



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 1990

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

Present: M. Brown, J. Desrochers, K. Eagan, M. Hackett,
P. Helmreich, B. Kimball, C. MacQuown, R. Nugent,
D. Ward, W. Gouveia

ATM Warrant Article

#20

T. Calhoun notes article would allow special permits to allow the building of a second home on the owner's property without conforming to the frontage regulations. The building must conform to all other normal regulations.

T. Calhoun notes that this would allow family members to build as in a homestead.

Public Hearing for the Planning Board on the article will be April 17th.

P. Helmreich notes the owner can currently get a variance.

T. Calhoun notes that the second home would be included in the one deed and must sell together. This would not be a financial benefit. For selling of property separately or to make money on the real estate, a person must now subdivide and go through the subdivision process.

Building Inspector notes the opportunity for family members to build homes for a reasonable cost.

Discussion of cluster housing, co-ops etc.

Transfer request

Building Inspector requests a transfer of \$1,680; \$1,100 for mileage and \$580 for outside coverage.

Outside coverage is vacation coverage.

B. Nugent notes mileage reimbursement increase.

Reconsideration

Building Inspector requests reconsideration of the recommended 5% increases of the Gas and Plumbing and Wire Inspectors salaries.

The revenues generated in the past 9 months:

\$21,000 for Wire Inspector

\$19,000 for Gas and Plumbing Inspector

Current salary - \$8,600 for $\frac{1}{2}$ time.

R. Hebert notes that they are the lowest paid employees of the Town.

Electrical Inspector notes that he works an average of 26 hours with an occasional week of 30-34 hours.

The Plumbing Inspector works an average of 28 hours a week.

#10

The Conservation Commission members note the need of the weed harvesting machine for the Lake Winnecunnet overgrowth. Bids are estimated at \$70,000 and are due 4-20-90.

Members note the multi year approach to cut down the overgrowth problem.

Machine will be rented to other Towns to generate income. Chairman notes Reservoir acquisition account balance of \$607,000.

Lake Winnecunnet Association spokesman notes harvesting is the only reasonable solution to the problem. Reviewed herbicides. He also notes that the Association residents will be trained to operate equipment and the Association will maintain.

Weed Harvester is to be owned by the Town and liability would be needed to cover operators.

B. Gouveia notes the need to make the operator a special employee and notes the liability of rental situations.

Maintenance costs approx \$20,000 per year for 8 hours a day use. Association is expecting costs of \$150-200 per year.

Lake Winnecunnet is 140 acres. An outside contractor costs are \$8,000 per 20 acres.

The Conservation Commission would be in charge of machine.

The Commission ^{member} notes that Lake Winnecunnet is owned by the Town of Norton and the problem is that it is a free flowing lake.

Weed Harvester would be purchased with a trailer.

The Lake Association has worked out volunteers to operate, take away and dump weeds etc.

There has been a gift to the Town of \$10,000 from the Cranberry Bogs for purchase of the weed harvester

#17

The Conservation Commission notes costs for diagnostic feasibility study of the Reservoir.

Funds are to be transfer from the Reservoir account.

Original wording authorized Conservation Commission to use receipts in account and to take initial steps to turn the Reservoir over to a private Contractor for restoration.

Objective - to determine feasibility of excavation.

Review of project and cost estimates.

Also to add legal fees and consultation fees.

Reconsideration

The Town Clerk requests reconsideration of the vote to not recommend the purchase of additional voting booths.

Current booths are 40-50 years old and have been refurbished 3 times. Some are beyond repair and unable to use. The Town Clerk notes that the # of booths have not kept up with the # of registered voters.

State Law - 1 booth per 25 voters. The Town of Norton should have 51-52 booth for the 6,400 voters.

The Town Clerk notes the problems with set up time and storage.

The Town has the voting machines but not booths to put them in.

Original proposal was for \$2,000 per year for 4 years.

Discussion of capital expenditure.

The Town Clerk also notes that the 5% salary increases for the non union employees are somewhat forcing employees to unionize.

Reconsideration

Assessors request reconsideration of the recommended salary increase for the Assistant Technician. They note the employees duties and that the employees has been with the Town for 9 years. They note the problem with lower salary increases and may force employees to unionize.

