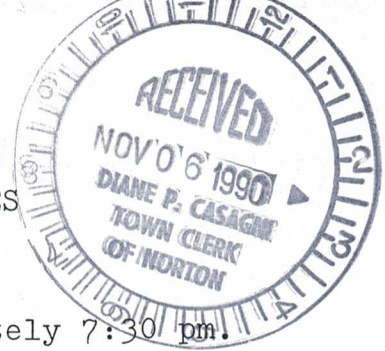


FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 1990



The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 pm.

Present: M. Brown, J. Desrochers, K. Eagan, W. Gouveia, E. Hamilton, P. Helmreich, B. Kimball, C. MacQuown, R. Nugent, D. Ward

P. Helmreich notes hearings with the Water/Sewer Commissioners and the Zoning Board of appeals.

Water/Sewer Commissioners

ATM article 8

To bond \$1,400,000

Commission Chairman notes that he has signed for a State grant for 50% reimbursement of meters. The Town must up front the funds to meter the entire Town. \$180,000. \$120,000 to come from the water surplus account - \$300,000.

\$500,000 - Cost of replacing asbestos cement mains in the Grove area.

\$200,000 - for bypass material to allow Grove residents water while crushing the asbestos pipes

\$420,000 - Plain Street problem. One of the main wells in the Town pumping a significant amount of water. The pressure has to be down or the asbestos cement pipes break. Also to replace the 8" main with 12"; \$50/ft.

\$75,000 - Engineering fees

\$25,000 - Unigun System. To decrease chance of errors. If the entire Town is metered, there will be approx 4400 meters to be read.

P. Helmreich questions drop in clerical staff.

The Commission Chairman states no decrease but will not need additional personnel for meter reading.

Commissioner notes it will not be bonded until State grant has been received. They hope to hear before Town meeting.

Current Water debt, Cottage Street project, two more \$100,000 payments before retiring.

Total projects - \$1,660,000

Water Surplus account balance - \$260,000 of which \$140,000 is maintenance distribution.

STM article

Corrosion control which is State mandated, \$80,000 for 4 wells. System analysis costs of \$25,000 which is a meter grant requirement. Main upgrading, \$22,000, offset funds used for Alder Road and river crossing.

Meter installation, \$120,000.

Replacing Water main in Grove contingency, \$13,000.

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Discussion of water rate.
Rate increase guesstimate \$30-40 per household descending with another debt retiring.
Finance Committee requests estimates of costs for Town meeting.
Discussion of bonds and ratings.

Discussion of Water department truck purchase.
Commissioners note purchase truck as replacement from surplus funds with the Commissioners approval.
B. Kimball questions purchase order and questions replacement of Escort with pick up truck.
Commissioner notes OK by Town Manager with purchase order.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ATM articles 38-41

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Intent was not to change bylaws but to make them easier to read. Previously recommended by Charter Bylaw Study Committee. 6.3 was split into 3 sub sections for easier reading and deleted 6.3.2.

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7.7 Parking Spaces
updated to refer to article 10 not section 10.3 which was incorrect.

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Article XV - Site approval
Adding 15.7 which adds Building Inspectors duties.

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Article 10
rewritten in the step by step process
separate use variances
Also increase 100 days for Board of Appeals decision as with the Mass General laws.

P. Helmreich reads commendation letter to B. Nugent.

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B. Nugent moves to accept the minutes of the meeting of 6-25-90.
E. Hamilton seconds
Replace 'adding machine' with 'cash register'.
Unanimous

P. Helmreich notes Charter Bylaw Study Committee hearing on 9-26-90.

P. Helmreich notes meeting with School Superintendent and School Committee Chairwoman. They state that personnel may be layed off with 6 weeks notice. They are in favor of the use of State funds to balance the budget.

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Discussion of subcommittees.

B. Nugent notes time constraints of members.

W. Gouveia notes objectivity of members.

B. Kimball notes that the member must still get involved to find out answers to questions and problem areas.

P. Helmreich notes process of requesting information as a Committee.

M. Brown requests accounting printouts and legal bills.

P. Helmreich requests efficiency of meetings. He notes debates at hearings or requests. Hearings are to request information with voting held with debate at next meeting.

Meeting adjournment as close to 10 pm as possible.

W. Gouveia notes he like to voice his opinion directly to the Department/Committee.

B. Kimball requests Committee approval to look into newspaper printing for Finance Committee recommendations.

P. Helmreich notes only a one page printout of recommendation to be attached to the warrant.

J. Woods requests a copy of the tapes from the 6-4-90 and 6-25-90 meetings.

Discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20 pm until 9-12-90 at approximately 7:30 pm.

