

Town of Norton
Finance Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
April 14, 1994

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NORTON TOWN CLERK

Attendance: Phil Zawasky, Chair; Tom Deluca, Vice Chair; Tim Phelan, Michael Fiore, Julia Sweet, Mary Jo Hackett, Paul Helmreich, Bill Gouveia, and Jackie Desrochers.

Call to Order: 7:32 pm by Phil Zawasky, Chair.

New Business

The Town Councilor approached the Committee to discuss Article 28--the FinCom Article. He did not comment on the Article itself although he feels that the Article is not properly worded and is not within the confines of the By-laws. Section 2-3b Town Charter and varies Section 6. The Town Charter adequately defines scope and breath of duty. Problem--suggest a way to amend it. His suggestion was a simple change: "To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Charter Section 2.3(b) entitled "Finance Committee" by adding the following....". This way you can change the Town Charter--it would then go on the April '95' ballot to be voted in by the Townspeople. Town Councilor also suggested taking the words "and management" out. This creates another level of management and causes a great deal of confusion when trying to put this in action, the term is too broad, but not illegal (in his opinion) it creates another level of bureaucracy. The Town Councilor feels that if the words "and management" were left in, the operation of government under the Charter would be a nightmare. Cannot have a By-law that supersedes the powers granted by the statute (Charter). Not appropriate to be a By-law change. Paul Helmreich: seems that the prior does not supersede the Charter. Section 6 gives guidelines for holding meetings, posting, etc... Bill Gouveia feels that this By-law is within the limits and general make-up of finance committees in other communities. He respectfully disagreed with the Councilor. This wording will give FinCom power 12 months of the year to investigate, employ experts, subpoena, sub-committees--Town Councilor says this is a BIG change and should be a Charter change--not a By-law change.

ARTICLE 21 Town Clerk

Diane Casagni: During the re-codification process a sentence was lost from a By-law that has been in effect since 1975. Wheaton College owns most of the land that this By-law affects. This sentence was never voted to be eliminated so it is simply an omission. They just want to put the sentence back into the By-law.

ARTICLE 32 Planning Board, James Kelley

Part 2 of Zoning By-laws. Another way of computing contiguous upland. Clarifies that water beds are exempt from the computation.

ARTICLE 33 Planning Board Just a housekeeping change--purpose and scope.

ARTICLE 34 Planning Board

Changes enacted are housekeeping changes. 6.1 Dimensional tables--reflects changes from last October).

ARTICLE 35 Planning Board

This is done in practice now, it allows us to do it in all residential developments. Enables the Planning Board to regulate lots in developments of 20 or more dwelling units. Enables them to work with Sewer and Water Commission and work with them hooking up services. It will help them predict the need for schools, sewerage needs, water, and all other infrastructure demands at the same time. Trying to get some rights that they get under "special permits" developments.

ARTICLE 36 Planning Board

Residential-Agricultural III District. The Planning Board wants to amend the map. John Scott Blvd. area, lower Dean Street, and North of John Scott Blvd. They are trying to keep the character of the area by creating minimum for the lots--60,000 sq.ft. instead of 40,000. This will reduce the density of the land. Bill Gouveia asked what will the potential be for new development in this area if this passes? Mr. Kelley stated that if there was potential for 100 units now, then it will bring it down to 60 units.

ARTICLE 37 Planning Board

The Article is the map for Article 36.

ARTICLE 38 Planning Board

Site Plan Approval. Last year they removed a lot of special permits. They have included an (a), (b) and (c) for restrictions.

ARTICLE 39 Planning Board

Scenic Road issue. They are proposing changes to the original list, they are adding 2 streets to the list and removing 4. The additions are Essex Street and Old Taunton Avenue. The removals are Eddy Street, Smith Street, South Washington Street, and South Worcester Street.

ARTICLE 40 Planning Board

To update the definitions for "way or street".

ARTICLE 41 Planning Board

Has to do with repetitive petitions.

ARTICLE 42 Planning Board

Clustering mixed commercial and industrial development. Reduces future cost to the Town, minimizes environmental concerns such as pollution, can use more innovative technology. On a site not less than 10 acres (very similar to residential cluster). Mansfield and Norton for Great Woods site. Gives maximum design flexibility and saving on infrastructure costs. Flexible to design on topography and preserve some of the elements on site (trees, bushes). This will give them the option to do something that they could

not have taken advantage of before but doesn't restrict them to using this plan. It is an incentive. The State will have to give us an access road.

ARTICLE 43 Planning Board

DEP. This allows less restrictions. Bill Gouveia has a problem with this Article and some of its definitions. He feels it is a fact that some of the definitions are wrong. Failure to pass this will leave us with them not opening any new town wells or private wells. The State owns all the water under us right now.

Old Business

TREE WARDEN (294)

Bill Gouveia moved 294-510 Personal Services for \$0. Seconded by Tom Deluca. Vote: 6 approve and 1 opposed (Paul Helmreich).

