



TOWN OF NORTON  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Meeting  
October 5, 1994

CALL TO ORDER: 7:35 p.m. by Jack Nicolas, Chair.

Attendance: Jack Nicolas, Chair, Tim Phelan, Tom Deluca, Bill Gouveia, Jackie Desrochers, Donna Summerfield, Michael Thomas, and Paul Helmreich. Others Present: Walter Lindberg, Town Manager.

MINUTES

Thomas made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 3, 1994. Seconded by Gouveia. Vote: unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Warrant Articles for October Town Meeting

Article 1 - Town Reports: Gouveia made a motion to recommend Article 1 as long as it is for the year ending June 30, 1993. Vote: unanimously in favor.

Article 2 - Unpaid Bills: each line item was taken separately. Gouveia moved Article 2 in the amount of \$17,168.37. Seconded by Helmreich. Gouveia amended the figure to \$10,753.76. (This figure excludes Municipal Building \$140.22, acting Fire Chief \$815.64, and Chief's retroactive pay \$5,458.75.) The reasons for excluding these line items were discussed at length by the members of the committee.

Helmreich moved \$140.22 for Municipal Building - Salaries. Seconded by Gouveia. Vote: unanimously in favor.

Helmreich moved \$1,000 for Police - Salaries. Seconded by Gouveia. Vote: unanimously in favor.

Helmreich moved \$815.64 for Fire Department - Salaries. Seconded by Gouveia. Vote: 7 in favor and 1 abstention (Phelan).

Helmreich moved \$5,458.75 for Fire Chief's retroactive pay. Seconded by Gouveia. There was a discussion on the events which led the Fire Chief not to take his salary and its necessity. Vote: 7 opposed and 1 abstention (Phelan).

Gouveia moved to accept the remainder of the unpaid bills. Seconded by Helmreich. Vote: unanimously in favor.

Gouveia recommended Article 2 in the amount of \$11,709.62 with \$325.37 coming out of Ambulance Fund and the balance coming from the Stabilization Fund. (Balance in Stabilization \$294,860.90.) Vote: unanimously in favor.

#### Article 3 - FY 1995 Supplemental Operating Budget

Helmreich made a motion to approve Article 3. Seconded by Gouveia. Helmreich made a motion to amend the amount under Selectmen - Expense from \$5,000 to \$2,500. Seconded by Gouveia. Vote on amendment: unanimously in favor.

Gouveia moved \$14,655 for the Supplemental Operating Budget. Seconded by Helmreich. Vote: unanimously in favor. Helmreich moved to transfer \$14,655 from Stabilization Fund. Seconded by Gouveia. Vote: unanimously in favor. (Balance in Stabilization: \$280,205.90.)

#### Article 4 - FY 1995 Supplemental Capital Budget

Helmreich moved to approve Article 4. Seconded by Thomas. The Capital Improvements Committee has not recommended the Fire Department - Quick Response Vehicle. The Committee listened to the Fire Department describe their need for this vehicle then asked the department representative many questions about the vehicle itself and the reasons they chose the particular vehicle. Vote: 2 in favor (Summerfield and Gouveia) and 6 opposed.

Fire Department - Pumper: Capital Improvements did not recommend the purchase for the fall but will support a cash purchase in the spring. Vote: unanimously opposed.

Fire Department - Apparatus Venting System: Committee members felt that this was needed but maybe it could be done less expensively. Vote: unanimously opposed.

Communications - Console Upgrade: The Police Chief attended the meeting and entertained questions of all kinds in relation to the project of moving the Communications Department into the Police Station and the necessary new equipment to get the project done. Vote: 7 in favor and 1 opposed (Summerfield).

Gouveia moved to appropriate \$73,000 from Capital Improvements for Article 4. Seconded by Helmreich. Vote: unanimously in favor.

Gouveia moved to recommend Article 5 - Supplemental Budget - Water Surplus Account. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimously in favor.

Gouveia moved to recommend Article 6 - Supplemental Budget - Water Surplus Account. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimously in favor.

Gouveia moved to recommend Article 7 (Collective Bargaining) to come from Stabilization (\$37,000). Seconded by Deluca. Vote: 6 in favor and 2 abstentions (Phelan and Summerfield).

Gouveia moved to recommend Article 8 (Collective Bargaining) to come from Stabilization. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: 7 in favor and 1 abstention (Summerfield).

Gouveia moved to recommend Article 9 (Collective Bargaining) to come from Stabilization (\$14,200). Seconded by Deluca. Vote: 7 in favor and 1 abstention (Summerfield).

Article 10 - Solid Waste: The Committee reviewed the expense and revenue cash flow sheets that Walter Lindberg, Town Manager, coordinated for the FINCOM. Gouveia moved that they approve Article 10 to raise and appropriate fees to be collected \$277,402. Seconded by Desrochers. Vote: 7 in favor and 1 opposed (Phelan).

The committee agreed to re-word Article 10 as follows: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from fees to be collected an amount of \$277,402 to fund the curbside collection of solid waste and recyclable materials as approved by a vote of the May 9, 1994, Annual Town Meeting, and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into any contracts necessary to achieve the above, or take any other action relative thereto.

#### NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

Special Town Meeting Warrant -- Meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Gouveia made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Patricia C. Mello  
Recording Secretary