TOWN OF NORTON Finance Committee Minutes September 30, 2002

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Present: Summerfield, Chair; Desrochers, Vice-Chair (8:10 pm); Fiore; Gouveia; Helmreich; Luti; Thomas, Zawasky

Minutes for Sept. 23, 2002 were approved as amended, 6-0-1 (Thomas abstain)

Warrant for Town Meeting, October 7

Articles 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25. Street acceptances. Voted 7-0 to recommend.

Articles 15, 18. Street acceptances. Moved to recommend. Voted 0-7. Articles not recommended.

Article 1. Moved to reconsider. Vote, 7-0 to reconsider. Moved to amend by adding bill for Planning Board Consulting Services for traffic analysis on South Worcester Street, \$1000.00. Vote 7-0 to recommend. New total for Article 1, \$38,416.12.

The Committee approved the printing of a revised edition (so labelled) of the Warrant and Finance Committee Recommendations to reflect the actions of the Committee on September 30 and October 2. These to be available for distribution at the Town Meeting on October 7.

Article 7. Union contracts. Moved to reconsider items 1 and 2. Vote, 8-0 to reconsider. Presentation by Town Manager and Chair of Board of Selectmen in favor of Article 7, items 1 and 2 was heard. Discussion followed, centering on the issue of the implementation of portions of the Quinn Bill, as provided in the proposed new contract for the Police department. Motion by Helmreich, seconded by Fiore to recommend items 1 and 2. Vote 0-8. Items 1 and 2 of Article 7 not recommended.

Article 12. Agreement to purchase desalinized water. Helmreich reported on the final negotiations with Aquaria. Motion by Helmreich to recommend, seconded by Fiore. Vote 8-0 to recommend.

The Committee approved, 8-0, on a motion by Gouveia, seconded by Fiore, an hourly rate for the Committee's secretary for FY 2003 of \$11.14. This constitutes a 2% increase over FY 2002.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Paul Helmreich

Secretary, pro tem