

**TOWN OF NORTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Meeting
April 24, 2000

RECEIVED**APR 27 2000****NORTON TOWN CLERK****CALL TO ORDER:** 8:10pm by Chair, Jim Barrett

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

MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to accept minutes of April 10, 2000 with correction to motion for Communications.
Vote: 6 in favor; 1 abstention (Summerfield)

A motion was made and seconded to accept minutes of April 12, 2000. Vote: Unanimous

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES**Article 21 – Animal Shelter**

- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Helmreich to take off the table. Vote: Unanimous
- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Helmreich to raise and appropriate \$125,000 from Capital Improvements.
Vote: Unanimous

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Helmreich to move \$640,191 for Capital Improvements to include two changes: 1) change postage machine to \$5,948; 2) change Sewer pick-up truck to \$35,300. Vote: Unanimous
- Discussion: Town Manager, McCabe and Donna Summerfield, both members of the Capital Improvements Committee, gave an overview of the Capital Improvements Committee recommendations. Some of the highlights were as follows:
 - Replace 3 Police cruisers
 - Portable radios for Police Officers – purchase 9 this year
 - Pick up truck for the Fire Dept. (only item recommended by the Capital Improvements Committee for the Fire Dept.)
 - Replace telephone lines at the Library. They presently have only four phone lines. The update will allow them to have a total of 30 lines.
 - Replace the Highway Dept.'s 1989 truck with a new truck.
 - Purchase sewer line cleaner (cost to be split between the Highway and Sewer Depts.)
 - Highway Dept. Supervisor, Keith Silva informed the Finance Committee that the Highway Dept. holds onto trucks for 20 years. They are used to handle multi-tasks for about 10 years and then become single purpose trucks

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES REVISITED**Article 16 – Community School**

- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Fiore to reconsider. Vote: Unanimous
- Nicolas made a motion seconded by Brown to raise and appropriate \$42,784.
Vote: 4 in favor; 1 opposed (Helmreich); 1 abstention (Barrett)
- Discussion: Helmreich feels the money could be put to better use. He feels this is a nice thing for the Town to offer, however, there are other needs he would like to see met.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Police Chief, Finch invited the Finance Committee to visit the new Police Station on June 10, 2000 between 10:00am and 2:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 26, 2000 @ 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Christine McSweeney
Secretary Norton Finance Committee