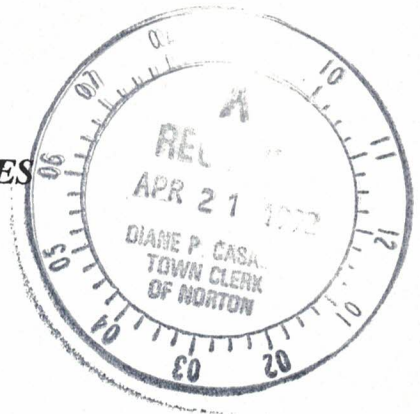


FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 18, 1991



PRESENT: M. Brown, J. Desrochers, W. Gouveia, M. Hackett, P. Helmreich, B. Kimball, C. MacQuown, R. Nugent, D. Summerfield, D. Ward.

Chair Hackett called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. M. Hackett requested a copy of the Town By-Laws to confirm the length of time before the Annual Town meeting that Finance Committee recommendations must be posted to the Warrants for the public. There is a seven (7) day limitation for the Annual Meeting and the Special Meeting Warrants may be published at the meeting.

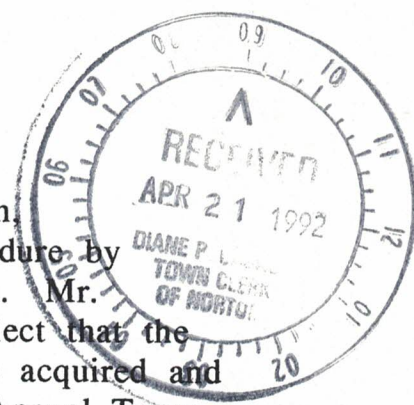
M. Hackett pointed out to the FinCom of certain items in their packages; those being the Wetlands information presented at the previous meeting by the Conservation Commission, the letter to Ed Hamilton, the letter to the signers of the petition referencing the Jordan/Cheetham matter, the letter to Mr. Zanoni and the letter to Mr. Lombard.

Discussion then focused on the Warrant Articles of the Annual and Special Town meetings. M. Hackett noted there are only two more meetings before posting must occur.

Mr. Nugent then made a motion to move Article 1 of the Annual Town Meeting which states in part ...for the purpose of adding fifteen hours per week of administrative staffing to the Conservation Office. Mr. Ward seconded this motion. Discussion then followed among members of the FinCom. Chair Hackett then asked for a vote: In favor: MacQuown, Brown, Summerfield. Opposed: Kimball, Ward, Helmreich, Gouveia, Nugent, Desrochers. The motion denied. Article 1 of the Annual Town Meeting is not recommended.

Mr. Nugent then made a motion to move Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting which states in part...to see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain a slope easement, which is necessary for the realignment of Harvey Street..... Mr. MacQuown seconded this motion.

Discussion then followed among members of the FinCom. specifically, the members would like to know the procedure by which the land will be acquired and the cost to the Town. Mr. Gouveia then moved that the motion be amended to reflect that the FinCom requests information as to how the land will be acquired and at what cost and that Article 2 of the Warrant for the Annual Town meeting be tabled. Mr. Nugent seconded. In favor: Unanimous. Motion carried. Article 2 of the Annual Town meeting is tabled until further information is received.

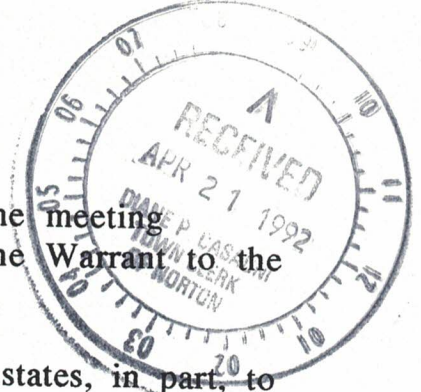


Mr. Nugent then made a motion to move Article 3 which requests an admendment to the Town By-Laws, stating eligibility requirements for public office. Mr. MacQuown seconded this motion. Discussion then followed among members of the FinCom. Chair Hackett asked for a vote of the members: In favor: None. Opposed: Unanimous. Motion denied. Article 3 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting is not recommended.

