

TOWN OF NORTON FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Meeting
July 10, 1995

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

Roll Call: Jack Nicolas, Chair; Mike Fiore, Vice-Chair; Neil Linehan, Tom Deluca, Michael Thomas, Paul Helmreich, Donna Summerfield, Jackie Desrochers, Christine Meyer, Jim Barrett, and Jonathan Rowe. **Others Present:** Walter Lindberg, Town Manager.

NEW BUSINESS

The town manager issued and reviewed copies of the Fiscal 1996 Cherry Sheet Aid Analysis and the 1996 Budget Worksheet. He also discussed his memo dated July 10, 1995, regarding uncommitted resources.

The Reserve Fund has a current balance of \$32,250.

Transfer Requests

The Conservation Commission is requesting a transfer of \$451.18 from the FINCOM Reserve Account to their Salaries Account for separation costs relating to the conservation director's resignation. Helmreich moved to transfer \$451.18 from the FINCOM Reserve Account to the Conservation Commission/Salaries Account 1 -171 - 510 -5110. Seconded by Fiore. Vote: unanimous.

Medicare and Social Security Expense: The amount requested is \$6,225.28 and was unforeseen because increased Medicare costs for new hires was anticipated to be offset by attrition of employees on social security. Although this did not occur, they believe it is to be a non-recurring problem. Fiore moved to transfer \$6,225.28 from the Reserve Account to account 1-910-570 - 5173, Medicare and Social Security Expense. Seconded by Helmreich. Vote: unanimous.

Selectmen: The selectmen have requested a transfer of \$1,500 to be used for appraisal fees for proposed land acquisition. The bill was originally to be paid from proceeds of an appropriation for land acquisition. The article was voted down at the Special Town Meeting on June 26, 1995.

Fiore moved to transfer \$1,500 from the Reserve Account to account 1-122-570-5200. Seconded by Thomas. This was discussed by members of the committee for its methodology. Vote: unanimous.

Fire Department: The fire department requested a transfer from the Reserve Account for \$15,209.96 to their Personal Services Account for salaries. The fire department estimated the account would be \$52,000 short but the final payroll figures put the total at \$67,210 (\$49,000 of this amount related to one firefighter). The town manager reviewed the fire department's bi-monthly status report for week ending 6/30/95. The fire department budget was discussed at length. Fiore moved to transfer \$15,209.96 from the Reserve Account to Fire Department-Personal Services Account. Seconded by Thomas. Vote: 8 in favor and 3 opposed (Helmreich, Deluca, and Rowe Thomas).

NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

Wednesday, August 23, 1995

- Election of new officers

MINUTES

Fiore made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 21, 1995. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: 6 in favor, 1 abstention (Desrochers) and 4 present (Barrett, Linehan, Meyer, and Rowe).

ADJOURNMENT

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

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