FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 25, 1991



Present: M. Brown, W. Gouveia, M. Hackett, C. MacQuown, D. Summerfield, D. Ward

Absent: J. Desrochers, P. Helmreich, B. Kimball, B. Nugent

Others Present: S. Lombard, and Superintendent Splaine.

Chair Hackett called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

The first item of business discuss was the Amendments to Teachers' Summer Pay Deferral. M. Splaine discussed the Informational Guideline Release, Chapter 223, which explains the amendments to the provisions found in the Fiscal Year 1992 State Budget which authorized the deferral, on a budgetary basis, of a portion of Fiscal Year 1992 teachers' summer pay into Fiscal Year 1993. This release was passed out for each FinCom member. As further explained by M. Splaine and S. Lombard, the decision for 1/12 of Teachers' pay to be deferred is now up to the Board of Selectmen, and no longer needs to be presented at the Town Meeting. Therefore, it should no longer be included in the Special Town Meeting Warrant. D. Summerfield asked for the payback process to be explained: If approved, the Board of Selectmen defer 1/12th of teachers' pay in FY '92. Then, it is up to a vote at Town Meetings to further defer this payment in FY 93, 94, 95,96. The debt will remain at a constant figure. (\$468,000). M. Meyers stated that if the Selectmen grant this deferment, it will give the school board time to plan to live with this debt. If it is not granted, then cuts (layoffs) must be done immediately. This issue may go before the Selectmen on 10/4.

There being no further discussion, Chair Hackett moved on to the next item of business.

Article 2 of the Annual Town meeting was discussed. S. Lombard reported that the owner of the land signed an agreement to let the town take the slope easement by eminent domain for the realignment of Harvey Street.

S. Lombard then presented the FinCom with two more unpaid, prior year bills. As recited by Mr. Lombard, following is a list of inpaid bills for approval for payment:

From E. Hebert for College Reimbursement:

From Police Dept. to Sturdy Memorial Hosp.:

From Town Hall for Pitney Bowes:

From Fire Dept. for Norwood Hospital:

From Town Hall for Poland Springs

To Dr. Fritalia (sp?)

\$608.00

99.00

450.00

61.00

19.50 (no receipt)

127.77 (no receipt)

TOTAL \$1,365.27

(The bill from United Divers (\$50.00) has been paid. S. Lombard will check on the two bills from Midway Auto Parts (\$77.04 & \$8.38)

The FinCom stated again, that for tuition bills, when the check is written, it should be submitted immediately to Town Hall to encumber the funds for the fiscal year the classes are being taken. Students should not wait until they receive their grades, which usually come in after the fiscal year before submitting their bills.

Discussion then moved on to Article 5 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant. S. Lombard presented the FinCom with a matrix of all the bids received to redo the municipal building's roofs, as listed. Brief discussion followed.

Chair Hackett then asked for a motion to take Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting off the Warrant. W. Gouveia made the motion, Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was then amended to recommend Article 2 by W. Gouveia, seconded by C. MacQuown. In favor: none. Opposed: Unanimous. Motion denied. Article 2 is not recommended.

Article 4 was then brought up for discussion. Mr. MacQuown presented the minority report signed by: M. Brown, J. Desrochers, C. MacQuown and D. Ward. The minority report was then discussed among members of the minority and the other members of the FinCom. Chair Hackett stated that she will request from the Town Manager the new law with regard to this article. Mr. Ward then made a motion to table Article 4, seconded by D. Summerfield. The motion was amended by Mr. MacQuown to reconsider Article 4,

seconded by M. Brown. In favor of reconsideration: Summerfield. Opposed: Ward, Gouveia, MacQuown. Abstain: Brown.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by D. Summerfield. In favor: Unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

