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Finance Committee
Minutes of Public Hearing
March 28, 1994

Attendance: Phil Zawasky, Chair; Tom Deluca, Vice Chair; Bill Gouveia, Michael Fiore, Mary Jo Hackett, Paul Helmreich, Julia Sweet and Jack Nicolas.

Call to Order: 7:44 pm by Phil Zawasky, Chair.

Hearing

Walter Lindberg, Town Manager had hand-outs of the operating budget available to the public. He noted that the figures on the hand-out did not include the raises that were voted on at the special town meeting. He also gave a general review of each line item and described any differences between the department request and his recommendation.

Town Reports (195) was discussed because its budget may change depending on what the public decides it wants in a town report and how many they want.

The Planning Board (175) was discussed at length in order to inform the public of the responsibilities of a Planner and to answer some of their questions about the Planner's accessibility to them.

The issue of accepting streets was also discussed at length. Questions were raised as to why so many streets (appx. 132) have not been accepted despite the fact that they've been finished for years. Jim Kelley, Planning Board Chair, stated we need an engineer to research and do inspections as well as put his/her seal of approval on the roads that have passed inspection. Meanwhile these roads are still plowed and sanded but at a loss to the town because these roads are not considered eligible for State funding.

There was a question as to whether or not the Municipal Bldg. (192) budget included necessary repairs to the building. This was not the case. The repairs will be funded through the Capital Improvements Fund.

Paul Helmreich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bill Gouveia. Vote: unanimous. Adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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