

Finance Committee Meeting
May 12, 2014
6:00 PM
Norton High School Cafeteria

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Present: Chair, Michael Flaherty; Vice-Chair, Peter Carignan; Thomas DeLuca; Richard Dorney; Stephen Evans; Michael Fiore; Paul Helmreich; William Rotondi; Lee Tarantino.
Also present, intermittently: Town Manager, Michael Yunits.

Absent: Jackie Desrochers, Michael Thomas.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm.

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Helmreich to approve the April 30, 2014 Finance Committee minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. Rotondi. Discussion: The committee agreed to talk with Mr. Yunits and Dr. Baeta to get information previously requested by Mr. Stephanelli. Vote: All in favor, with Mr. Flaherty abstaining. **Motion carries.**

II. New Business

Gasoline Shortage –

Motion was made by Mr. Helmreich to transfer \$30K from the Finance Committee Reserve Fund to the Highway Department for purposes of gasoline purchase. Seconded by Mr. Rotondi. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

III. Old Business

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT:

Article 16 - Capital Improvements –

Motion was made by Mr. Tarantino to reconsider Article 16 on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Seconded by Mr. Rotondi. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Mr. Yunits explained that the Fire Department would like to replace a sedan for \$42K instead of getting the ladder refurbished for \$20K. He said that \$21K would come from Capital Improvements and \$21K would come from the Ambulance Account.

Motion was made by Mr. Tarantino to recommend Article 16, the Capital Improvements Plan, in the new total amount of \$909,556. Seconded by Mr. Rotondi. Vote: 8 members in favor, with Mr. Evans opposed. **Motion carries.**

Article 7 – Middle School Roof –

Motion was made by Mr. Tarantino to reconsider Article 7 on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Mr. Yunits suggested that the \$100K for this article could be paid from Free Cash instead of borrowing. Dr. Baeta noted that with the MSBA, the wording needs to be very specific. Mr. Tarantino noted that this would need to be taken from the current year's Free Cash.

Motion was made by Mr. Tarantino to change the wording in Article 7 from "appropriate" to "transfer", and to add the words "from Free Cash" after the amount of \$100K in the article. Also, the

sentence beginning with "To meet this appropriation", and ending with "...to any other enabling authority", will be removed from the motion.

Vote: 8 members in favor, with Mr. Evans opposed. **Motion carries.**

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT:

Article 3 – Southeastern Vocational technical High School Stabilization Fund –

Mr. Tarantino said that he feels that this article is faulty and he would like to leave as previously voted – Not Recommended. Mr. Helmreich agreed, saying he would not want to reconsider. There was no motion for reconsideration.

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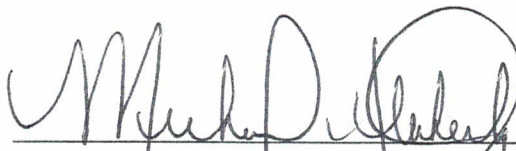
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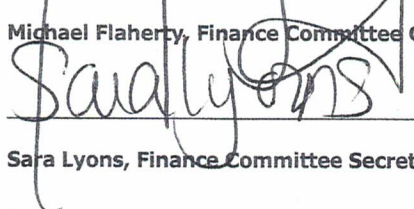
Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to adjourn at 6:35 pm. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Documents Referenced: Minutes of April 30, 2014
Annual Town Meeting Motions
Special Town Meeting Motions

Respectfully Submitted by:



Michael Flaherty, Finance Committee Chair


Sara Lyons, Finance Committee Secretary

9/15/14

Date Approved