

**TOWN OF NORTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Meeting
March 22, 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, Donna Summerfield

Absent:

MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to accept minutes of March 8, 2000. Vote: 8 in favor, 1 abstention (Summerfield)

A motion was made and seconded to accept minutes of March 20, 2000.
Vote: 6 in favor, 3 abstentions (Nicolas, Fiore, Thomas)

FY01 BUDGET**School Department**

Dr. DeMoura along with members of the School Committee were present to discuss School Department FY01 Budget. Budget figures are 10.46% higher than last year's budget. Some of the explanations given for the increase are as follows:

- 3 additional teachers at the LG Nourse School
- 5 additional teachers at the Yelle School
- 1 additional English teacher at the High School
- 1 full-time nurse at the LG Nourse School
- 1 half-time psychologist for Special Needs
- 2.5 additional teachers for Special Needs
- 5 Assistants for Special Needs
- 1 additional custodian staff person for the Yelle School
- Added an additional teacher at the High School during FY00
- Attendant Officer is putting more time
- Overtime of 8 hours per week has been added to the central office, due to the need for someone to be present at the school until all the buses have returned

Voting

300 – Schools

- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Fiore to move \$17,699,633. Vote: Unanimous

Warrant Articles**Article 15 – Athletic Complex**

Discussion: Looking for \$58,000 to hire engineer to draw up a plan. Should take 4-5 years to complete. School Department will solicit private businesses for donations. Various fundraisers are planned.

- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Thomas to recommend. Vote: Unanimous

Article 16 – Community School Project

Discussion: Nicolas suggested offering our space to outside agency. Dr. DeMoura would like to see the School Dept. more in control. We are in a tight fiscal year. Finance Committee is not recommending article at this time.

- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Helmreich to recommend \$42,784. Vote: All opposed. Motion failed

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:00pm.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 27, 2000 @ 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Christine McSweeney
Secretary Norton Finance Committee