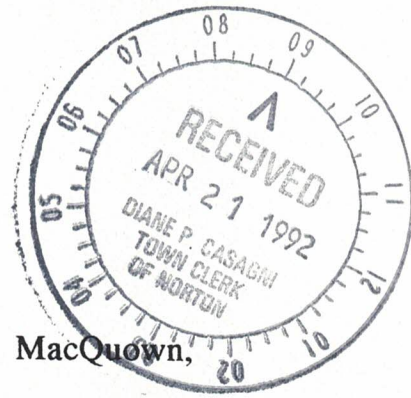


FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 30, 1991

MINUTES



Present: M. Brown, W. Gouveia, M. Hackett, P. Helmreich, C. MacQuown, R. Nugent, D. Summerfield, D. Ward.

Chair Hackett called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. All FinCom members were reminded that they must speak through the Chair. Should they not speak through the Chair, they will be called out of order. Two members apologized for being vociferous at the last meeting, apology accepted. The meeting then resumed.

Discussion of Article 5 of the Annual Warrant: The Town Clerk called M. Hackett to say there had been a problem when the warrant was posted, in that page 4 was missing. A motion was moved by W. Gouveia to reconsider Article 5, Mr. Nugent seconded. Discussion followed. Mr. MacQuown asked how the error occurred. We only know that when the FinCom discussed this article at their prior meetings, all pages were presented. The petitioners also knew that this article was being discussed again, as per the posting of our agenda. After further discussion, Mr. Gouveia moved that the FinCom recommend Article 5. Mr. Helmreich seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken. In favor: none. Opposed Unanimous (with missing page in possession of the FinCom.)

Article 4 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant was then discussed. It had been recommended at a prior FinCom meeting with the request to the Moderator that "Fiscal '93" be inserted. Mr. Nugent reported that he had spoken with the Moderator, who had not yet had a chance to speak with Town Counsel, but he did not have a problem with that request. Chair Hackett pointed out that in the package the FinCom members received tonight, Article 37, states in part: "The Law reads:for the purchase or hire for the maintenance of Ambulance's including maturing debt and interest, may be defrayed by charges established by the City or Towns, upon persons transported by said Ambulances: or take any other action relative thereto..." and "the Town vote to establish a Reserve for Appropriations Account for the Town of Norton Ambulance Account for moneys received from ambulance fees to be used for Maintenance, Purchasing and Equipping said rescue vehicle...", and, "...a town may at any town meeting appropriate money for the exercise of any of its corporate powers, including the following purposes:...for the purchase or hire and for the maintenance of ambulances;..."

Discussion then turned to Article 5 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant, which had been tabled as the final cost was still not available.

Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant was discussed. The total for unpaid bills is \$1,365.27.

Chair Hackett then asked if there was any other discussion on the Annual or Special Town Meeting Warrants. There being none, moved on to the next item of business.

The minutes of the Finance Committee for September 11 and September 16 were brought up for discussion. Mr. Ward made a motion to accept the minutes of September 11, 1991, with a correction to page 2, (\$90,000). M. Brown seconded. In favor: Unanimous. Motion carried.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of September 16, 1991, by Mr. Ward. M. Brown seconded. No discussion. In favor: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Gouveia then moved to reconsider Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Mr. Nugent, as the Selectmen now have approved the deferrment. The reductions will read as follows:

\$20,132 - School, \$10,131 - Unemployment, \$10,000 - Insurance, total reduction to budget: \$40,263. There being no further discussion, a motion was moved to recommend Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting by Mr. Nugent, D. Summerfield seconded. In favor: Unanimous. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:15 p.m., Monday, October 7 at the Norton Middle School.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ward moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. MacQuown. In favor: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

