TOWN OF NORTON

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
September 18, 2002

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30pm by Chair, Donna Summerfield

Present: Paul Helmreich, Donna Summerfield, Philip Zawasky, Jackie Desrochers, John Luti, Mike Thomas, Bill Gouveia, Mike Fiore

Absent:

ANNOUNCEMENTS
A luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2002 at 12:00 noon for Chris McCabe at the Town Hall. Tickets are $7.00 per person

MINUTES
A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of September 16, 2002.
Vote: 6 in favor; 1 abstention (Fiore)

VOTING

Article 26 Fiore made a motion seconded by Helmreich to recommend.
> **Vote: All opposed**
> **Motion Fails**

Discussion:
- Article sends the wrong message to businesses looking to come into Town.
- Should a hotel come into Town, they might need to put a sign on Route 495.
- Present by-laws in place regarding signs are sufficient for what we have in Town.

DISCUSSION

Article 29
- Deborah Burgess is having an attorney re-write the Article.
- The Petitioners' purpose of the Article is to curtail growth in the Town and to save money in the future regarding bringing these driveways up to safety standards.
- FinCom comments:
    1. Each house must have the requisite amount of frontage when common driveway is in place.
    2. Common driveways can be useful by eliminating number of cuts in roads.
    3. Eliminating common driveways will not cut down on growth of Town.

Article 30
- State law states we have to release bonds when work is completed to Planning Board satisfaction.
- Bonds are released during various stages of project.

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DISCUSSION (cont'd)

Article 31
- Further information is needed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, September 23, 2002 at 7:30PM

Agenda: Police (private alarms)

September 25   School Committee

Respectfully submitted by:

Christine McSweeney
Secretary, Finance Committee