

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 3, 1991



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

P. Helmreich informed the Committee that \$1,000 in the Selectmen's budget is payment to Computer Emporium for handling and processing parking tickets once they are written and not for printing parking tickets.

P. Helmreich received a communication regarding the Agricultural County High School noting that \$700,000 of the \$2.7M budget for the School will be apportioned to cities and towns sending students to the school in proportion to the number of students enrolled. The assessment per student will be approximately \$2,700 and the Town of Norton will need to budget \$16,200 to cover the costs for the 6 Norton students enrolled. One half of the payment is due July 1st and the other half will be due on November 1st.

Next order of business: Continued Review of Proposition 2 1/2
Budget:

Department 147 (Town Collector/Treasurer)

510 - Personal Services

\$42,000

Motion moved, seconded and voted to take Department 147, Account 510, the Town Treasurer/Collector's salary, off the table. In Favor: unanimous.

Motion moved and seconded to recommend salary figure of \$37,800.

Motion moved and seconded to amend the salary figure to \$42,000.

Motion moved and seconded to amend the salary figure to \$31,311.

Discussion followed.

Motion moved and seconded to table amendments. In Favor: 8 (Kimball, Ward, Nugent, Hackett, Eagan, Brown, MacQuown, Desrochers) Opposed: 2 (Hamilton, Gouveia)
Amendments tabled.

Motion moved and seconded to reconsider Article 27. In Favor: 6 (Ward, Hackett, Nugent, Brown, MacQuown, Desrochers) Opposed: 4 (Kimball, Hamilton, Eagan, Gouveia)
Motion carried. Discussion followed.

Motion moved and seconded to recommend Article 27. In Favor: 7 (Kimball, Hamilton, Gouveia, Nugent, Eagan, MacQuown, Desrochers) Opposed: 3 (Ward, Hackett, Brown)
Motion carried to recommend Article 27.

Motion moved and seconded to take off table Article 147, 510. In Favor: unanimous

The Committee next returned to discussion of the three amendments.

A vote was taken on the amended figure of \$31,311. In Favor: 5 (Kimball, Hamilton, Gouveia, Eagan, MacQuown) Opposed: 5 (Ward, Hackett, Nugent, Brown, Desrochers) Chairman Helmreich opposed. Motion defeated.

A vote was taken on the amended salary figure of \$42,000. In Favor: 5 (Ward, Hackett, Brown, MacQuown, Desrochers) Opposed: 5 (Kimball, Hamilton, Gouveia, Nugent, Eagan) Chairman Helmreich opposed. Motion defeated.

A vote was taken on the salary figure of \$37,800. In Favor: 4 (Ward, Hackett, Nugent, Desrochers) Opposed: 6 (Kimball, Hamilton, Gouveia, Eagan, Brown, MacQuown) Motion defeated.

Motion was moved and seconded to recommend the figure of \$37,800.
Motion was moved and seconded to amend the figure to \$31,311.
Motion was moved and seconded to amend the figure to \$40,000.

A vote was taken on the amended salary figure of \$40,000. In Favor: 4 (Ward, Hackett, Brown, Desrochers) Opposed: 6 (Kimball, Hamilton, Gouveia, Nugent, Eagan, MacQuown). Motion defeated.

A vote was taken on the amended salary figure of \$31,311. In Favor: 5 (Kimball, Hamilton, Gouveia, Eagan, MacQuown) Opposed: 5 (Ward, Nugent, Brown, Desrochers, Hackett) Chairman Helmreich opposed. Motion defeated.

A vote was taken on the salary figure of \$37,800. In Favor: 4 (Ward, Hackett, Nugent, Desrochers) Opposed: 5 (Kimball, Gouveia, Eagan, Brown, MacQuown) Motion defeated.

Motion moved and seconded to recommend the figure of \$40,000.
Motion moved and seconded to amend salary figure to \$34,442.
Motion moved and seconded to amend salary figure to \$31,311.

A vote was taken on the amended salary figure of \$31,311. In Favor: 5 (Kimball, Hamilton, Gouveia, Eagan, MacQuown) Opposed: 5 (Ward, Hackett, Nugent, Brown, Desrochers) Chairman Helmreich opposed. Motion defeated.

A vote was taken on the amended salary figure of \$34,442. In Favor: 3 (Ward, Eagan, MacQuown) Opposed: 7 (Kimball, Hamilton, Gouveia, Hackett, Nugent, Brown, Desrochers) Motion defeated.

A vote was taken on the salary figure of \$40,000. In Favor: 5 (Ward, Hackett, Nugent, Brown, Desrochers) Opposed: 5 (Kimball, Hamilton, Gouveia, Eagan, MacQuown) Chairman Helmreich in favor.
Motion is carried.

Department 147 (Collector/Treasurer)**511 - Other Personal Services**

Motion moved and seconded to recommend \$68,167.00. In Favor: 9 (Ward, Hamilton, Gouveia, Hackett, Nugent, Eagan, Brown, MacQuown, Desrochers. Opposed: 1 (Kimball) Motion carried.

570 - Other Charges and Expenses

Motion moved and seconded to recommend \$8,658.00.
In Favor: unanimous

575 - Payroll Services

Motion moved and seconded to recommend \$7,000.00.
In Favor: unanimous

576 - Tax Billing

Motion moved and seconded to recommend \$5,132.00
In Favor: unanimous

579 - Other Expenses

Motion moved and seconded to recommend \$10,800.00
In Favor: unanimous

Department 151 (Legal Services)**520 - Purchases of Services**

Motion moved and seconded to recommend \$60,000.
In Favor: unanimous

Department 155 (Data Processing)**570 - Other Charges**

Motion moved and seconded to recommend \$16,300.
In Favor: unanimous

Department 158 (Tax Title Foreclosure)**570 - Other Charges & Expenses**

Motion moved and seconded to recommend \$75,000.
In Favor: unanimous

Department 161 (Town Clerk)**510 - Personal Services**

Motion moved and seconded to recommend salary figure of \$20,129.00.

