



## TOWN OF NORTON FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting  
April 19, 1995

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**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:38 p.m. by Chair, Jack Nicolas.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Street Lighting (425):** Request for \$55,000 covers the lights that are currently funded and the addition of three streets that the selectmen voted to have turned back on (6 lights total). There was a discussion regarding the streets that are up for acceptance at the annual meeting and how many lights are on those streets. It made sense to many committee members to figure in any lights on these streets in order to budget adequately.

**Sanitary Landfill (438):** The \$2,000 request will cover the cost of running tests on the landfill.

**Board of Health (510):** The department request includes 50 hours for the health inspector, 25 hours each for two individuals (this is an increase in hours, last year they worked 19 and 21 hours respectively), and an increase from 20 hours to 35 hours per week for support help. The town manager recommends keeping the secretary at 20 hours/week and making the office run more efficiently with better phone service and a computer. Increases in expenses covers advertising more public hearings, rabies testing, Title 5 work, shipping animal carcasses, seminars and conferences, and an increase in office supplies.

**Public Health Nurse (522):** Increase of \$500 will help cover the costs of assistance during cholesterol screenings.

**Council on Aging (541):** The \$700 increase in expenses is for mileage on the "Meals on Wheels" program.

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**VOTING ON BUDGETS**

Helmreich moved Moderator (114), Other Charges and Expenses for \$0. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

Helmreich moved Selectmen (122), Personal Services (510), for \$0. Seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous. Helmreich moved 122-570, Other Personal Services for \$22,754. Seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous. Helmreich moved 122-579, Other Charges and Expenses for \$13,425. Seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous.

Helmreich moved Finance Committee (131), Other Charges and Expenses for \$6,400. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

Deluca moved Reserve Account (132) for \$50,000. Seconded by Thomas. Helmreich moved an amended amount of \$100,000. Seconded by Desrochers. There was discussion about how to deal with funding this account (5% of the current tax levy limit is the guideline for finance committees). Vote on the amendment for \$100,000: unanimous. The amendment became the main motion; vote on the main motion: unanimous.

Helmreich moved Accounting (135), Personal Services (510), for \$73,830. Seconded by Fiore. This amount includes an account clerk at 15 hours/week at \$8.02/hr. Vote: unanimous. Helmreich moved 135-520, Purchase of Services for \$13,400. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous. Helmreich moved 135-570 Other Charges and Expenses for \$2,350. Seconded by Fiore. Vote: unanimous.

Helmreich moved Assessors (141), Personal Services (510), for \$72,542. Seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous. Helmreich moved 141-511 Other Personal Services for \$0. Seconded by Fiore. Vote: unanimous. Helmreich moved 141-520 Purchase of Services for \$25,000. Seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous. Helmreich moved 141-570 Other Charges and Expenses for \$10,280. Seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous. Helmreich moved 141-579 Other Expenses for \$0. Seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous.

Helmreich moved Treasurer/Collector (147), Personal Services (510) for \$45,000. Seconded by Fiore. Vote: 5 in favor and 4 opposed (Summerfield, Deluca, Nicolas, Phelan). Helmreich moved 147-511 Other Personal Services, for \$77,750. Seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous. Helmreich moved 147-570 Other Charges and Expenses, for \$39,115. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous. Helmreich moved 147-575 Payroll Services for \$0. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous. Helmreich moved 147-576 Tax Billing, for \$0. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous. Helmreich moved 147-579 Other Expenses, for \$4,423. Seconded by Thomas.

Deluca moved an amended amount of \$0. Seconded by Fiore. Vote on amendment: unanimous. The amended amount of \$0 is now the main motion; vote on the motion: unanimous.

Helmreich moved Legal Services (151), Purchase of Services (520) for \$80,000. Seconded by Deluca. Phelan moved an amended amount of \$100,000. Seconded by Summerfield. Vote on amendment: 6 in favor and 3 opposed (Nicolas, Fiore, Thomas). \$100,000 became the figure for the main motion; vote on the main motion: 6 in favor and 3 opposed.

#### **NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

Wednesday, April 26, 1995

- Start voting at Data Processing

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Helmreich made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

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