

TOWN OF NORTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting
October 2, 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, Mike Thomas

Absent:

MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the September 25, 2002 meeting as amended (add the verbiage "Lengthy discussion ensued regarding Planning Board Articles, Petitioner Articles and School Committee Articles. Note: Desrochers left at 9:45pm.")

Vote: 7 in favor; 1 abstention (Desrochers)

Motion Passes

Article 7 Main Motions

Fiore made a motion seconded by Helmreich to reopen

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Passes

Helmreich made a motion seconded by Fiore to recommend \$6,652 for #5 of the Article (Clerical Workers)

Vote: 5 in favor; 3 opposed (Gouveia, Summerfield, Zawasky)

Motion Passes

Previous Motions

Fiore made a motion seconded by Helmreich to reopen

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Passes

Gouveia made a motion seconded by Helmreich to leave recommendation as is until more information is available.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Passes

Discussion: Town Manager, Chris McCabe appeared to explain that this is the only department that does not receive a one-hour paid lunch. The Article seeks to pay the clerical workers for one-half of their designated one-hour lunch.

Total available \$1,368,729. Total spent - \$213,926.12 Balance = \$1,154,802 (rounded)

Gouveia made a motion seconded by Helmreich to put \$750,000 into Stabilization and put \$404,802 into Capital Improvements.

Vote: All in favor

Motion Passes

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Article 5 Helmreich made a motion seconded by Zawasky to recommend \$750,000.
Vote: Unanimous
Motion Passes

Article 6 Helmreich made a motion seconded by Zawasky to recommend \$404,802.
Vote: Unanimous
Motion Passes

Article 11 Helmreich made a motion seconded by Thomas to recommend \$3.8 million contingent upon the passing of a debt exclusion override.
Vote: All opposed
Motion Fails

Discussion: School Committee plans to ask the Board of Selectmen to hold a Special Town Meeting to encompass the entire cost. Thomas feels this article should be put off until such meeting at which time all three issues can be addressed, *i.e.* \$3.8 million for design and plans; override; and cost of building the school. Helmreich would like to see a more accurate figure for completion of school. Gouveia is concerned about the effect this Article would have on the Town Government side..... Police, Fire, etc. Has additional concerns about the Town having to go for a general override in future years. Thomas feels we need to have a better handle on how this would impact the Town's other needs. Helmreich feels the debt exclusion should be \$100 million. Gouveia does not think the long term financial impact to the Town has been looked at closely enough.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, Monday, October , 2002 at 6:15PM at the Yelle School Cafeteria

Respectfully submitted by:



Christine McSweeney
Secretary, Finance Committee