

TOWN OF NORTON

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL, NORTON**

Minutes of the Meeting
April 8, 1998

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CALL TO ORDER: 7:35 PM by Chair Paul Helmreich

Present: Paul Helmreich, James Barrett, Tom Deluca, Jack Nicolas, Mike Thomas,
Tom Beauchene, Mike Fiore, Jackie Desrochers, Donna Summerfield, Jonathan Rowe

Absent:

MINUTES

Minutes for April 1, 1998 were presented and accepted. Vote: 8 in favor; 2 abstentions (Summerfield & Rowe)

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing opened with discussion about the School Department budget. Community members expressed some concern over the fact that this department's budget is approximately \$.5 million over the Education Reform Formula. Some of the reasons for the increase in this year's budget are class size, opening of new school, and the addition of Social Studies, which were cut in earlier years. Over the next four or five years, there will be an additional 400-500 new students. These figures do not include any new growth to the Town. These students are already here. The School Department will hold a budget hearing some time in April.

The Norton Fire Dept. expressed some concern about the seminar cuts as well as cuts in overtime. George Burgess informed the Finance Committee that there is a possibility he might have to come back to the Committee to request additional funds.

Public Hearing adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Deluca made a motion to transfer \$3,000 from Finance Committee Reserve Fund to the Police Dept. Account to cover medical bills and issues. Seconded by Barrett. Vote: Unanimous

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Article 2 – No action

Article 3 – No action

Article 4 – No action

Article 5 – No action

Article 6 – Nicolas made a motion to recommend. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: Unanimous

Article 7 – Fiore made a motion to recommend. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: Unanimous

Article 8 – Nicolas made a motion to recommend. Seconded by Barrett. Vote: Unanimous

Article 9 – No action

Article 10- No action

Article 11- No action

Article 12- No action

Article 13- Deluca made a motion to recommend. Seconded by Thomas. Vote: Unanimous

Article 14- Deluca made a motion to recommend. Seconded by Barrett. Vote: Unanimous

Article 15- Deluca made a motion to recommend. Seconded by Nicolas. Vote: Unanimous

Article 16- No action

Article 17- No action

Article 18- No action

Article 19- Nicolas made a motion to recommend and to cover funds of \$48,637 from the Stabilization Fund.
Seconded by Barrett. Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM

Next Meeting Schedule

Monday, April 13, 1998 at 7:30pm

Wednesday, April 15, 1998 at 7:30pm

Wednesday April 22, 1998 at 7:30pm

Wednesday, April 29, 1998 at 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Christine McSweeney
Secretary to Finance Committee