



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 16, 1992

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

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

No secretary present at this meeting. Meeting is recorded and D. Summerfield will record the votes on paper.

Chair Hackett has been asked by the Town Manager to ask the FinCom to assist the Selectmen in determining whether they should go for possible recommendations on overrides and to inform the Selectmen.

At this time the FinCom only has the summary budget requests, not a final budget. The School Board has emphasized that they do not go along with an override at this time as they do not know what kind of funding will be available at the beginning of the school year.

Chair Hackett then went over the FinCom's packages. All have received the new Massachusetts Finance Committee Handbooks.

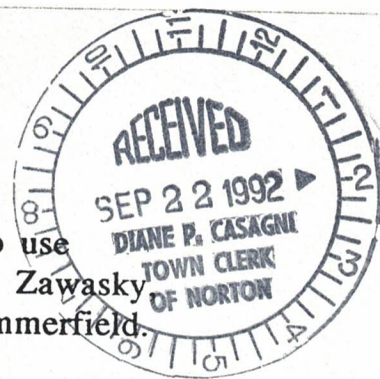
Tonight we will debate on whether we should consider overrides on general reductions on the entire budgets. At this time, have come up with \$77,932 in reductions (first time around).

Some ideas were then considered: W. Gouveia's were presented totalling \$351,521. P. Helmreich's were presented totalling \$464,615 (based on level funding).

P. Helmreich then explained his proposal to the FinCom. D. Summerfield then informed the FinCom on staffing numbers per the contracts, with input from Mr. Lombard. C. MacQuown explained his proposal to the FinCom totalling \$325,000 (10% cutback in all departments, with exceptions) and \$542,000 in additional cuts.

Discussion then followed among members of the Finance Committee.

The following consensus votes were then taken:



Motion made by P. Helmreich, seconded by C. MacQuown to use revenue estimate of 5% reduction in State Aid. In favor: Zawasky, Helmreich, Desrochers, Brown. Opposed: MacQuown, Summerfield.

Total estimated reduction needed with teacher pay deferral. - \$347,865.

Dept. 630 - Motion for \$12,706 reduction in Recreation: In favor: Unanimous.

Dept. 541 - Motion for \$29,254 reduction in Council on Aging. In favor: D. Ward, J. Desrochers, P. Zawasky, P. Helmreich, C. MacQuown. Opposed. M. Brown. Abstain: D. Summerfield.

Dept. 610 - Motion for \$88,915 reduction in Library. In favor: D. Ward, P. Zawasky, J. Desrochers, P. Helmreich, M. Brown, C. MacQuown. Opposed: D. Summerfield.

Dept. 141 - All in favor

Dept. 176 - In favor: D. Ward, P. Helmreich, J. Desrochers, P. Helmreich, M. Brown, P. Zawasky, D. Summerfield. Opposed: C. MacQuown.

Dept. 210 - All in favor

Dept. 220 - All in favor

Dept. 294 - All in favor

Dept. 440 - All in favor.

Dept. 910 - \$10,384. All in favor.

At 10:35 p.m., Mr. Ward then made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by M. Brown. In Favor: Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.