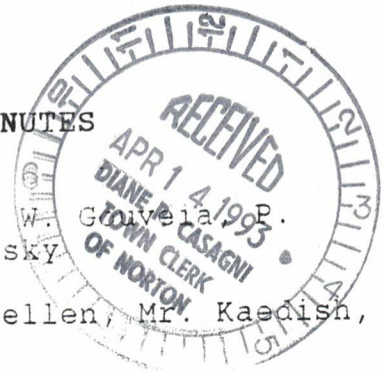


FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 1993



Present: T. Deluca, J. Desrochers, M. Fiore, W. Gouveia, P. Helmreich, J. Nicholas, T. Pheian, P. Zawasky

Others Present: Ms. Brown, Ms. Romero, Mr. Yellen, Mr. Kaedish, Mr. Callahan

Chair Gouveia called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Chair Gouveia stated that this is the last night of preliminary budget hearings and reconfirmed the time of the Public Hearing on the Acting Town Manager's Budget as being Monday March 29, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria. Notices announcing this meeting are or will be placed in the Norton Mirror, School Dept. bulletin board and Cable Access Channel 8.

Chair Gouveia turned to the main order of business - continuation of preliminary budget deliberations.

Council on Aging - 541

Ms. Brown stated if the decision is made to reduce the director's position to 20 hrs a week the program would shut down. Meals are served 5 days a week requiring staffing for those 5 days. Ms. Brown requested that the budgeted amount of \$3,500 be left in tact.

Conversation Commission - 171

Ms. Romero in response to a recommended cut of \$15,000 from the budget suggested eliminating the current secretary position while maintaining the full time director position and majority of expense levels. When asked about the Commission's position on combining the Town Planner and Conservation Director Ms. Romero responded by saying it is doubtful that one individual would have expertise in both areas and the volume of work which would result would be too overwhelming for one individual.

Water & Sewer Department - 440

Mr. Callahan did not have a Water budget ready at this time. He said it would be prepared and submitted as soon as possible. In response to the recommendation of cutting \$25,000 from the sewer budget Mr. Callahan said he thought he could do it by eliminating the amount from salaries. His response to the implications of combining the Highway, Water & Sewer and Cemetery Departments into one Department of Public Works was that it would provide no cost savings as a new layer of administration would be required to run the combined department.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.