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**TOWN OF NORTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE
Municipal Center, Selectmen's Conference Room
October 9, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The October 9, 2019 meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Municipal Center's Selectmen Conference Room and was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mr. William Rotondi, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Finance Committee Members Present: Mr. Walter Eykel, Mr. Aaron Smith, Mr. Stephen Evans, Mr. William Rotondi, Mr. Richard Dorney, Mr. Thomas DeLuca, Ms. Bonnie Yezukevich, Ms. Aimee Sawyer, Ms. Paula Daniels.

Absent: Mr. Peter Carignan, Mr. Mike Fiore.

II. New Business

Article 13 of the Fall Town Meeting

Mr. Yunits moved to discuss the recommendation of Article 13 which deals with Reed and Barton "Abutting Cross Street" demolition and LSP project. There is a request of moving \$522,000.00 from free cash. Mr. Carmichael stated that numerous state and federal agency grants have been requested by the town.

Mr. DeLuca made a motion to recommend the article. Mr. Dorney seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor for the exception of one opposition (Ms. Sawyer).

Article 14 of the Fall Town Meeting

Mr. Yunits moved to discuss the recommendation of Article 13 which deals with a general bylaw change: ten-foot fence set back from the street. Mr. Carmichael stated that the intent of the bylaw change is to improve public safety.

Mr. DeLuca made a motion to recommend the article. Mr. Dorney seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor and the vote was unanimous.

Article 5 of the Fall Town Meeting

Mr. Yunits moved to discuss the recommendation of Article 5 which deals with raising and appropriating and/or transferring from available funds a sum of money to supplement the FY20 sewer enterprise operating budget (appropriated under Article 7 of the May



15, 2019 Annual Town Meeting). Mr. Frank-Fournier made the presentation of this article on behalf of the Water/Sewer Department

Mr. DeLuca made a “no action” motion to move the article. Mr. Dorney seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor and the vote was unanimous.

Article 4 of the Fall Town Meeting

Mr. Yunits moved to discuss the recommendation of Article 4 which deals with raising and appropriating and/or transferring from available funds, a sum of \$216,000.00, to supplement the FY20 water enterprise operating budget appropriated under Article 6 of the May 15, 2019 Annual Town Meeting, from retained earnings account to operating budget. Mr. Fournier made the presentation on behalf of the Water/Sewer Department.

Mr. DeLuca made a motion to recommend the article. Mr. Dorney seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor and the vote was unanimous.

Article 12 of the Fall Town Meeting

Mr. Yunits moved to discuss the recommendation of Article 12 which deals with transferring the amount of \$457,808.63 (surplus from “Water Main Project”) to authorize current, future “Water Projects and Improvements”. Mr. Fournier made the presentation on behalf of the Water/Sewer Department.

Mr. DeLuca made a motion to recommend the article. Mr. Dorney seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor and the vote was unanimous.

Article 7 of the Fall Town Meeting

Mr. Yunits moved to discuss the recommendation of Article 7 which deals with Capital Improvement Request: Reference October 9, 2019 Handout (“FY20 Capital Requests”). Mr. Yunits added that this would raise and/or appropriate or transfer from available funds to supplement the FY20 capital improvements budget, previously approved under Article 10 of the May 15, 2019 Annual Town Meeting. The amount of \$711,144.00 from capital improvements and \$412,400.00 from ambulance reserve fund (totaling \$1,123,544.00) would be the available fund to be transferred.

Mr. DeLuca made a motion to recommend the article. Mr. Dorney seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor and the vote was unanimous.

Article 15 of the Fall Town Meeting (Planning Board Article)



Mr. Yunits moved to discuss the recommendation of Article 15 which deals with multiple commercial, residential definition amendments. Mr. Steve Hornsby stated that the planning board has presently taken a “no action” position on the article. He added that the board plans to discuss/vote prior to town meeting.

Mr. DeLuca made a “no action” motion to move the article. Mr. Dorney seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor and the vote was unanimous.

