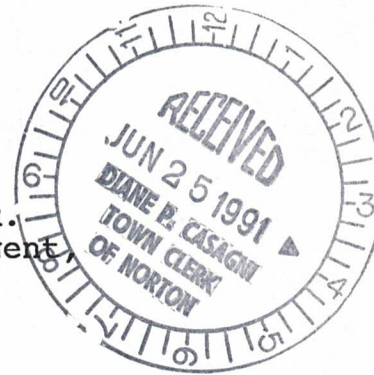


FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 1991



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

Meeting of the Finance Committee before Town Meeting.

1) Article 44

Regarding Tri-Town friendly signage amendments, a motion was moved, seconded and voted to accept the Tri Town's and Diane Casagni's friendly amendments. In Favor: unanimous

2) Articles 39, 40, 41

P. Helmreich stated that the Planning Board is not going to recommend these articles and referred to a letter from Marc Rousseau in which he states that the Norton Planning Board does not approve of the modified Water/Sewer Commission language. Motion moved, seconded and voted to accept H. Bakers' friendly amendments for clarity. In Favor: 8 (Hackett, Brown, Ward, Kimball, Gouveia, Nugent, Hamilton, Eagan) Opposed: 1 (MacQuown)

3) Article 3

P. Helmreich informed the Committee that the purchase of automatic weapons will not be moved because the Police Chief is getting private donations to cover the purchase costs.

Motion moved, seconded and voted to reconsider Article 3. In Favor: unanimous

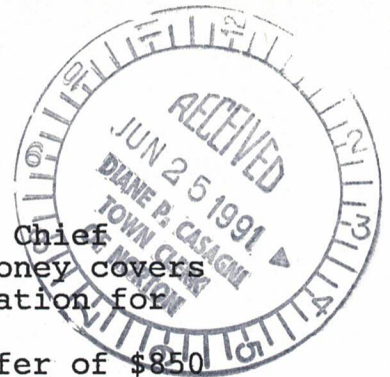
Motion moved, seconded and voted to recommend \$4668. In Favor 0 Opposed: unanimous

Article 3 not recommended.

4) P. Helmreich informed the Committee there will be no motion coming from the Police Department requesting a second cruiser. Next, P. Helmreich informed the Committee that S. Lombard has received preliminary information that Blue Cross/Blue Shield may be going up as much as 1/3. He will be looking into a different health provider to provide exactly the same package as Blue Cross/Blue Shield at a lower cost.

P. Helmreich also informed the Committee that Howard Baker is coming tonight to discuss Article 2. P. Helmreich told the Committee that H. Baker is getting reimbursed \$5,000 from the contractors, but the problem is that it will go into the Water Surplus Account next year and he needs the money now to pay his people this year.

5) P. Helmreich said that he received a transfer request form from the Inspection Department requesting \$50 to pay longevity. A motion was moved, seconded and voted to transfer \$50 to the Inspection Department Salary Account. In Favor: unanimous



6) P. Helmreich received information from the Fire Chief regarding the \$850 transfer request. He said the money covers the costs for sending two firefighters for certification for arson investigation.

Motion moved, seconded and voted to approve a transfer of \$850 from the Finance Committee Reserve Account to the Fire Department Out-of State Travel Account. In Favor: unanimous
The Town Accountant informed P. Helmreich that more monies will be needed by the Fire Department to cover medical bills and probably some salary.

7) The Committee has also received the following transfer requests: \$1,697.00 from the Town Clerk for election and registration (turned down earlier). Motion moved, seconded and voted to approve the transfer of \$1,697 from Finance Committee Reserve Fund to the Election and Registration Account (01-162-570). In Favor: unanimous

P. Helmreich also received a transfer request from the Board of Health of \$50 for longevity pay. Motion moved, seconded, and voted to transfer \$50 to the Board of Health Salaries Account. In Favor: unanimous

8) P. Helmreich informed the Committee that their next meeting will be held on the first Monday of June, June 3rd.

Discussion of the Committee's Minority Report and who would read it followed.

9) P. Helmreich called on Howard Baker to speak about Article 2 of the Special Town Warrant. Mr. Baker talked about the money that the contractors paid for time and a half. He said the money is covered, the contractors paid the time and a half, but it is in next year's surplus. He needs \$5,000 to make up for the money taken out of his budget the year before.

Motion moved, seconded, and voted to reconsider Article 2 of the Special Town Warrant. In Favor: unanimous

Motion moved, seconded, and voted to recommend Article 2.

In Favor: unanimous

Article 2 recommended.

10) P. Helmreich informed the Committee that he is changing the wording somewhat in the main Article 9 motion. It has come to his attention that the way it has always been moved in the past, people assume that all the monies raised for Article 9 come from property tax money only. P. Helmreich said he will mention the

Hicks Reserve Fund, Dog Officer, personal services, etc. as is usually done, but he will also point out that \$660,889 was transferred from certified free cash reserve. That additional monies were raised from taxation of residential open space, industrial and commercial properties allowed by State law and that these funds in conjunction with local receipts--personal property plus State aid, are used to fund Article 9.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.

