



## TOWN OF NORTON FINANCE COMMITTEE

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### Minutes of the Meeting May 17, 1995

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:36 p.m. by Chair, Jack Nicolas.

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

### MINUTES

Fiore made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 1, 1995. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

Fiore made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 3, 1995. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

Name made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 8, 1995. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

### NEW BUSINESS

Fiore moved to take Article 24 - Zoning By-law Amendment off the table. Seconded by Deluca. Marshall Martin represented the planning board and explained the By-law amendment to the committee. It was noted that the planning board recommended this with a unanimous vote. Vote: unanimous to recommend the article.

Fiore made a motion to take Article 25 - Zoning By-law Amendment off of the table. Seconded by Deluca. Mr. Marshall, Planning Board Member, explained the article to the committee and answered questions about the zoning. Committee members expressed concerns for certain areas named in the By-law amendment. A friendly amendment was discussed. Deluca made a motion to TABLE Article 25 until May 22, 1995. Seconded by Phelan. Vote: unanimous.

Paul Helmreich arrived at 8:00 p.m.

Helmreich made a motion, seconded by Deluca, to take Communications Relocation (Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant) off the table. Vote: unanimous. Police Chief Benton Keene was available at the meeting to explain the additional expenses incurred in trying to finish the relocation project. After a great deal of discussion Helmreich moved to amend to \$10,000 the figure for Communications Relocation to come out of the Stabilization Fund. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

Deluca made a motion to take Article 8 - Replacement Capital Items off of the table. Seconded by Helmreich. Vote: unanimous. Helmreich moved \$25,000 from Capital Improvements Fund to Town Clerk/Voter Tabulation Equipment. Seconded by Deluca. Helmreich withdrew his motion on Article 8.

Helmreich made a motion, seconded by Deluca, to take Article 16 - Stabilization Fund off of the table. Vote: unanimous. Helmreich moved the figure of \$0 for Stabilization Fund. Seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous.

Helmreich moved to take Article 17 - Capital Improvements Fund off of the table. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous. Helmreich moved to transfer \$497,839 from Free Cash to the Capital Improvements Account. This will bring the balance to \$807,276. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

Helmreich moved to take Article 8 - Replacement Capital Items off of the table. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

Helmreich moved \$25,000 from Capital Improvements Account to Town Clerk/Voter Tabulation Equipment. Seconded by Deluca. This machine will not reduce the number of workers needed on election days but will help to prevent errors. The Secretary of State chooses the right machine for each communities needs. The necessity of this equipment was discussed at length. Vote: 3 in favor (Helmreich, Thomas, Deluca) and 3 opposed (Nicolas, Phelan, Fiore). The motion failed.

Helmreich moved \$46,570 for Police Department/Cruisers and related Equipment from Capital Improvements Fund. Vote: unanimous.

Helmreich moved \$240,000 for Fire Department/Pumper from Capital Improvements Fund. Seconded by Fiore. Vote: 5 in favor and 1 abstention (Phelan).

Helmreich moved \$49,265 for Fire Department/Ambulance from the Ambulance Fund for the 1st payment of a 3 year lease. Seconded by Fiore. Vote: 5 in favor and 1 abstention (Phelan).

Helmreich moved \$55,000 for School Department/Academic Classroom Computers from Capital Improvements Fund, for the 1st year payment of a 3 year lease. Seconded by Fiore. This will buy



99 units for 3 classrooms. The computers are going into 1 lab for each elementary school and 1 lab in the middle school. Vote: unanimous.

Helmreich moved \$80,000 from the Capital Improvements Fund for the School Department/L.G. Nourse Boilers. Seconded by Fiore. Vote: unanimous.

Helmreich moved \$10,000 from the Capital Improvements Fund to School Department/Middle School Boiler Repair. Seconded by Fiore. Vote: unanimous.

Helmreich moved \$32,000 from Capital Improvements Fund for School Department/Special Education Bus. Seconded by Fiore. Vote: unanimous.

Helmreich moved \$65,000 from Capital Improvements Fund for Highway Department/Truck and Sander. Seconded by Fiore. This will replace a 25 year old truck. Vote: unanimous.

Helmreich moved \$41,000 from Capital Improvements Fund for Highway Department/Garage Doors. Seconded by Fiore. There are 18 doors that need replacing. Vote: unanimous.

Helmreich moved \$10,000 from Capital Improvements Fund for Human Services Department/Paint Building and Resurface Lot. Seconded by Fiore. Vote: unanimous.

The total out of the Ambulance Fund is \$49,265, and from Capital Improvements it is \$579,570 for Article 8.

Deluca moved to take Article 9 - New Capital Items off the table. Seconded by Helmreich. Vote: unanimous. Helmreich moved Data Processing/Personal Computers for \$24,000 to be taken out of the Capital Improvements Fund. Seconded by Fiore. This is for 2 scanners, 5 computers and a printer. Vote: unanimous.

Helmreich moved \$20,000 from Capital Improvements Fund to Municipal Building/Architectural Study. Seconded by Fiore. Vote: 5 in favor and 1 abstention (Helmreich).

Helmreich moved \$15,500 from Ambulance Account and \$15,500 from Capital Improvements Fund for Fire Department/Command Vehicle. Seconded by Fiore. This vehicle will last a minimum of 5 years. Vote: 4 in favor, 1 opposed (Helmreich), and 1 abstention (Phelan).

The Water and Sewer Department is withdrawing their request for Sewer Alarms. Fiore moved No Action on Water/Sewer Alarms. Seconded by Helmreich. Vote: unanimous.

Fiore made a motion, seconded by Helmreich, to take Article 13 - Special Projects off of the table. Vote: unanimous.

Helmreich moved \$15,000 from the Stabilization Fund for Archiving/Records Storage/Imaging. Seconded by Phelan. Helmreich withdrew his original motion. Helmreich moved to take No Action for Archiving/Records Storage/Imaging. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

Helmreich moved \$15,000 from Stabilization Fund for By-law Codification. Seconded by Deluca. This also covers a review legal expenses, and binding costs. Vote: unanimous.

Helmreich moved \$15,000 from Stabilization Fund for Cable Television Contract Negotiation. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

Helmreich moved \$15,000 from Stabilization Fund for Community Needs Survey. Seconded by Phelan. This would be a public opinion survey that will be done professionally and statistically accurate. Vote: unanimously opposed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

FYI: 300 lots can be placed in the 4 acres of land that Flatley is giving to the town as part of Article 33. This will give the town approximately 700 lots in stock or 12-13 years of inventory.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Request from Assessors Department: Request is for \$1,000 to purchase a computer that has stopped functioning unexpectedly. The town manager supports this purchase because the department needs it. Helmreich moved to transfer \$1,000 from the FinCom Reserve Account to the Assessors Expense Account (141-570). Seconded by Fiore. Vote: unanimous (5 in favor-- Phelan left for the evening).

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

Monday, May 22, 1995--Public Hearing to discuss budget recommendations.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Helmreich made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

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