



TOWN OF NORTON FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Meeting
March 15, 1995

CALL TO ORDER: 7:34 p.m. by Chair, Jack Nicolas.

Roll Call: Jack Nicolas, Chair, Mike Fiore, Vice-Chair, Tim Phelan, Tom Deluca, Michael Thomas, Bill Gouveia, Paul Helmreich, Julia Sweet and Jackie Desrochers(8:50 p.m.)
Absent: Donna Summerfield. **Others Present:** Walter Lindberg, Town Manager.

MINUTES

Fiore made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 27, 1995. Seconded by Helmreich.
Vote: 6 in favor and 2 abstentions (Deluca and Fiore).

NEW BUSINESS

The town manager handed out copies of his final budget for FY96, to the committee members and commented that based on the governor's cherry sheet, the numbers seem fundable. As part of the revenue picture they are working on getting a landfill grant and getting Medicaid recoveries.

There was a long discussion about the tax levy amount and how that number is derived.

The \$100,000 listed as Other breaks down to : \$15,000 for a Pay and Class Study, \$15,000 for a consulting assistant for the cable TV contract, \$15,000 for a professional survey team, \$20,000 for landscape architects work for a recreation park, \$20,000 for a municipal building survey, and \$15,000 for a by-law clarification project, legal review, and re-codification of the by-laws. A few committee members expressed their concerns regarding a pay and class study and the potential problems that could arise if such a study is done.

Based on the requests submitted, the budget went up about 8%; the school budget went up 10.77%, and the town budget went up 6%.

Gouveia made a motion to request the chairman write a letter to the town manager stating it is the opinion of the finance committee that for annual wages and figuring for FY96, that the finance committee make recommendations based on an annual salary figure for those employees

regardless of how many pay periods occur that year. (A salary of \$30,000 will be paid \$30,000 regardless of how many weeks it is based on). Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

Discussion continued focusing on the percentage increases in the town operating budget.

NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

The meeting schedule will be as follows: Monday, March 20, 1995, Monday, March 27, 1995, for Police and Fire Departments, Monday, April 3, 1995, start time 7:00 p.m., and Wednesday, April 5, 1995.

The committee will start to vote on budgets after the April 5 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Helmreich made a motion, seconded by Deluca, to adjourn. Vote: unanimous.

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