FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES February 8, 1993

Present: T. DeLuca, J. Deroschers, M. Fiore, W. Gouveia, P. Helmreich, Johnson T. Phelan, P. Zawasky

Others Present: Mr. Zanoni, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Charette, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Owen

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Chair Gouveia stated the purpose of tonight's meeting is to discuss and to take action on the warrants for Special Town Meeting to be held on February 22.

Before turning to the main agenda, a motion was moved, seconded and voted to approve the amended minutes of November 16 and the minutes of November 30. In favor: unanimous

Next, Chair Gouveia turned to the warrant articles.

Article 1 (\$3,000)

Chair Gouveia asked Mr. Zanoni where the \$3,000 would come from. Mr. Zanoni stated that the Acting Town Manager did not specify the account. A motion was moved, seconded and voted to transfer \$3,000 from the Stabilization Account to the Town Manager's Screening Committee Account.

In favor: T. DeLuca, J. Desrochers, W. Gouveia, P. Helmreich

Opposed: M. Fiore, J. Nicolas, P. Zawasky Motion carried, Article 1 recommended.

Article 2 (\$3,200)

Regarding custodial services, Mr. Andrews stated \$3,200 is needed to cover custodial costs to finish out the year. P. Helmreich noted that custodial hours would be increased in the Town Hall from 5 hours to 10 hours per week. A motion was moved, seconded, and voted to transfer \$3,200 from the Stabilization account to the Municipal Building Maintenance Salary Account to cover the costs of 20 hours per week of custodial service in the Police Station and 10 hours per week of custodial service in the Town Hall. In favor: unanimous Motion carried, Article 2 recommended.

Article 3 (\$7,000)

A motion was moved, seconded, and voted to transfer \$7,000 from the Planning Board Salary Account to the Veterans Benefits Account. In favor: unanimous Motion carried, Article 3 recommended.

Article 4 (\$111.00)

Mr. Zanoni explained that this money is needed to pay for bonding the Treasurer's

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employees and would be paid from an existing account. A motion was moved, seconded and voted to authorize \$111.00 for payment of a prior year's bill from the Treasurer's Expense Account. In favor: unanimous Motion carried, Article 4 recommended.

Article 5 (\$50.00)

Chair Gouveia stated that the Dog Officer's longevity pay was inadvertently left out of the budget. A motion was moved, seconded and voted to transfer \$50 from the Audit Account to the Dog Officer Salary Account. In favor: unanimous Motion carried, Article 5 recommended.

Article 6

Mr. Owen stated the purpose of this warrant is to make sure all laws for handicapped accessibility are followed. A motion was moved, seconded, and voted to recommend Article 6. In favor: O Opposed: unanimous Motion not carried, Article 6 not recommended.

Article 7 (\$950)

A motion was moved, seconded, and voted to recommend Article 7. In favor: unanimous

Motion carried, Article 7 recommended

Article 8.

A motion was moved, seconded, and voted to recommend Article 8. In favor: unanimous

Motion carried, Article 8 recommended.

Article 9. (\$29,000)

Mr. Andrews spoke about the increased costs for legal counsel due to the many law suits against the Town this year which caused a shortage in funds. A motion was moved, seconded, and voted to transfer \$18,000 from the Stabilization Account and \$11,000 from the Planning Board Salary Account to the Legal Services Account.

A motion was moved and seconded to amend the main motion and transfer \$21,000 from the Stabilization Account and \$8,000 from the Planning Board Salary Account to the Legal Services Account.

Vote on the amended motion to transfer \$21,000 from the Stabilization Account and to transfer \$8,000 from the Planning Board Salary Account to the Legal Services Account. In favor: J. Nicolas Opposed: T. DeLuca, J. Desrochers, W. Gouveia, P. Helmreich, M. Fiore, P. Zawasky

Vote on the main motion - In favor: unanimous Main motion carried, Article 9 recommended.

Chair Gouveia again informed the Committee that the Town Manager has to submit a formal budget to the Finance Committee on March 15. The Finance Committee must then hold a public hearing no later than two weeks after receiving the Town Manager's budget. Chair Gouveia stressed that the Committee is not acting on the budget until the Committee meets with all Municipal Government department heads.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

