

**Finance Committee Meeting**  
**April 28, 2008**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Municipal Center – Selectmen's Conference Room**

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**Present:** Chairman, Lee Tarantino; Vice-Chair, Michael Thomas; Pasquale Barletta; Robert Bouchard; Thomas DeLuca; Jackie Desrochers (late arrival); Wayne Graf; Paul Helmreich; Philip Zawasky; Town Manager, James Purcell.

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to Order at 7:40pm.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to approve the April 14, 2008 Finance Committee minutes as written. Second by Mr. Thomas. Vote: All in favor, with Mr. Graf abstaining. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to approve the March 5, 2008 (Executive Session) Finance Committee minutes as written. Second by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: All in favor, with Mr. Bouchard abstaining. **Motion carries.**

**II. New Business**

**A. Budget Items –**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #123-510 (Town Manager – personal service) in the amount of \$167,256. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend account #192-570 (Municipal Bldg Maint. -other charges and expenditures) in the amount of \$259,936. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend account #440-510 (Sewer Division-personal service) in the amount of \$113,715. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend account #440-570 (Sewer Division-other charges and expenditures) in the amount of \$655,581. Second by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Mr. Purcell stated that this Thursday evening, May 1, 2008 the Hicks Fund trustees will be meeting and it is anticipated that they will vote to increase the amount to be taken from the fund from \$100K to \$125K.

**B. Annual Town Meeting Warrant –**

Article 1 – Chapter 90 – **Motion** was made by Mr. De Luca to recommend Article 1. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 2 – Maple Street discontinuance - **Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend Article 2. Second by Mr. Thomas. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 3 – Easement from Mansfield Bank - **Motion** was made by Mr. Zawasky to recommend Article 3. Second by Mr. Bouchard. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 4 – Election machines - **Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend Article 4 in the amount of \$8,300. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 5 – Revaluation - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend Article 5 for the total amount of \$50K - \$12,750 will come from 2 previous Articles (Art.3 May '05 for \$5K and Art.4 May '06 for \$7,750), and the remaining \$37,250 from Stabilization. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 6 – Historical Commission - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend Article 6. Second by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 7 – Composting Bins - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend Article 7. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 8 – Recycling - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend Article 8. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 9 – Hazardous Materials - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend Article 9. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: All in favor, with Ms. Desrochers abstaining. **Motion carries.**

Article 10 – Cable Company - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend Article 10. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 11 – Early Childhood Program - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend Article 11. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 12 – Full-Day Kindergarten Program - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend Article 12. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 13 – Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend Article 13 in the amount of \$10K, coming from Free Cash. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 14 – Illicit Discharge By-Law - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend Article 14. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 15 – Water Department Budget - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend Article 15 in the amount of \$2,491,381. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 16 – Draft Legislation for Regional Sewer District - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend Article 16. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 17 - Authorization of Tri-town Agreement - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend Article 17. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**  
Mr. Helmreich pointed out that this Article should only be moved if Article 16 fails.

Article 18 – Sewer Enterprise Fund - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to take no action on this article. Second by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 19 – Capital Improvements Fund- **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to take no action on this article. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 20 – Capital Improvement Items – Mr. DeLuca, who is on the Capital Improvements Committee, explained: \$185,606 will come from the Capital Improvements Fund (\$65K for 2 new Police cars, \$89,500 for the pumper replacement, and \$31,106 for the replacement of a special needs bus). Also, \$67,665 would be transferred from the Ambulance Fund for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 3-year lease, as well as a transfer of \$10,894 for the fore-mentioned bus, which would come from appropriations for the last Special Education bus purchase. This would bring the total to \$264,165. **Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend Article 20 for the total amount of \$264,165. Second by Mr. Thomas. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 22 – South Worcester St. Zoning - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to take no action, pending more information from the Planning Board. Second by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**



Article 23 – West Main St. Zoning - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to take no action, pending more information from the Planning Board. Second by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**C. Special Town Meeting Warrant –**

Article 1 – Unpaid Bills - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend Article 1 in the amount of \$1,554, coming from Free Cash. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 2 – Tax Title Foreclosure - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to reconsider Article 2. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.** **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend Article 2, transferring \$23,547.78 from previous Articles and \$6,452.22 from Free Cash. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 5 – Separation Expense - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend Article 5 in the amount of \$15,546 to come from Free Cash. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 6 - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to take no action on Article 6 until the FinCom receives further information. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 7 - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to take no action on Article 7 until the FinCom receives further information. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 8 - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to take no action on Article 8 until the FinCom receives further information. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 9 – Lease of Town Owned Property - **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend Article 9. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Article 10 - SCADA System. Mr. Purcell said that he would have more information on this Article at the next FinCom meeting.

**D. Other** – A discussion took place on the '**Report of the Norton Finance Committee for the May 2008 Town Meeting**', as written by Mr. Thomas. Mr. Thomas said that he would amend this report, per suggestions given by the FinCom.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2008 at 7:30pm.

**Adjournment**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Zawasky to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Second by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
Sara Lyons, Finance Committee Secretary