

TOWN OF NORTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
September 23, 2002

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The association of Town Finance Committees will hold a seminar on Saturday, November 16, 2002 at Holy Cross College, Worcester, MA for a charge of \$50 per person.

MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of September 18, 2002.

Vote: Unanimous

VOTING

Article 4 Gouveia made a motion seconded by Fiore to recommend \$79,020.82 to be taken from Capital Improvements for the following expenditures:

\$ 548.82	Ladder Truck (Fire)
7,500.00	Pump for donated truck (Fire)
9,500.00	Doors for Barrowsville Fire Station
48,010.00	Ford Taurus & Explorer (Police)
<u>13,462.00</u>	Computers (Communications)
\$79,020.82	

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Passes

Discussion:

- Doors at the Barrowsville Fire Station need to be raised in order to fit a vehicle inside the building
- Purchase of Taurus and Explorer will replace the Police Chief's vehicle, which currently has 130,000 miles on it and replace a Detective's vehicle, which now has 150,000 miles on it.
- Total cost for Communication's computers is \$59,650 consisting of \$10,00 for software; \$11,650 for servicing; and \$38,000 for engineering. There is currently \$46,188 in the budget for this expenditure, hence the need for an additional \$13,462.

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Article 10 Gouveia made a motion seconded by Helmreich to recommend.

Vote: 3 in favor; 4 opposed (Helmreich, Desrochers, Gouveia, Zawasky)

Motion Fails

Discussion: Committee members voting in opposition did not recommend this article due to the number of alarms allowed.

DISCUSSION

Article 28 Petition of A. Fillebrown, et al

- Committee members would like to hear from the Planning Board and the Building Inspector
- Chief Finch wants to see Old Dean St. paved and open for use. Would not want to see road abandoned.
- Public hearing would not be required since Petitioner wants Town to discontinue use of the road...not abandon it.
- If road cannot be closed, Mr. Fillebrown will sub-divide and sell property.

School - Projected \$83,000,000 new school

- The new school could actually cost close to \$100,000,000 by the time the project is completed.
- The \$3.8 million slated to be voted on at the October Town Meeting will buy plans and design
- Need is not pressing at this time, but is something that should be considered for the future.
- Cannot be done without a debt exclusion override
- Town of Norton is at the 2½ limit now
- There is no need to rush into getting put on the list this year
- Operating cost for the school needs to be addressed
- Townspeople need to be able to look at what the \$80 million will bring to the Town

ADJOURNMENT


A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, September 25, 2002 at 7:30PM

Agenda: School Committee

Respectfully submitted by:


Christine McSweeney
Secretary, Finance Committee