Mr. Nugent then made a motion to move Article 4 which requests a change in the Town By-Laws, stating, in part, ...to see if the town will compile and publish an updated and amended version of the Town of Norton By-Laws within 30 days of passage by the Town Meeting and approval of the Attorney General. The motion was seconded by Mr. MacQuown. Discussion then followed among members of the FinCom. As part of this discussion, the issue of putting the By-Laws on a computer also took place. Mr. MacQuown volunteered to do this if his personl computer's system is compatible with that of the Town Clerk's office. After further discussion, Mr. Ward asked that we move the question. Chair Hackett then asked the committee for a vote. In favor: MacQuown. Opposed: Kimball, Ward, Helmreich, Gouveia, Nugent, Summerfield, Desrochers, Brown. Motion denied. Article 4 of the Warrant for the Annual Town meeting is not recommended.

Mr. Nugent then made a motion to move Article 5 which discussed an amendment to the Town By-Laws adding a Code of Ethics. Mr. Ward seconded this motion. Discussion then followed among members of the Fin/Com. Cited in this discussion was the State Ethics Commission where citizens may direct their concerns. Chair Hackett then asked for a vote. In favor: None. Opposed: Unanimous. Motion denied. Article 5 of the Warrant for the Annual Town meeting is not recommended.

Chair Hackett then called a five minute break and the meeting resumed at 8:40 p.m. beginning with discussion of the Warrant to the Special Town Meeting.



Mr. Nugent made a motion to move Article 1 which states, in part, to see if the Town will vote to reduce the appropriations previously approved under Article 9 of the May 1991 Annual meeting for the line items outlined in the Warrant. (Mr. Ward noted the typographical error - stating that the Total Reduction should read \$508,479.00 - so noted by the FinCom). Mr. Ward seconded this motion. Discussion then followed among members of the FinCom. Chair Hackett then asked for a vote. In favor: Unanimous. Motion carried. Article 1 of the Warrant for the Special Town meeting is recommended.

Mr. Nugent made a motion to move Article 2 which asks for approval to pay unpaid bills for which obligation was incurred in prior fiscal years. Mr. Ward seconded this motion. Discussion then followed among members of the FinCom. Chair Hackett then asked for a vote. In favor: Ward, Helmreich, Gouveia, Nugent, Summerfield, Desrochers. Opposed: Kimball, Brown, MacQuown. Motion carried. Article 2 of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting is recommended.

Mr. Nugent made a motion to move Article 3 which asks for a transfer of the Fire Department Call Firefighters Personal Services Account to the Fire Department Salaries Account. Mr. Ward seconded this motion. Discussion then followed among members of the FinCom. The motion was amended with a request that the full amount that will be moved be included in the Article. Further discussion followed. Chair Hackett asked for a vote. In favor: Kimball, Ward, Helmreich, Gouveia, Nugent, Summerfield, Desrochers. Opposed: Brown, MacQuown. Motion carried. Article 3 of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting is recommended, with amendment.

Mr. Ward made a motion to move Article 4 which discusses the addition of personnel and manning costs for the ambulance account. Mr. Helmreich seconded the motion. Discussion followed among members of the FinCom. Chair Hackett asked for a vote. In favor: Kimball, Helmreich, Gouveia, Nugent, Summerfield. Opposed: Ward, Desrochers, Brown, Macquown. Motion carried. Article 4 of the

Warrant for the Special Town meeting is recommended. Mr. MacQuown requests a minority report at the Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Helmreich made a motion to move Article 5 which states, in part, to see if the Town will raise appropriate funds to repair, renovate and/or replace the roof at the buildings stated in the Article. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. Discussion then followed among members of the FinCom. A suggestion was made that before voting, wait for the actual cost to be reported to the FinCom. Mr. Nugent then amended the motion that the actual cost must be submitted before a vote is taken. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. In favor: Unanimous. Motion carried. Article 5 of the Warrant for the Special Town meeting is tabled.

The next Finance Committee Meeting will take place on Monday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nugent seconded. In favor: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

