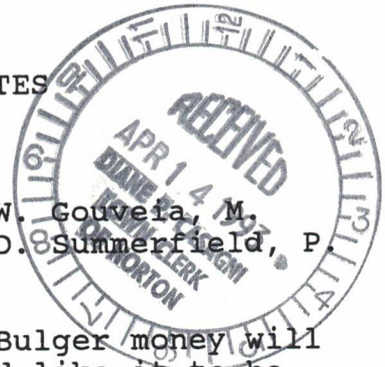


FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 8, 1993



Present: T. DeLuca, J. Desrochers, M. Fiore, W. Gouveia, M. Hackett, P. Helmreich, J. Nicolas, T. Phelan, D. Summerfield, P. Zawasky

Chair Gouveia informed the Committee that the Bulger money will be coming to the town and that Mr. Perlow would like it to be used for library purposes. Following discussion, the Committee agreed to consider putting the money aside.

Turning to the main order of business, namely, discussion of the Acting Town Manager's proposed budget.

Recreation - 630

Mr. Bishop stated that eliminating the Recreation Department would hurt the children of Norton. The Recreation Department does a lot of work with teenagers. Muriel Robbins is checking to see if the Director's salary can be supplemented by money received from users' fees. The members of the Recreation Commission request that the Recreation Department budget be at least level funded.

Southeastern Regional

Mr. MacDonald stated that the State mandates the Town of Norton to provide a vocational program for any Norton child that wants one. Fiscal Year 1994 budget is an increase of 12.46% over last year. Mr. MacDonald stated that in order to get money from the State, you have to spend more money.

Veteran's Council - 692

Mr. MacDonald stated that this budget needs an appropriation of approximately \$600 to cover costs for markers and flags.

Highway Department - 420

Mr. Jacobs asked the Committee not to cut Improvement to Private Ways. He recommended cutting \$28,500 out of expenses and not in personnel.

Snow Removal - 423

Mr. Jacobs stated that it is possible that one of his employees will retire. He also stated that consolidating into a public works would not save money.

Cemetery Department - 491

Mr. Watson stated that interest rates in perpetual care are currently too low to generate money. Mr. Watson stated that the Acting Town Manager's recommended cut would eliminate one employee and reduce him to part-time. He said this cut is unrealistic. Mr. Jacobs said combining the Highway Department and the Cemetery Department would not save money.

Handicap Commission

Mr. Owens requested \$100 to buy special paint to mark handicap parking spaces in front of Wheaton College.

Next, Chair Gouveia informed the Committee that the Finance Committee's Public Hearing on the Acting Town Manager's proposed budget will be held on March 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria.

A motion was moved, seconded and voted to advertise the public hearing in the March 19th edition of The Norton Mirror.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

