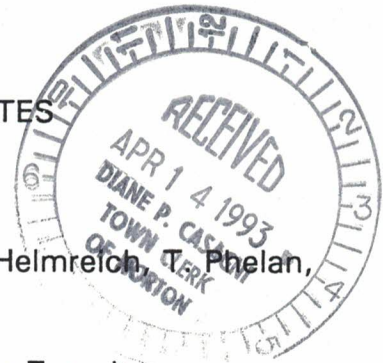


FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 24, 1993



Present: T. DeLuca, M. Fiore, W. Gouveia, M. Hackett, P. Helmreich, T. Phelan,
P. Zawasky

Others Present: Acting Town Manager Benton Keene, Steve Zumalt

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

Acting Town Manager Keene informed the Finance Committee that the Selectmen signed a three-year contract with the highway, water and sewer departments. The contract calls for a 0% increase in 1993 and a 3% increase beginning July 1, 1994. Mr. Keene will give a copy of the contract to Donna Summerfield.

Chair Gouveia informed the members of the Finance Committee that School Committee members and Dr. Splaine would be present at the Finance Committee Public Hearing on March 29th to answer questions about the School Department budget.

Chair Gouveia called upon Steve Zumalt.

Mr. Zumalt explained that he may have to appear in court as an expert tree witness for a law suit against General Motors. He also informed the Committee that hearings concerning tree removal in the Town of Norton must be advertised. He said that if the Town takes action, the Town must pay for the advertisement. Mr. Zumalt requested \$300 for the Tree Warden's budget, which is currently \$0 funded, to pay for advertising costs.

Chair Gouveia called upon Acting Town Manager to give a brief overview of the impact of budget cuts in the fire and police department budgets.

Acting Town Manager Keene stated that the fire department budget is really being cut by \$110,000 due to early retirements and because \$50,000 is the requested increase. He also said that one fireman would be transferred to Mansfield. Mr. Keene also stated that one police sergeant will retire and a second sergeant is interested in early retirement. Mr. Keene stated that there would be a reduction in overtime.

Acting Town Manager Keene also stated that twenty one people in municipal government who should be on medicare are covered by Town Health insurance coverage.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.