

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 24, 1992



PRESENT: M. Brown, J. Desrochers, W. Gouveia, M. Hackett, P. Helmreich, C. MacQuown.

Chair Hackett called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

The letter from the Norton Communications Center was pointed out to the members of the FinCom, which stated that the salary account will run short. Discussion followed regarding staffing levels and the new phone system. Chair Hackett noted that a request for approximately \$10,000 may come before the Committee.

The Transfer Request from the Veterans Agent requesting \$15,000 was then brought up for discussion. Mr. Gouveia then moved to transfer \$15,000 from the Finance Committee Reserve Fund to the Veterans Benefits fund. Seconded by Mr. MacQuown. In favor: Unanimous. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee Reserve Fund now stands at \$35,000.

The Finance Committee then continued the remainder of the meeting with discussion of the Summary of Budget Requests:

Dept. 176 - Further info required as to what is required by law

Dept. 177 - Cut to \$2,300

A member of the Planning Board, Mr. Zanoni, then asked Chair Hackett what the FinCom's consensus was on Dept. 176 (Planning Board). The consensus of the FinCom was shared with Mr. Zanoni which was agreed upon at the prior meeting.

The meeting then continued with the Summary of Budget Requests:

Dept. 182 - No change

Dept. 192 - Discussion followed on bidding requirements for trash removal. It was determined that further info is required from the Town Manager as to what bids were asked for.

Dept. 195 - change to \$2,000

Dept. 199 - no change

Dept. 210 - Discussion followed regarding breaking out a line item showing the Police and Fire Chiefs' salary. Mr. Helmreich then made a motion to write a letter to the Town Manager to break out in line item in the FY '93 Warrant Dept. #210, line 510

- Personal Services and Dept. #220, line 510 - Personal Services the salaries for the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief. Mr. MacQuown seconded. In favor: Unanimous.

Discussion continued on Personnel Services. Mr. Helmreich asked for a concensus on how the FinCom felt about adding an additional \$35,000 to the Police Department's salary account to bring back an officer for investigative duties. In favor: Mr. Helmreich, Mr. Gouveia, Opposed: Mr. MacQuown, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Desrochers, Abstain: Mr. Zawasky.

This line item remains at \$476,887.

Line 570 - reduce by \$5000 - Concensus in favor: P. Zawasky, P. Helmreich, J. Desrochers, M. Brown, C. MacQuown. Opposed: W. Gouveia.

Dept. 220 - Discussion followed where it was noted that the Fire Department is operating with 4 more personnel than was recommended by the Finance Committee. After further discussion, it was recommended that Line Item 510 remain at \$822,344. Concensus: In favor: P. Zawasky, P. Helmreich, W. Gouveia, J. Desrochers. Opposed: M. Brown, C. MacQuown.

Line # 570 - cut to \$48,750.

Total bottom line for Dept. #220 - \$871,944

Dept. 230 - no change

Mr. Gouveia then noted that the concensus of the FinCom for reductions thus far have amounted to \$75,953.

Mr. Helmreich then moved that the meeting adjourn, seconded by Mr. MacQuown. In favor: Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