Bill Gouveia moved 294-511 for \$0. Seconded by Tom Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

Bill Gouveia moved 294-570 for \$300. Seconded by Tom Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

SCHOOL (300)

Bill Gouveia moved line 300-571 Operating Expenses for \$10,134,039. Seconded by Tom Deluca. This includes athletics. Vote: unanimous.

SCHOOL CAFETERIA (302)

Bill Gouveia moved line 302-571 Operating Expenses for \$20,000. Seconded by Paul Helmreich. Vote: unanimous.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS (305)

Bill Gouveia moved 305-570 for Other Charges and Expenses for \$0. Seconded by Tom Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

S.E. REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECH. (306)

Bill Gouveia moved Assessment 306-560 for \$161,674. Seconded by Tom Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

COUNTY AG (308)

Bill Gouveia made a motion to move \$7,040 to 308-560 Assessment. Seconded by Tom Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

HIGHWAY (420)

Bill Gouveia moved \$216,440 for Personal Services. Seconded by Tom Deluca. This includes a 12% increase for the superintendent position. Now he has tree and cemetery departments, the job has changed and grown over the years. Vote: unanimous.

Bill Gouveia moved Other Charges and Expenses 570 for \$107,925. Seconded by Tom Deluca. \$12,525 from cemetery dept., road materials from the bad winter. Vote: unanimous.

Bill Gouveia moved Capital Outlay 580 \$80,000. Seconded by Tom Deluca. Surface treatment of roads, replacing snow blades. Vote: unanimous.

Bill Gouveia moved Capital Improvements \$3,000. Seconded by Tom Deluca.

Repairs to private ways. Vote: unanimous.

SNOW REMOVAL (423)

Bill Gouveia moved Snow Removal 423-570 \$55,000. Seconded by Tom Deluca.
Vote: unanimous.

STREET LIGHTING (425)

Bill Gouveia moved Street Lighting 425-520 \$45,000. Seconded by Tom Deluca.
Vote: unanimous.

RUBBISH COLLECTION (433)

Bill Gouveia moved 510 and 570 for \$0. Seconded by Tom Deluca. Vote:
unanimous.

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY (436)

Bill Gouveia moved Solid Waste Advisory Other Charges and Expenses \$6,000.
Seconded by Paul Helmreich. Vote: unanimous.

SANITARY LANDFILL (438)

Bill Gouveia moved 438-570 for \$2,000. Seconded by Paul Helmreich. Vote:
unanimous.

SEWER DEPARTMENT (440)

Bill Gouveia made a motion to table the sewer budget. Seconded by Mary Jo
Hackett. Vote: unanimous.

CEMETERY (491)

Bill Gouveia moved lines 510 and 570 for \$0. Seconded by Tom Deluca. Vote:
unanimous.

BOARD OF HEALTH (510)

Bill Gouveia moved Personal Services 510 for \$50,686. Seconded by Tom Deluca.
Vote: unanimous.

Bill Gouveia moved 570 Other Charges and Expenses \$4,625. Seconded by Tom
Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE (522)

Bill Gouveia moved Other Charges and Expenses 570 for \$1,820. Seconded by
Tom Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

COUNCIL ON AGING (541)

Bill Gouveia moved Personal Services 510 for \$28,323. Seconded by Tim Phelan.
Recognizing job for what it is. These services are the ones that get more
important as we cut more expenses. Paul Helmreich wants the title of the
position to be changed to Human Resources Director-the Council On Aging should
consult with the Human Resources Director about issues. Walter is going
to go about getting the title changed for him. Vote: unanimous.
Bill Gouveia moved 570 Other Charges and Expenses \$12,525. Seconded by Tom
Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

VETERANS AGENT (543)

Bill Gouveia moved 510 Personal Services \$10,954. Seconded by Tom Deluca. Vote: 6 in favor and 1 abstention (Tim Phelan).

Bill Gouveia moved 570 Other Charges and Expenses for \$500. Seconded by Paul Helmreich. Vote: unanimous.

Bill Gouveia moved Other Expenses 579 for \$80,000. Seconded by Mary Jo Hackett. Vote: unanimous.

HDCP. COMMISSION (549)

Bill Gouveia moved 570 for \$300. Seconded by Mary Jo Hackett. Vote: unanimous.

LIBRARY (610)

Bill Gouveia moved 510 Personal Services for \$0. Seconded by Mary Jo Hackett. Vote: unanimous.

Bill Gouveia moved 570 Other Charges and Expenses \$162,000. Seconded by Mary Jo Hackett. Paul Helmreich has a big problem with this. These raises are for 16% and 12%. Paul wants to figure out this budget with 5-6% raises then reduce the budget. Bill Gouveia moved to table till the next meeting. Seconded by Mary Jo Hackett. Vote: 6 approve and 1 oppose (Tim Phelan).

Bill Gouveia moved to adjourn. Seconded by Tim Phelan. Vote: unanimous. Meeting Adjourned at 10:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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