

TOWN OF NORTON FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting
March 27, 2000

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CALL TO ORDER: 7:30pm by Chair, Jim Barrett

Present: Mike Fiore, Mike Thomas, James Barrett, Donald Brown, Jackie Desrochers, Jack Nicolas,
Paul Helmreich, Kevin Dunne

Absent: Donna Summerfield

MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to accept minutes of March 22, 2000. Vote: Unanimous

FY01 BUDGET

Southeastern Regional Vocational School

Superintendent Hager was present to discuss Southeastern's budget. Based on last October's enrollment figures, there are 4 less students from Norton attending the Vocational School.

Voting

306 – Southeastern Regional Vocation School

- Fiore made a motion seconded by Nicolas to move \$287,517. Vote: Unanimous

Water Department

Duane Knapp was present to discuss Personnel Budget for Water Dept.

- Overtime is approximately \$300 per year per man. FinCom suggested implementing staggered shifts to help cut down on the overtime.
- Water rates have not yet been established.
- Approximately 95% of the people are tied into Town water.
- Barrett expressed the need for the FinCom to know what the water rates are before Town Meeting. Need to know what will be coming out of the Surplus Account.
- FinCom cannot recommend a figure regarding spending without knowing what the Revenue figures are.

Voting

- Helmreich made a motion seconded by Nicolas to table Water Dept. 450 budget until projected revenue side is adjusted and how it relates to Surplus Account. Vote: Unanimous

WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 16 Discussion:

- Selectmen are expected to ask Finance Committee to reconsider article on Community School.
- Money is not included in the School Budget.
- Thomas feels we need to prioritize. There's only so much the Town can spend.
- The year 2001 has over \$2,000,000 in requests for Capital budget.
- When all the numbers are in on Warrant Articles, everything will have to reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 29, 2000 @ 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Christine McSweeney