

Finance Committee Meeting
March 2, 2011
7:30 PM
Municipal Center – Selectmen’s Conference Room

Present: Chair, Thomas DeLuca; Vice-Chair, Paul Helmreich; Jackie Desrochers; Michael Flaherty; Wayne Graf; William Rotondi; Michael Thomas (late arrival); Lee Tarantino.

Absent: Brett Franklin; Cheryl McFaun.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Helmreich to approve the January 10, 2011 Finance Committee minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. Graf. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

II. New Business

Mr. Michael Yunits, the new Town Manager, was introduced to the Finance Committee members.

Southeastern Regional School District Budget-

Mr. Mark Morris, Business Manager of the Southeastern Regional School District, presented the school’s FY12 budget to the FinCom. He noted that there has been a drop in enrollment of Norton students from last year to this, stating that there were simply less applicants. Norton students make up 9.1% of the school’s population. He stated that the total proposed operating budget for FY12 is \$20,016,640, and that Norton’s share of that is \$1,098,468. This is a decrease of 4.89%, or \$56,537.

Mr. Morris explained that the school will be doing a \$30M renovation to the school, including an addition, as part of a MSBA (Massachusetts School Building Authority) project. He noted that there will be **no** increase in cost to the towns in the district because the school has been putting away money for years in their Capital Improvements fund and they will be using those funds for the project.

Mr. Helmreich pointed out that the SE Regional School budget is not a level-funded budget, but that unfortunately the Norton Public Schools will have to operate with a level-funded budget for FY12. Mr. Morris said that although Norton’s enrollment is down for FY12, the school’s overall enrollment has increased so more funds are being brought into the school.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant –

Article 17 – Revolving Fund - Project Spoke –

Motion was made by Mr. Tarantino to recommend Article 17. Seconded by Mr. Graf. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Article 18 – Revolving Fund - Mansfield Avenue –

Motion was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend Article 18. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Article 19 – Revolving Fund - Forestry –

Motion was made by Mr. Graf to recommend Article 19. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Article 20 – Revolving Fund – Historical Education –

Motion was made by Mr. Graf to recommend Article 20. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Article 21 – Revolving Fund – Composting Bin Program –

Motion was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend Article 21. Seconded by Mr. Graf. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Article 22 – Revolving Fund – Highway Recycling Activities –

Motion was made by Mr. Graf to recommend Article 22. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Article 23 – Revolving Fund – Hazardous Materials –

Motion was made by Mr. Graf to recommend Article 23. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Mr. DeLuca requested that Mr. Yunits have the balances of all Revolving accounts for the Town Meeting.

III. Old Business

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2011 at 7:30pm.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Graf to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Documents Referenced: Minutes of January 10, 2011
SE Reg. School District Budget Proposal
Annual Town Meeting warrant

Respectfully Submitted by: _____

Thomas DeLuca, Finance Committee Chair

Sara Lyons, Finance Committee Secretary