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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 15, 1992

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

Chair Hackett called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Chair Hackett went over the FinCom's packages which included a transfer-request from the Fire Department for \$10,000 for salaries. Mr. Gouveia stated that the Town Manager asked Mr. Gouveia if the FinCom would wait to consider this request when the Selectmen are available to attend the FinCom meeting. Chair Hackett noted that regarding this request, the Fire Chief did appear before the FinCom on 3/30/92 and stated that there would be a potential shortfall of \$9,000 and he stated that anticipated layoffs would alleviate a shortfall.

Also in the packages was a notice of the establishment of a Gift Account for the Recreation Department, approved by the Board of Selectmen; notice of a Public Hearing for the Planning Board; and the Newsletter from the Association of Finance Committees with pertinent information on local aid.

Mr. Gouveia then discussed the letter received on April 13 from the Norton School Committee, noting that we have still not received an impact statement when Mrs. Myers said we would receive one prior to the Public Hearing. It was then noted by Mr. Helmreich, that he did, indeed, say at the FinCom meeting where Mrs. Myers presented the School's Budget, that an impact statement would not be needed until May as Town Meeting is postponed until June.

Chair Hackett then asked for a motion to accept as written the Finance Committee minutes of February 5, 1992. So moved by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Helmreich. In favor: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Chair Hackett then asked for a motion to accept, as a draft, the meeting notes from the joint FinCom/Board of Selectmen meeting on February 5, 1992. So moved by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Helmreich. In favor: Unanimous. Motion carried. A copy of these notes will be sent to the Board of Selectmen for their approval.

Chair Hackett then asked for a motion to accept, as amended the binance. Committee minutes of February 24, 1992. So moved by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Helmreich. In favor: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Chair Hackett then read Town Counsel's letter which states that the Finance Committee may make recommendations on Proposition 2 1/2 questions. The FinCom then discussed each of the five Prop. 2 1/2 Override Questions and made the following recommendations:

- 1. Police Department \$60,000 Motion to recommend made by Mr. Helmreich, seconded by Mr. Ward. In favor: P. Zawasky, D. Ward, P. Helmreich, W. Gouveia. Opposed: D. Summerfield, J. Desrochers, M. Brown, C. MacQuown, Chair Hackett. NOT RECOMMENDED.
- 2. Fire Department \$66,000 Motion to recommend made by Mr. Gouveia, seconded by Mr. Helmreich. In favor: None. Opposed: Unanimous. NOT RECOMMENDED.
- 3. Library \$146,394 Motion to recommend made by Mr. Gouveia, seconded by Mr. Helmreich. In favor: P. Zawasky, D. Ward, P. Helmreich, W. Gouveia, D. Summerfield, J. Desrochers. Opposed: M. Brown, C. MacQuown. Motion carried. RECOMMENDED.
- 4. Council on Aging \$29,254 Motion to recommend made by Mr. Gouveia, seconded by Mr. Ward. In favor: P. Zawasky, D. Ward, P. Helmreich, W. Gouveia, D. Summerfield, J.Desrochers, M. Brown. Opposed: C. MacQuown. Motion carried. RECOMMENDED.
- 5. Recreation Commission \$16, 521 Motion to recommend made by Mr. Gouveia, seconded by Mr. Ward. In favor: D. Ward. Opposed: P. Helmreich, W. GouvEIa, D. Summerfield, J.Desrochers, M. Brown, C. MacQuown. Abstain: P. Zawasky. NOT RECOMMENDED.

It was then noted that a letter will be sent to the Board of Selectmen informing them of the FinCom's decisions on the Override Questions, as stated above.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.