

TOWN OF NORTON FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting
April 12, 2000

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CALL TO ORDER: 7:50pm by Chair, Jim Barrett

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

MINUTES

Minutes of April 10, 2000 were put on hold.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mike Thomas asked to have his strong opposition to the Finance Committee's vote not to fund additional positions in the Communications Department noted in the minutes of this meeting. He stated the Town Manager acknowledged the need for 3 additional positions in the next 3 years. Thomas feels the lack of staffing in that Department has an adverse impact on Public Safety.
- Chairman Barrett read a letter from the Norton School Dept. in which they stated they would like to take a "wait and see" position on the issue of an additional fourth grade teacher. At present, there are approximately 24 students in each homeroom. The School Dept. would like to wait for the enrollment figures before taking a position on this matter.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS

- Helmreich made a motion seconded by Thomas to reopen 135-510. Vote: Unanimous
- Fiore made a motion seconded by Summerfield to move \$89,913 for 135-510. Vote: Unanimous
- Helmreich made a motion seconded by Thomas to reopen 147-510. Vote: Unanimous
- Fiore made a motion seconded by Thomas to move \$54,840 for 147-510. Vote: Unanimous
- Helmreich made a motion seconded by Thomas to reopen 161-510. Vote: Unanimous
- Fiore made a motion seconded by Thomas to move \$29,767 for 161-510. Vote: Unanimous
- Helmreich made motion seconded by Thomas to reopen 171-510. Vote: Unanimous
- Fiore made a motion seconded by Thomas to move \$61,605 for 171-510. Vote: Unanimous
- Helmreich made a motion seconded by Thomas to reopen 175-510. Vote: Unanimous
- Fiore made a motion seconded by Helmreich to move \$65,892 for 175-510. Vote: Unanimous
- Helmreich made a motion seconded by Thomas to reopen 541-510. Vote: Unanimous
- Fiore made a motion seconded by Thomas to move \$60,813 for 541-510. Vote: Unanimous
- Helmreich made a motion seconded by Thomas to reopen 543-510. Vote: Unanimous
- Fiore made a motion seconded by Thomas to move \$37,512 for 543-510. Vote: Unanimous
- Fiore made a motion seconded by Thomas to reopen 630-510. Vote: 7 in favor; 1 abstention (Helmreich)
- Thomas made a motion seconded by Fiore to move \$50,273 for 630-510.
Vote: 7 in favor; 1 abstention (Helmreich)

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Article 8 – FY 2001 Operating Budget

- Helmreich made a motion seconded by Fiore to move \$31,724,732. Vote: 7 in favor; 1 opposed (Thomas)

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 1 – Transfer of Funds

- Helmreich made a motion seconded by Fiore to add \$50,000 to Reserve Fund.

Vote: 6 in favor; 1 opposed (Summerfield); 1 abstention (Nicolas)

Article 5 – Legal/Technical Services

- Helmreich made a motion seconded by Thomas to move \$50,000 and for the funds to be drawn from the Stabilization Fund. Vote: Unanimous
- Discussion: People don't want a railroad or a dump in their backyard (Fiore). Need money available to take swift action (Thomas). \$50,000 won't stop a train (Brown). There is a proposal pending to operate a landfill on the Norton/Attleboro line.

Article 1 revisited

- Helmreich made a motion seconded by Thomas for all items except sewer to be moved as transfers as follows:

\$210,142 from Surplus FY 99 Lottery Funds
\$65,000 from Capital Improvements.

Vote: Unanimous

Article 2 – Collective Bargaining

- Helmreich made a motion seconded by Fiore for the transfer of \$116,890 to be drawn as follows:

Lottery Funds	\$17,283
Interest	50,000
Municipal Bldg.	9,400
Unemployment	19,000
Insurance	<u>21,207</u>

\$116,890 Total Incremental Cost Increase

Vote: 6 in favor; 1 opposed (Summerfield); 1 abstention (Nicolas)

TRANSFER

- Helmreich made a motion seconded by Fiore to transfer \$11,060 from Finance Committee Reserve Fund to Veterans Services. Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:05pm

Next Meeting: April 24, 2000 at 8:00pm (after the polls close)

Respectfully Submitted by

Christine McSweeney
Secretary to the Finance Committee