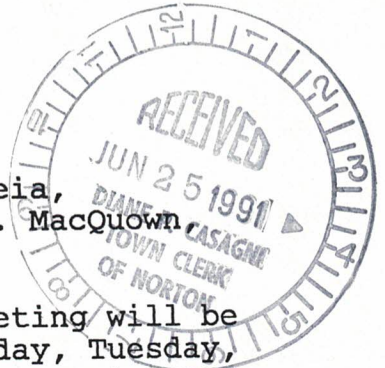


FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 1991



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 the Town Meeting will be held in the High School gymnasium and may run on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and the following Monday if necessary. Concerning the Town Meeting, P. Helmreich said the Town Manager will motion to take Article 27 out of order--before Article 9. P. Helmreich will move to table Articles 42 and 43 to deal with Article 44.

P. Helmreich also informed the Committee that the Board of Selectmen will challenge the Finance Committee Report urging the Town to restore two firefighters and two policemen.

C. MacQuown stated that he will read a minority report at the Town Meeting recommending decreasing the amount held in reserve by the Finance Committee from the recommended figure of \$75,000 to \$50,000.

Discussion followed on what to expect at the Town Meeting.

P. Helmreich reported on a letter from M. Spillane updating asbestos removal from the Middle School. He has received eleven bids and the Norton School Committee awarded the contract to the lowest bidder, Coastal Engineering Company, for \$4,321, subject to approval at Town Meeting and a contract to Briggs Engineering for technical assistance in the amount of \$8,000. The total amount for this project is \$12,321. The allocation originally requested is \$30,000. M. Spillane said that he will need additional funds to repair a leaking boiler and removal of asbestos from three boilers in the Middle School.

Motion moved, seconded and voted to recommend \$30,000 to cover the costs of both projects. In Favor: unanimous

Next on the agenda: Plain Street Project

P. Helmreich informed the Committee that he has received a ruling from the State indicating that funds may be diverted from other allocated projects out of Chapter 90 for 75% of the costs but the Town must put up \$5,000.

Motion moved, seconded and voted to reconsider Article 11.

In Favor: unanimous

Motion moved, seconded and voted to take \$5,000 from the Stabilization Account. In Favor: 6 (Ward, Hamilton, Hackett, Eagan, Brown, Desrochers) Opposed: 4 (Kimball, Gouveia, Nugent, MacQuown)
motion carried.

P. Helmreich next turned to the Solid Waste Advisory Account. Motion moved, seconded and voted to reconsider 436-570. In Favor: unanimous

P. Helmreich stated that a member of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee called him to remind him that proceeds they have raised from paper has gone to the General Fund each year. P. Helmreich stated that the Solid Waste Advisory Committee has asked for a sum of \$22,212: \$14,000 for equipment and trailers for paper, \$4,000 for hardtop, and \$4,210 to pay a Highway Department employee to work time and a half for six hours on Saturday. P. Helmreich stated that he favored paying straight time to a person whose hours have been reduced. Discussion followed regarding the costs of recycling.

Motion moved and seconded to amend figure to \$0.

Motion moved and seconded to amend figure to \$4,000.

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

Vote on main motion of \$0. In Favor: 1 (Ward) Opposed: 9 (Kimball, Hamilton, Gouveia, Eagan, Nugent, Brown, MacQuown, Desrochers, Hackett) Motion defeated.

The Committee's recommended figure of \$100 stands.

The Committee next discussed Bob Nugent's draft letter to Barbara Andre seeking legal opinion on the contract negotiations for the police chief and the ability of Town Meeting to approve or disapprove collective bargaining agreements.

Motion moved, seconded and voted to send Bob Nugent's letter to Town Counsel. In Favor: unanimous

Returning to discussion of the upcoming Town Meeting, a motion was moved, seconded and voted the Finance Committee's approval of the Chairman at Town Meeting to move only figures voted on by the Finance Committee and put back in appropriate line items monies removed at Town Meeting. In Favor: unanimous

Regarding fees, if the Town Meeting decides not to return fees back to the Town and leaves fees in the hands of the Town Treasurer/Collector and Town Clerk, a motion was moved, seconded and voted to recommend level funded salaries for those two positions. In Favor: 8 (Ward, Hamilton, Hackett, Eagan, Nugent, Brown, MacQuown, Desrochers) Opposed: 2 (Kimball, Gouveia)

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40 p.m.