

**TOWN OF NORTON****FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Meeting  
March 13, 2000

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**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:40pm by Chair, Jim Barrett

**Present:** Mike Fiore, Mike Thomas, James Barrett, Donald Brown, Jackie Desrochers, Jack Nicolas,  
Paul Helmreich, Kevin Dunne  
**Absent:** Diane Leroux, Donna Summerfield

**MINUTES**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes for March 1, 2000. Vote: 6 in favor; 1 abstention (Nicolas)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- March 22, 2000 is deadline for submitting articles for Special Town Meeting
- There will be an "All Board Meeting" on March 16, 2000 at 6:30pm in the Middle School

**BUDGET VOTING****Library Dept:****Highlights:**

- Seeking a 10% increase in salaries across the board
- Looking to create a new Reference Librarian position
- Endowment Fund balance as of 12/31/99 is \$1,031,084

**610 – Library**

- Helmreich made a motion seconded by Thomas to move \$339,302.
- Fiore amended Helmreich's motion to \$348,249. Motion seconded by Desrochers
- Nicolas made a motion to amend the amendment to \$318,149. Seconded by Brown
- Vote on Nicolas' amendment: 3 in favor; 5 opposed (Fiore, Barrett, Helmreich, Desrochers, Thomas)
- Vote on Fiore's amendment: 5 in favor; 3 opposed (Nicolas, Dunne, Brown).
- Fiore's amendment became main motion. Vote on main motion of \$348,249: Unanimous

**NEW BUSINESS**

Finance Committee had an informal discussion regarding the preparation of a mission statement which would indicate goals and objectives over the next 20 years. Following are some of the highlights of that discussion:

- Provide necessary services to Town's people while living within current financial constraints
- Be prudent about hiring personnel, which is the single most costly line item
- Must be restraining figure. Need to retain fiscal accountability

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, March 15, 2000 @ 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted by:



Christine McSweeney  
Secretary Norton Finance Committee

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**BUDGET VOTING**

Duane Knapp was present to discuss budget.

**440 – Sewer**

- Helmreich made a motion seconded by Nicolas to move \$78,696 for Account 510. Vote: Unanimous
- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Fiore to move \$323,845 for account 570. Vote: Unanimous

**158 – Tax Title foreclosure**

- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Fiore to move \$50,000. Vote: Unanimous

**161 – Town Clerk**

- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Thomas to move \$28,566 for Account 510. Vote: Unanimous  
Discussion: Fiore feels elected officials should go before Town Meeting for raises in salary
- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Thomas to move \$36,306 for Account 511. Vote: Unanimous
- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Thomas to move \$2,325 for Account 570. Vote: Unanimous
- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Thomas to move \$0 for Account 520. Vote: Unanimous

**162 – Election & Registration**

- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Fiore to move \$450 for Account 510. Vote: Unanimous
- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Fiore to move \$20,576 for Account 570. Vote: Unanimous

**171 – Conservation**

- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Fiore to move \$60,988 for Account 510. Vote: Unanimous
- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Helmreich to move \$6,535 for Account 570. Vote: Unanimous

**175 – Planning Board**

- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Thomas to move \$65,275. Vote: Unanimous
- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Thomas to move \$10,350 for Account 570. Vote: Unanimous

**241 – Inspections**

- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Thomas to move \$113,811 for Account 510. Vote: Unanimous
- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Thomas to move \$16,600 for Account 570. Vote: Unanimous
- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Thomas to move \$0 for Account 520. Vote: Unanimous

**244 – Sealer of Weights & Measures**

- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Thomas to move \$1,500 for Account 570. Vote: Unanimous

**292 – Dog Officer**

- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Thomas to move \$18,876 for Account 510. Vote: Unanimous
- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Thomas to move \$9,880 for Account 570. Vote: Unanimous

**294 – Tree Warden**

- Helmreich made a motion seconded by Thomas to move \$300 for Account 570. Vote: Unanimous

**541 – Council on Aging**

- Thomas made a motion seconded by Nicolas to move \$60,228 for Account 510. Vote Unanimous
- Fiore made a motion seconded by Thomas to move \$10,490 for Account 570. Vote: Unanimous

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**NEXT MEETING**

Monday, March 20, 2000 @ 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christine", enclosed within an oval-shaped ink stroke.

Christine McSweeney

Secretary Norton Finance Committee