

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
March 13, 1991



Present: M. Brown, J. Desrochers, B. Gouveia, P. Helmreich, B. Kimball, D. Ward, C. MacQuown, R. Nugent, D. Ward

Minutes of February 25 approved.

P. Helmreich to send letter to all departments giving them notice that anyone who wishes can come before the Finance Committee to discuss the Proposition 2 1/2 Formula budget for their department on March 20 or March 27.

P. Helmreich to draft letters to Senator Keating and Representative Travis asking them to come before the Committee to discuss State Aid. He will also draft a general letter to be sent to their offices on the same issue.

Tonight's agenda: warrant articles

P. Helmreich stated that last two articles are the same articles that appeared in the October Town Meeting. The Planning Board has to hold public hearings again on these articles before May Town Meeting. The idea is to put the Businessmen's petition article first; and if it passes, the other two articles won't be needed.

Article 2

Motion moved, seconded, and voted to take no action on this article.

In Favor: unanimous  
no action taken

Article 3

Motion moved, seconded, and voted to recommend this article.

In Favor: unanimous  
Recommended

Article 4

No figures at this time. Motion moved, seconded, and voted to table this article to undetermined date.

In Favor: unanimous  
tabled

Article 5

Motion moved, seconded, and voted to recommend this article.

In Favor: unanimous  
Recommended

Article 6

Motion moved, seconded, and voted to appropriate \$16,657.00. Discussion followed. P. Helmreich noted that it is not necessary this year.

In Favor: 0      Opposed: unanimous  
Not Recommended

Article 7

Discussion followed on Planning Administrator position.  
 Motion moved, seconded and voted to recommend amendment to delete Planning Administrator position from Article 7. In Favor: 2 (M. Brown and C. MacQuown) Opposed: 4 (W. Gouveia, R. Kimball, R. Nugent, and R. Ward) Motion not recommended.  
 Motion moved, seconded, and voted to recommend Article 7 with deletion of Assistant Water and Sewer Superintendent position:  
 Final vote: In Favor: 4 (W. Gouveia, R. Kimball, R. Nugent, D. Ward) Opposed: 2 (C. MacQuown and M. Brown)  
Article 7 Recommended with deletion

Article 8

Motion moved, seconded and voted to recommend this article with the deletion of Assistant Water and Sewer Superintendent  
 In Favor: 5 (M. Brown, W. Gouveia, R. Kimball, R. Ward and R. Nugent) Abstention: 1 (C. MacQuown)  
 Motion moved, seconded, and voted to amend figure for Office Administrator from \$18,000 - \$25,000 to \$16,000 - \$24,000.  
 Final Vote: In Favor: 5 (M. Brown, W. Gouveia, R. Kimball, C. MacQuown, R. Nugent) Opposed: 1 (R. Ward)  
 Motion carried, figure is amended to \$16,000 - \$24,000.  
Article 8 recommended with deletion and amended figure

Article 9

No Action

Articles 10, 11, 12

P. Helmreich noted that the Capital Improvements Committee will give its report on Wednesday, March 20.  
No Action

Article 13

Motion moved, seconded, and voted to table this article to undetermined date. In Favor: unanimous  
Tabled

Article 14

Belongs on Special Warrant  
 Motion moved, seconded, and voted to table this article.  
 In Favor: unanimous  
Tabled

Article 15

Motion moved, seconded, and voted to recommend this article.  
 In Favor: 0 Opposed: Unanimous  
 P. Helmreich to put Committee's opinions for not recommending this article in the Finance Committee Report.  
Not Recommended

Article 16

Motion moved, seconded, and voted to table this article because Town Manager is unaware of any unpaid bills.  
 In Favor: unanimous  
Tabled



Article 17

Motion moved, seconded, and voted to recommend this article.

In Favor: unanimous

Recommended

Article 18

Motion moved, seconded, and voted to recommend this article.

In Favor: unanimous

Recommended

Article 19

Motion moved, seconded and voted to recommend this article.

Discussion followed.

In Favor: 0      Opposed: unanimous

Not recommended

Article 20

Motion moved, seconded, and voted to recommend this article.

In Favor: unanimous

Recommended

Articles 21 - 27

Motion moved, seconded, and voted to table these articles to an undetermined date.

In Favor: unanimous

Tabled

Article 28

Motion moved, seconded and voted to table this article until Committee receives requested information from S. Lombard to see what other towns are doing regarding fee policy and total income for Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.

In Favor: 6 (M. Brown, J. Desrochers, B. Kimball, C. MacQuown, R. Nugent, R. Ward)      Opposed: 1 (W. Gouveia)

Tabled

Article 29

Motion moved, seconded, and voted to recommend this article.

Discussion followed regarding weakness of by-law as written.

Committee would like to have stronger language.

In Favor: 6 (M. Brown, J. Desrochers, W. Gouveia, B. Kimball, C. MacQuown, R. Nugent)      Abstention: 1 (R. Ward)

Recommended

Article 30

Motion moved, seconded, and voted to recommend this article.

Motion moved to amend wording of article. P. Helmreich to get ruling from Town Counsel.

In Favor: unanimous

Recommended

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.