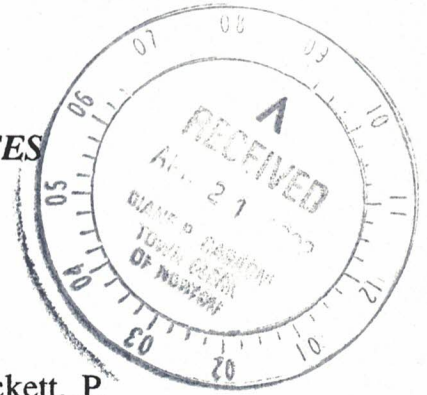


FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 8, 1992



PRESENT: M. Brown, J. Desrochers, W. Gouveia, M. Hackett, P. Helmreich, C. MacQuown, D. Summerfield, D. Ward, P. Zawasky.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Chair Hackett outlined the agenda for members of the FinCom. First item on the agenda is a presentation by the Head Librarian, Robin Glasser, including a tour of the Library Facilities. After the tour, the Special Town Meeting Articles will be discussed.

Chair Hackett then informed the FinCom of the resignation of Robert Nugent from the Finance Committee. His letter, sent to the Chair, was read for the benefit of all.

Chair Hackett then read the Internal Memo to the FinCom dated January 7, 1992. She stressed the point that the Town Manager informed the FinCom of an indicated decrease in revenues, both state and local, that amounts to \$1.3 million (representing 15% cut in receipts and 10% cut in State aid).

Chair Hackett then spoke about the Bristol County retirement system's pension funds.

Chair Hackett pointed out in the Informational Guideline Release No. 91-105 (included in the FinCom's packages) the Teachers' summer pay additional deferral and amortization schedule.

The floor was opened for discussion. W. Gouveia was recognized and asked the other FinCom members their feelings on writing to the Board of Selectmen for their opinion on where the town stands for funding in education and public service. Other members of the FinCom joined in the discussion.

W. Gouveia then moved that a letter be sent to the Board of Selectmen asking their opinion and advice regarding further substantial reductions in education and public service. Based on their answer, possibly through further discussion, asking them what

options voters may have. Seconded by P. Helmreich. In favor: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Chair Hackett then introduced Robin Glasser, Head Librarian, of the Norton Public Library. Mrs. Glasser presented the FinCom with a comparison between FY91 and FY92 in categories such as Circulation of Materials, Materials Returned, New Patrons, Books & Materials Added Children's Programs, and Adult Programs. Overall there was an increase in every category. Mrs. Glasser then noted that the Library's hours and total staff have remained unchanged since moving into the new building. With the increase in patrons, programs, etc., the staff is now experiencing a backlog, especially at the circulation desk. However, Mrs. Glasser commended her staff for continuing to do excellent work. Mrs. Glasser then conducted a tour of the facilities for the members of the FinCom interested in doing so.

The meeting adjourned for a recess until 8:15 p.m.

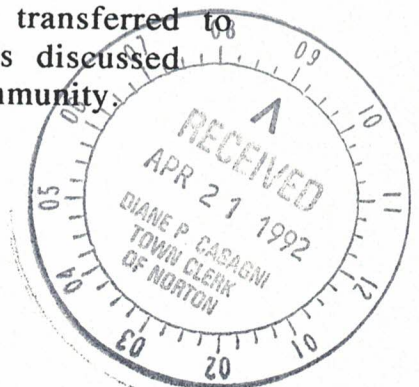
Chair Hackett resumed the meeting by opening for discussion the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting to be held on Monday, January 13, 1992.

Mr. Owen, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, was present to inform the FinCom of his and the Board's reasons for submitting Article 1. The discussion was then opened to other members of the community and the FinCom.

Article 2 was brought up for discussion. Chair Hackett spoke with Mr. Lombard, who submitted the article, and stated that the intent of the Article is to protect those funds that had previously been in the stabilization fund.

Article 3 was self explanatory to the FinCom. There was no further discussion of this article.

Article 4 was then brought up for discussion. Chief of Police B. Keene submitted a breakdown of funds requested to be transferred to the Police Department Salary Account. The Article was discussed among members of the FinCom and members of the Community.



W. Gouveia then moved to recommend Article 1, seconded by P. Helmreich. After further discussion, P. Zawasky asked that we move the question to a vote. In favor: None. Opposed: Unanimous.

W. Gouveia then moved to recommend Article 2, seconded by D. Ward. In favor: Unanimous. Motion carried.

W. Gouveia then moved to recommend Article 3, seconded by D. Ward. In favor: Unanimous. Motion carried.

P. Helmreich then moved that the sum of \$20,361 be moved from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Police Dept. Salary Account (Article 4), seconded by D. Ward. After further discussion. P. Zawasky asked that we move the question to a vote. In favor: D. Ward, W. Gouveia, P. Helmreich, D. Summerfield, P. Zawasky, J. Desrochers. Opposed: C. MacQuown, M. Brown. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the FinCom will be held on Monday, January 13, 1992, at the Norton Middle School, Cafeteria, at 6:30 p.m.

Chair Hackett then discussed the facilities of the present meeting (being held at the Library). The February 5 meeting will be held at the Library. FinCom members were asked to hold all Monday's and Wednesday's in February for future meetings.

P. Helmreich asked that the Chair send a letter of condolence to Mr. Schneider on the loss of his daughter.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ward moved that the meeting adjourn, seconded by Mr. Helmreich. In favor: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Meting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