Article 16 of the Fall Town Meeting (Petition Article by Dylan J. Ribeiro)

Mr. Yunits moved to discuss the recommendation of Article 16 which deals with a vote to amend zoning bylaw, changing the allowed uses in Section 4.2 Residential Uses and allow duplex dwellings and multifamily dwellings in a commercial zoning district by special permit. Mr. Hornsby, on behalf of the Planning Board, made the presentation. He added that the board took a “no action” position on the article.

Mr. DeLuca made a “no action” motion to move the article. Ms. Sawyer seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor and the vote was unanimous.

Article 17 of the Fall Town Meeting (Petition Article by Dylan J. Ribeiro)

Mr. Yunits moved to discuss the recommendation of Article 17 which deals with a vote to rezone Mansfield Ave/Smith St. from commercial to village commercial. Mr. Hornsby, on behalf of the Planning Board, made the presentation. He added that the board voted to recommend this article.

Mr. DeLuca made a motion to recommend the article. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor and the vote was unanimous.

Article 18 of the Fall Town Meeting (Petition Article by David Cohen)

Mr. Yunits moved to discuss the recommendation of Article 18 which deals with a vote to allow fuel storage underground in a water protection district (in regards with the Cumberland Farms Proposed Gas Station Project). Mr. Hornsby, on behalf of the Planning Board, made the presentation. He added that the board voted to not recommend this article.

Mr. DeLuca made a motion to recommend the article. Mr. Eykel seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor with the exception of one abstention (Mr. Smith).

Article 3 of the Fall Town Meeting

Mr. Yunits moved to discuss the recommendation of Article 3 which deals with FY20 Operating Budget Amendments. Chief Brian Clark and Library Director, Ms. Lee



Parker made the presentations. This article would recommend the move of \$660,184.00 from free cash to FY20 Operating Budget Amendments.

Mr. DeLuca made a motion to recommend the article. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor and the vote was unanimous.

Article 10 of the Fall Town Meeting

Mr. Yunits moved to discuss the recommendation of Article 10 which deals with authorizing the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain, the parcel of land at 78 East Main Street, not to exceed in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

Mr. DeLuca made a “no action” motion to move the article. Ms. Sawyer seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor and the vote was unanimous.

Article 8 of the Fall Town Meeting

Mr. Yunits moved to discuss the recommendation of Article 8 which deals with adopting cemetery rules and regulations.

Mr. DeLuca made a “no action” motion to move the article. Ms. Sawyer seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor and the vote was unanimous.

Article 19 of the Fall Town Meeting (Petition by Robert Kimball)

Mr. Yunits moved to discuss the recommendation of Article 19 which deals with transferring \$45,000.00 from free cash for the purpose of a study of Norton Public Schools current and future student enrollments, assessment and survey of existing school buildings.

Mr. DeLuca made a motion to not recommend the article. Ms. Sawyer seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor of the “non recommendation” and the vote was unanimous.

Article 5 of the Special Town Meeting

Mr. Yunits moved to discuss the recommendation of Article 5 which deals with the collective bargaining agreement between the town and various unions, for the period beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

Mr. DeLuca made a “no action” motion to move the article. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor and the vote was unanimous.



Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting

Mr. Yunits moved to discuss the recommendation of Article 1 which deals with a possible amendment of Chapter 5, Annual Election.

Mr. DeLuca made a motion to not recommend the article. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor for “not recommending” with the exception of one abstention.

III. Old Business

Mr. Rotondi commented, and committee discussed as a practice of importance of not voting on articles before town meeting(s), granted if committee is not comfortable with provided information or limited discussion. A vote of “no action” with the article should be recorded, therefore allowing a motion of the article to be done at the town meeting floor.

Ms. Sawyer updated the committee on the October 8, 2019 Ad Hoc meeting.

Mr. Dorney updated the committee on the liaison meeting with Fire Department Chief Shawn Simmons.

Mr. Dorney updated the committee on the October 2019 Selectmen’s meeting.

IV. Open session for topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance

V. Review and Approval of Minutes

VI. Executive Session

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Rotondi entertained a motion at 10:37 P.M. to adjourn this meeting. Mr. DeLuca moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Evans seconded. All were in favor, and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by

Sonia Tsilis, Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved by Committee on:

6/10/2020

Signature:

William Rotondi

William Rotondi, Finance Committee Chairman