



TOWN OF NORTON FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Meeting
May 3, 1995

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CALL TO ORDER: 7:39 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. Absent: Jackie Desrochers, and Julia Sweet.

The chairman read a grievance letter (that the committee was cc'd) from the communications department stating a desire to fund back a full-time position that was reduced in hours a few years ago.

NEW BUSINESS

Library (610) - Helmreich moved to take the Library (610) off the TABLE. Seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous. Deluca moved \$195,000 for account 610-510 Personal Services. Seconded by Fiore. This was based on their discussion of Monday night. Helmreich made amended the figure to \$205,997. Seconded by Summerfield. The \$195,000 figure reduced the salaries but did not exclude hiring 2 new people. This was discussed at length. Vote on amendment: 3 in favor (Helmreich, Thomas, Summerfield) and 4 opposed (Nicolas, Fiore, Deluca, Phelan). Vote on the main motion of \$195,000: 4 in favor (Nicolas, Fiore, Deluca, Phelan) and 3 opposed (Summerfield, Helmreich, Thomas).

Recreation (630): Deluca moved \$17,242 for account 630-510 Personal Services. Seconded by Fiore. There was a lengthy discussion on this line item. Vote: 6 in favor and 1 opposed (Nicolas). Deluca moved \$1,700 for account 630-570 Other Charges & Expenses. Seconded by Fiore. Vote: unanimous.

Memorial & Vets (692) - Deluca moved \$700 for account 692-570 Other Charges and Expenses. Seconded by Thomas. Vote: 6 in favor and 1 abstention (Helmreich).

Maturing Debt (711) - Fiore moved \$0 for account 711-520 Purchase of Services. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous. Fiore moved \$277,488 for account 711-570 Other Charges & Expenses. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous. Fiore moved \$1,200 for account 711-579 Other Expenses. Seconded by Deluca. This is for bond costs. Vote: unanimous. Fiore moved \$570,000 for account 711-590 Debt Service. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

Interest (750) - Fiore moved \$60,000 for account 750-590 Debt Service. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

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Employee Benefits (910) - Fiore moved \$624,876 for account 910-510 Personal Services. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous. Fiore moved \$1,450,000 for account 910-511 Other Personal Services. Seconded by Helmreich. Vote: 6 in favor and 1 abstention (Nicolas). Fiore moved \$50,000 for account 910-570 Other Charges & Expenses. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

Unemployment (911) - Fiore moved \$0 for account 911-570 Other Charges & Expenses. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

Miscellaneous (940) - Fiore moved \$45,000 for account 940-540 Supplies. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous. Fiore moved \$198,068 for account 940-570 Other Charges & Expenses. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

The town manager's budget will be the first one discussed at Monday's meeting.

Warrant Articles Review and Voting

Article 2 - Reports: Half of the pages are at the printer right now. They went out to re-bid this year. Helmreich moved NO ACTION. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: 6 in favor and 0 opposed.

Article 3 - Road Contracts: Helmreich moved to recommend Article 3. Seconded by Fiore. Vote: 6 in favor and 0 opposed.

Article 4 - Chapter 90 Roadwork: Helmreich moved \$357,096 to recommend Article 4. Seconded by Fiore. This figure has been made known to them through the State. This is old money we cannot spend until a vote of town meeting. We then get reimbursed (FY95). Vote: unanimous.

Article 5 - Wetlands Fees - Helmreich moved to recommend Article 5. Seconded by Fiore. They will vote to not recommend this because it will be moved somewhere else. Vote: unanimously opposed.

Article 6 - Recycling Revolving Account: Helmreich moved to recommend Article 6. Seconded by Fiore. Vote: unanimous.

Article 7 - FY 1996 Operating Budget: Helmreich moved to TABLE, seconded by Fiore. Vote: unanimous.

Article 8 - Replacement Capital Items: Helmreich moved to TABLE, seconded by Phelan. Vote: unanimous.

Article 9 - New Capital Items: Fiore made a motion to TABLE, seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous.

Article 10 - Continuing Lease Payment: Helmreich moved to recommend to be taken from capital improvements fund. Seconded by Phelan. Vote: unanimous.

Article 11 - FY 1996 Water Department Budget: Helmreich moved to recommend the total budget. Seconded by Phelan. This includes the pick-up truck. Helmreich withdrew the main motion, and second. Helmreich moved the total of \$783,772.00. Seconded by Phelan. A friendly amendment was accepted to round the numbers to whole numbers. Vote: unanimous.

Article 12 - Land Acquisition: There is no number attached as of yet. Helmreich moved to not recommend the article. Seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous.

Article 13 - Special Projects: Deluca made a motion to recommend this article. Seconded by Fiore. There was a great deal of discussion on the necessity or urgency to start these projects. Thomas made a motion to TABLE this article until Monday, May 8, 1995. Seconded by Phelan. Vote: unanimous.

NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

Monday, May 8, 1995

- Town Manager's (123) budget
- Library re-addressed
- Rubbish re-addressed
- Reconsideration of any other budgets
- Warrant Articles

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Fiore made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Phelan. Vote: unanimous.

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