, proposed union, civil rights.

\$4,000 transfer in previous year

Selectmen authorized use of legal council for Boards. The Selectmen cannot interfere with elected Boards

STM #9

Beautification master plan.

Review of drawings: brick walkways, parklike landscaping.

Parallel parking by purchasing 50 ft in properties.

Article allows Selectmen, Planning Board etc to look for State funds and to begin planning toward the Master plan for the Center. Committee notes funds from State and Federal

programs that would finance 75% - 90%. Also funds received by developers, private and business. Municipal expense account for up keep would increase but the same duties are being performed currently.

Review of telephone and wires being placed underground.

P. Helmreich notes two parcels currently owned by Wheaton.

The meetings with property owners noted that all were in favor of the general concept and have noted their uniform cooperation. Wheaton representative notes college is in favor of a plan to allow certain type of development and they also have the same concerns as the Town.

Review of commercial Wheaton ventures.
Discussion of 495 shopping center.
Wheaton rep. notes State college survey states the average spending of a visitor is \$ 37 / day. Currently they have approx. 15,000 visitors per year. Students - 11,500.
Wheaton is now a year round operation

STM #10

The Planning Board has tabled the article and plan No Action at the ATM and prefer to wait until the Fall STM.
B. Kimball notes Chairman Lima stated the Board needs more time to review.
P. Helmreich notes that with the Charter he feels that the article could be tabled at this time.
Review of procedure.
Review of 'ultimate revitalization plan' and of phase of build up.
Discussion of synchronized lights at Center intersection which will not solve the problem but will much improve and may also be eligible for State funding.
Norton meets requirements for State funding for lights.
Scott Drive extended to Taunton Avenue may help the traffic problem.
College wishes to plan with the Town in concept.
Proposed buildings in Center are commercial on first floor and residential on 2nd and 3rd floor or office space. Dense residential build up will also cause problems of traffic etc.
Also residential 1 bedroom apts for a less active population.

Discussion of positions removed from proposed management union.
B. Kimball notes new rates which can wait till Oct ATM to transfer from nonsettled contacts account.
Consensus - wait until Fall session (until decision is made)

ATM #10 total is \$ 16,665,291

ATM #11 total is \$ 251,601

Article 20

to rewrite to include time frame of auction.

Transfer request

P. Helmreich moves to transfer \$11,000 from #730, Finance Committee reserve to #371, Municipal Building Maintenance account.
E. Nugent seconds
Unanimous

Transfer request

P. Helmreich moves \$3,731 from Finance Committee Reserve, #730, to Insurance, #770.
Unanimous

B. Kimball notes letter from Fire Chief Burgess requesting \$8,500 for account 411 and \$3,600 for account 414.
Account #730 balance - \$59,856

B. Kimball notes proposed transfer of \$32,000 for J. Clark.

STM #6

P. Helmreich moves to reconsider article 6

B. Nugent seconds

2-5

STM #7

P. Helmreich moves to reconsider article 7

B. Nugent seconds

1-6

STM 9

P. Helmreich moves to recommend article 9

B. Nugent seconds

7-1-0

STM #10

E. Hamilton moves No Action

C. MacQuown seconds

Unanimous

B. Kimball notes Building Inspector's letter to Chief Burgess.
ATM #11 FD a

P. Helmreich feels funds should be used in account before more funds are appropriated.

P. Helmreich moves reconsideration

B. Nugent seconds

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B. Kimball notes \$636,000 current Insurance charges for year. Funds will be transferred from account for Town Meeting. New rates for medical Insurance reviewed.

Meeting - Monday 1, 1989 at 6:30 Middle school cafeteria.

B. Kimball notes Selectmen's request for postponed ATM due to lack of the Cherry sheet.
Discussion of reasoning.

B. Kimball notes budget this year of \$ ^{16,665.291} ~~16,665~~ also includes additional items that were not included as line items.

STM #1

B. Kimball notes to J. Schneider the reasons behind the rejection of the article by the Finance Committee

STM #5

B. Nugent moves to recommend article 5 as \$22,000

Seconded

Unanimous

M. Hackett notes level funding of the account

B. Kimball notes that they have tried to keep it constant but it is an uncontrollable cost.

Review of legal analysis

Report to be included as to why the Committee has to approve such an expense

6-1-0

E. Hamilton moves to have a statement that the Board is distressed with the increase in legal expenses for article 5

J. Desrochers seconds

7-0-0

Reading of article 10 introduction.

Next Meeting after Town Meeting will be Wednesday, May 10 at 7:30.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10 pm until 5-1-89 at approx 6:30 pm in the Middle School Cafeteria.