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Town of Norton  
Finance Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
April 21, 1994

Attendance: Phil Zawasky, Chair; Tom Deluca, Vice Chair; Bill Gouveia, Julia Sweet, Donna Summerfield, Tim Phelan, Jack Nicolas, Paul Helmreich and Michael Fiore.

Call to Order: 7:39 pm by Phil Zawasky, Chair.

Old Business

Tom Deluca made a motion to accept the Minutes of April 6, 1994 Seconded by Donna Summerfield. Vote: 4 in favor and 2 abstentions (Julia Sweet and Donna Summerfield).

Tom Deluca made a motion to accept the Minutes of April 11, 1994. Seconded by Julia Sweet. Bill Gouveia made a motion to change the wording of "Tie-breaker went against...." page 3, second paragraph under Treasurer/Collector, to read Chairman broke the tie by defeating the motion and voting no. Vote to accept the Minutes as amended: unanimous.

Bill Gouveia made a motion to recommend Article 29. Seconded by Tom Deluca. Bill Gouveia commented that we should have some recycling and curbside pick-up. Vote: 6 approve and 1 oppose (Tim Phelan).

Bill Gouveia moved to recommend Article 30. Seconded by Jack Nicolas. This will be re-numbered to appear somewhere between 1 & 10. Vote: unanimous. This Article was re-numbered #7.

Bill Gouveia moved Article 31--No Action and have the Chair call to get information from the Water and Sewer Departments. Seconded by Tom Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

Bill Gouveia moved to recommend Article 32. Seconded by Tom Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

Bill Gouveia moved to recommend Article 33. Seconded by Tom Deluca. Mr. Chabot (Planning Board) feels this is not a good idea to change the By-law. There is potential for problems it could be construed that it doesn't apply--gross ambiguity. Bill Gouveia feels that it is better to do what the Planning Board wants. Vote: 6 in favor and 2 abstentions (Jack Nicolas and Donna Summerfield).

Bill Gouveia moved to recommend Article 34. Seconded by Tom Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

Bill Gouveia moved to recommend Article 35. Seconded by Tim Phelan. Bill Gouveia has a problem with this because it limits growth and sets restrictions that are arbitrary. If there is not enough water then it is a good excuse to restrict someone - but to restrict someone just to give the Town time to prepare for the future--the Town should already be preparing. Paul Helmreich believes this is discriminatory and there are other ways to enforce limitations without being discriminating and leaving people with their roads unfinished and doing construction for 8 years at a time. The other problem is that it leaves too much open for potential abuse. Vote: 0 in favor and unanimously opposed.

Bill Gouveia made a motion to recommend Article 36. Seconded by Paul Helmreich. Bill Gouveia believes this area is just as suited--when he asked the Planning Board about this area he got a very vague answer. It should be zoned all at once and not as patch work. Paul Helmreich believes this is an ideal area to zone and put lots on. He approves of changes and changes to the map--this is a compact area and not chopping block zoning. Tim Phelan feels that John Scott Blvd. was zoned for business travel, with trucks traveling etc... Why take a commercial area and turn it into a scenic road in Norton. Most of the Town is already zoned for 60,000 sq. ft. lots. Vote: 2 approve (Paul Helmreich and Jack Nicolas), 4 oppose (Tom Deluca, Michael Fiore, Tim Phelan and Bill Gouveia) and 2 abstentions (Julia Sweet, and Donna Summerfield).

Bill Gouveia moved to recommend Article 37--the Map. Seconded by Tom Deluca. Vote: 2 in favor (Jack Nicolas and Paul Helmreich), 4 oppose (Tim Phelan, Bill Gouveia, Michael Fiore and Tom Deluca), and 2 abstentions (Julia Sweet and Donna Summerfield).

Bill Gouveia moved to recommend Article 38. Seconded by Tom Deluca. Bill Gouveia is against this, he feels this is a huge impediment--scope of businesses would not fall into this. A traffic impact analysis is absurd and would drive business away from Norton. Small and medium business cannot afford to do these studies. Paul Helmreich agrees with Bill Gouveia on this issue. This forces too many restrictions on small businesses. Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce is opposing this Article. Vote: 0 in favor and unanimously opposed.

Bill Gouveia moved Article 39. Seconded by Jack Nicolas. The scenic road proposal makes it difficult for a Town to come in and make major changes to the property--they cannot break down walls and it makes it difficult to widen a road beyond a certain point. Sets down eminent domain rules. Any tree that casts shade on a roadway could not be removed. Vote: 5 in favor (Paul Helmreich, Tom Deluca, Jack Nicolas, Donna Summerfield, and Julia Sweet) and 3 opposed (Mike Fiore, Tim Phelan and Bill Gouveia).

Bill Gouveia moved to recommend Article 40. Seconded by Donna Summerfield. The wording being proposed is the exact wording in the general laws. Vote: 6 in favor and 1 abstention (Tim Phelan).



Bill Gouveia moved to recommend Article 41. Seconded by Jack Nicolas. The original Article required the Planning Board 6 votes all the time and now it only requires 5 votes. Vote: unanimous.

Bill Gouveia moved to recommend Article 42. Seconded by Jack Nicolas. Bill Gouveia and Paul Helmreich -- allows greater flexibility without rigid conformity because it allows clustering. Can have two different types and common access roads. Should benefit industry if they want to use it but it will not be mandatory. Mr. Chabot feels this is not a good idea for Norton because the roads will be privately owned and therefore during "hard times" the roads may not be well taken care of. Also, most businesses need more space than the square foot quoted in the Article. He feels most larger businesses do not want clustering because they need much greater spaces. Tim Phelan brought up the point that if you start chopping up the Great Woods land then you may end up without enough land to offer "The Big" industry or Business and cause us to lose an opportunity. Vote: 1 in favor (Paul Helmreich), 4 opposed (Julia Sweet, Michael Fiore, Tim Phelan and Bill Gouveia) and 3 abstentions (Tom Deluca, Jack Nicolas, and Donna Summerfield).

Bill Gouveia moved to recommend Article 43. Seconded by Jack Nicolas. Bill Gouveia doesn't believe that we will not be able to put in wells--he also feels that the definitions need a little work. Vote: 0 in favor and unanimously opposed.

Bill Gouveia moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Paul Helmreich. Vote: unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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