Motion moved and seconded to amend salary figure to \$21,429.00

Vote to recommend figure of \$21,429. In Favor: 4 (Ward, Hackett, Brown, Desrochers) Opposed: 6 (Kimball, Hamilton, Gouveia, Nugent, Eagan, MacQuown) Motion defeated.

Vote to recommend main motion of \$20,129. In Favor: 5 (Kimball, Gouveia, Eagan, MacQuown, Hamilton) Opposed: 5 (Ward, Hackett, Nugent, Brown, Desrochers) Chairman Helmreich opposed. Motion defeated.

Motion moved and seconded to recommend salary figure of \$20,800.
 Motion moved and seconded to amend salary figure to \$21,429.
 Motion moved and seconded to amend salary figure to \$20,129.

Vote to recommend amended figure of \$20,129. In Favor: 5
 (Kimball, Hamilton, Gouveia, Eagan, MacQuown) Opposed: 5
 (Hackett, Nugent, Brown, Desrochers, Ward) Chairman Helmreich
 opposed. Motion defeated.

Vote to recommend amended figure of \$21,429. In Favor: 3
 (Hackett, Brown, Ward) Opposed: 7 (Kimball, Hamilton, Gouveia,
 Nugent, Eagan, MacQuown, Desrochers) Motion defeated.

Vote to recommend figure of \$20,800. In Favor: 3 (Ward, Nugent,
 Desrochers) Opposed: 7 (Kimball, Hamilton, Gouveia, Hackett,
 Eagan, Brown, MacQuown) Motion defeated.

Motion moved and seconded to recommend salary figure of \$21,000.
 Motion moved and seconded to amend salary figure to \$20,129.

Vote to recommend amended figure of \$20,129. In Favor: 5
 (Kimball, Hamilton, Gouveia, Eagan, MacQuown) Opposed: 5 (Ward,
 Hackett, Nugent, Brown, Desrochers) Chairman Helmreich opposed.
 Motion defeated.

Vote to recommend figure of \$21,000. In Favor: 4 (Ward,
 Hackett, Nugent, Desrochers) Opposed: 6 (Kimball, Hamilton,
 Gouveia, Eagan, Brown, MacQuown) Motion defeated.

Motion moved and seconded to recommend salary figure of \$20,129.
 Motion moved and seconded to amend salary figure to \$21,429.
 Motion moved and seconded to amend salary figure to \$21,000.

Vote to recommend amended figure of \$21,000. In Favor: 6 (Ward,
 Hamilton, Hackett, Nugent, Brown, Desrochers) Opposed: 4
 (Kimball, Gouveia, Eagan, MacQuown) Motion carried.

\$21,000 now becomes the main motion.

Vote to recommend the main motion of \$21,000. In Favor: 4 (Ward,
 Hamilton, Hackett, Nugent, Brown, Desrochers. Opposed: 4
 (Kimball, Gouveia, Eagan, MacQuown. Motion carried.

511 - Other Personal Services

Motion moved, seconded and voted to recommend \$19,859.

In Favor: 9 (Ward, Hamilton, Hackett, Nugent, Eagan, Brown, MacQuown, Desrochers, Gouveia) Opposed: 1 (Kimball)

Motion carried.

520 - Purchase of Services

Motion moved, seconded and voted to recommend \$600.00

In Favor: 9 (Ward, Hamilton, Hackett, Nugent, Eagan, Brown, MacQuown, Desrochers, Gouveia) Opposed: 1 (Kimball)

Motion carried.

570 - Other Charges and Expenses

Motion moved, seconded and voted to recommend \$1,885.00.

In Favor: unanimous

Department 162 (Election and Registration)510 - Personal Services

Motion moved, seconded and voted to recommend \$350.00

In Favor: 9 (Ward, Hamilton, Hackett, Nugent, Eagan, Brown, MacQuown, Desrochers, Kimball) Abstain: 1 (Gouveia)

Motion carried.

570 - Other Charges and Expenses

Motion moved, seconded and voted to recommend \$12,038.

In Favor: 9 (Ward, Hamilton, Hackett, Nugent, Eagan, Brown, MacQuown, Desrochers, Kimball) Abstain: 1 (Gouveia)

Motion carried.

579 - Other Expenses

Motion moved, seconded and voted to recommend \$1,000.

In Favor: 9 (Ward, Hamilton, Hackett, Nugent, Eagan, Brown, MacQuown, Desrochers, Kimball) Abstain: 1 (Gouveia)

Motion carried.

580 - Capital Outlay

Motion moved, seconded and voted to recommend \$0. In Favor: 9

(Ward, Hamilton, Hackett, Nugent, Eagan, Brown, MacQuown, Desrochers, Kimball) Abstain 1 (Gouveia)

Motion carried.

Department 171 (Conservation Commission)510 - Personal Services

Motion moved, seconded and voted to table. In Favor: unanimous

P. Helmreich to contact Conservation Commission to ask if their proposal is the same as the Town Manager's.

570 - Other Charges and Expenses

Motion moved, seconded and voted to recommend \$5,860.00.

In Favor: unanimous

Department 173 (Local Housing)

Motion moved, seconded, and voted to recommend \$0

In Favor: 9 (Kimball, Ward, Hamilton, Hackett, Nugent, Eagan, Brown, MacQuown, Desrochers) Opposed: 1 (Gouveia)

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.