



TOWN OF NORTON FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Meeting February 26, 1996

CALL TO ORDER: 7:35 p.m. by Chair, Michael Fiore.

Roll Call: Michael Fiore, Chair; Michael Thomas, Vice-Chair; Jackie Desrochers, Paul Helmreich, Cornelius Linehan, Christine Meyer, and Jack Nicolas. **Absent:** James Barrett, Thomas Deluca, Jonathan Rowe, and Donna Summerfield.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Town Meeting Warrant

Article 1 - Alcoholic Beverage Licenses: this article is to fix a problem that has occurred with an ABCC license. This article should allow the special (extra) license to remain to the town under the provisions of Chapter 138 of the General Laws.

Article 2 - Land Taking: this article is in regards to the Power Street Bridge Renovation Project and has to do with 3,308 square feet of land owned by Mary Ann Guimond. The committee asked questions of the town manager and discussed this article further.

Articles 3 & 4 - Property Transfer and Budget Transfer (Water and Sewer Commissioners): these two articles are companion articles. Article 3 deals with transferring the land and Barrowsville Fire Station to the water department in order to renovate the building for a water department facility. Article 4 requests a transfer of funds from the Water Surplus Account in order to renovate the fire station. Right now the Barrowsville Fire Station is being used to store town records. The selectmen are planning to meet with the water/sewer department in order to discuss their proposal.

Article 5 - Middle School: to see if the town will agree to building a new school.

The chairman discussed with the town manager their differences in figures for State aid. Fiore stated that the superintendent of schools feels that the town manager's use of 8% as an increase for the school department budget is very accurate.

Fiore went on to discuss the committee's five year plan and the assumptions they used to derive their numbers. He would like to have copies for everyone at the next meeting.

Fiore suggested inviting Jill Clark, Collector/Treasurer to a meeting in order to discuss her plans for financing some of the proposed upcoming town projects.

Nicolas made a motion to recommend Article 1 - Alcoholic Beverage Licenses. Seconded by Linehan. Vote: unanimous.

Nicolas made a motion to TABLE Article 2 - Land Taking. Seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous.

Nicolas made a motion to TABLE Article 3 - Property Transfer. Seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous.

Linehan made a motion to TABLE Articles 4 & 5 - Budget Transfer and Middle School. Seconded by Nicolas. Vote: unanimous.

Article 2-5 were tabled until a monetary value could be attached to them.

Nicolas suggested getting an update from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee regarding the town wide recycling program.

The town manager did a broad review of his preliminary budget for FY97. He will do his best to have more concrete numbers for the committee's next meeting.

NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

Monday, March 4, 1996

- Preliminary budget review
- Special town meeting warrant

ADJOURNMENT

Thomas made a motion, seconded by Nicolas, to adjourn. Vote: unanimous. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

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