



TOWN OF NORTON  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Municipal Center – Selectmen's Conference Room

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**I. 7:00 P.M. Call to Order**

The May 2, 2018 meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Board of Selectmen's Room and was called to order beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 P.M., by Mr. Richard Dorney, Chairman.

Members Present:

Mr. Tom DeLuca, Mr. Mike Fiore, Mr. Paul Helmreich, Mr. William Rotondi, Ms Aimee Sawyer, Mr. Aaron Smith, and Ms Bonnie Yezukevich.

Absent: Mr. Peter Carignan, Mr. Steve Evans, Mr. Walter Eykel

Also in attendance was Mr. Yunits, Town Manager

**II. New Business**

**Review, Discuss, and Vote Special Town Warrant Reviews:**

Article II - Mr. Yunits requested that a revote take place for this article, because it was original written as raise and appropriate funds when it needed to state from Free Cash.

Motion made by Mr. Fiore to move \$7,900 from Free Cash

Second by Mr. Rotondi

Unanimous

**Review, Discuss, and Vote Annual Town Warrant Reviews:**

Article V - \$135,000 to cover feasibility and engineering cost for the Town Hall. Mr. Yunits gave explanation of the money coming to Norton for cleanup of the Reed and Barton site or the current site. He mentioned EPA is currently testing the water. He explained that the money in the warrant is for feasibility only at this time. No money will be spent until the location is set.

Question: Why approve money before a site is determined? Everyone that came in for the RFP meeting knew there was a possibility of two sites.

Will the 135,000 cover the cost of both sites? Yes – there will be one study.

This will not be spent until the site is chosen, right? Correct, but the authorization needs to be made to move forward.

Motion to approve \$135,000 for the feasibility study from Mr. Fiore

Second by Mr. Rotondi

Vote 7 yea

1 opposed

Article VI - \$65,000 to cover feasibility and engineering cost for the COA, the future needs of Seniors, the numbers, parking space required, outside amenities.

Motion to approve \$65,000 for the feasibility study from Mr. Fiore

Second by Mr. Rotondi

Vote 7 yea

1 opposed

Article VII – School Window and Door project – Mr. Yunits stated that we should vote for temporary borrowing and once the project is complete if needed could get bonds for any additional costs. Currently, the reimbursement from MSBA is a 55.63%. Mr. Helmreich stated that these windows need to be replaced but also have the added benefit of protection against gunshots. Mr. Yunits stated that the Building Committee has approved this project.

Questions asked of Mr. Yunits:

1. What existing bonds are close to ending? Mr. Yunits listed 4 that are ending between 2019 and 2024.
2. Is there a way to approve of these on a temporary basis then go for a debt exclusion later? Mr. Yunits will check with legal and bring the reply back next week.
3. Are there any 40B's or other developments close to being planned that would increase the school population? Or has the school done any long range studies on the population? Mr. Yunits stated that there are two 40B's; one Island Brook which is close to approval and Turtle Crossing not approved yet. These would bring us to our 10% limit.
4. Has there been an evaluation about the useful life of each school? Mr. Yunits stated that the school consultants should be doing this in their evaluations. He is not sure about a life expectancy type of study.

Mr. Kimball announced that this year's Town Report is dedicated to Mr. Tom DeLuca and spoke about his life. Presentation made to Tom with his family present.

Review and acceptance of the Town Report with one minor change. Unanimous approval

III. Old Business

IV. Open items

V. Minutes

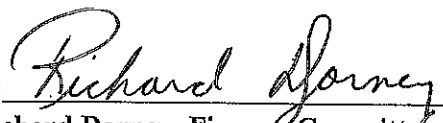
VI. Adjournment

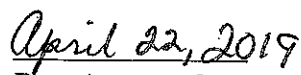
Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fiore

Seconded by Mr. Helmreich

Unanimous

Respectively submitted by:

  
Richard Dorney, Finance Committee Chair

  
Date Approved