Reconsideration

Library trustees request reconsideration of salary account. They request 6% increases due to the fact that this is the only department in Town that works evening and weekends without differential pay. The Trustees note the additional demands on the employees with moving into the new library and the demands on the employees in the new library.

Head Librarian has been hired at \$30,000.

The Library trustees note that they would like to retain 50% of Treasurer's pay.

The Library Trustees has not taken a position on the payroll services being performed outside Library Board and by the Accounting Department.

The Trustees note that the department usually gives back monies to the Town at the end of the year.

Transfer request

The Dog Officer requests a transfer to expenses of \$1,200 due to increase mileage reimbursements.

She also requests a transfer of \$500 due to the fact that the Selectmen increased her fees to \$5 per day from \$3 per day per dog for 10 days.

Review of history of fees.

B. Nugent notes figures:

\$20,345,109 of revenue including clean lakes

800,000 School/Insurance reimbursement

20,405,419 Expenses

106,310 shortfall

P. Helmreich notes his figures and notes shortfall of \$208,508.

Discussion of Reservoir Acquisition account.

292-571

P. Helmreich moves to reconsider

B. Gouveia seconds

Unanimous

P. Helmreich moves \$3,500

B. Gouveia seconds

In favor: Kimball, Helmreich, Eagan, Gouveia, Desrochers,
Mac Quown, Brown

Opposed: Ward, Hackett

610-510

P. Helmreich moves to reconsider

B. Kimball seconds

Unanimous

P. Helmreich moves to table

B. Gouveia seconds

Unanimous

Articles

#2

P. Helmreich moves No Action
Seconded
Unanimous

#3

P. Helmreich moves to recommend
K. Eagan seconds
Unanimous

#4

K. Eagan moves No Action
D. Ward seconds
P. Helmreich moves to recommend with statement
B. Gouveia seconds
Unanimous

#5

P. Helmreich moves to recommend
D. Ward seconds
Unanimous

#7

P. Helmreich moves to recommend
K. Eagan seconds
Unanimous

#8

P. Helmreich moves to recommend
K. Eagan seconds
In favor: Kimball, Ward, Helmreich, Eagan, Desrochers, Brown
Opposed: Gouveia, Hackett, MacQuown

147-575

K. Eagan moves Zero
B. Gouveia seconds
Unanimous

147-576

P. Helmreich moves Zero
K. Eagan seconds
Unanimous

147-576

K. Eagan moves Zero
P. Helmreich seconds
Unanimous

#10

Conservation Commission
B. Kimball moves to remove from table
B. Gouveia seconds
Unanimous

B. Kimball moves \$70,000

C. MacQuown seconds

Review of information. Letter to be sent requesting additional information regarding liability, maintenance, operation and control of equipment

Opposed: Unanimous

#11

B. Kimball moves \$144,008 for Water salaries
delete commissioners

Seconded

Unanimous

P. Helmreich moves \$232,756 for Water expense
add hydrant maintenance costs of \$34,631

B. Gouveia seconds

In favor: Helmreich, Eagan, Hackett, Brown, Gouveia

Opposed: Kimball, MacQuown

P. Helmreich moves \$63,486 for Town Reimbursed services

B. Kimball moves \$59,910

reduced by insurance costs of commissioner

C. MacQuown seconds

Unanimous

P. Helmreich moves \$1,000 for bad debts

B. Gouveia seconds

Unanimous

P. Helmreich moves \$5,000 for unallocated contingencies

B. Gouveia seconds

Unanimous

P. Helmreich moves \$154,900 for Interest and Principal on debt

B. Gouveia seconds

Unanimous

B. Kimball moves \$120,000

C. MacQuown seconds

M. Hackett moves \$100,000

reducing to \$40,000 for meters

K. Eagan seconds

Unanimous

#12

K. Eagan moves to recommend

B. Kimball seconds

Opposed: Unanimous

#15

P. Helmreich moves to recommend

K. Eagan seconds

Unanimous

#16

P. Helmreich moves to recommend

K. Eagan seconds

Unanimous

#17

P. Helmreich moves \$250,000 contingent upon account balance.
Discussion of time table for clean up.

Seconded

Unanimous

#20 - #28

P. Helmreich moves No Action

Seconded

In Favor: Kimball, Helmreich, Eagan, Hackett, Brown,

Opposed: Gouveia

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 pm
until 4-4-90 at approximately 7:30 pm.