



TOWN OF NORTON FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Meeting
October 4, 1995

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m. by Chair, Michael Fiore.

Roll Call: Michael Fiore, Chair; Michael Thomas, Vice-Chair; James Barrett, Thomas Deluca, Paul Helmreich, Cornelius Linehan, Christine Meyer (8:20 p.m.), and Donna Summerfield.

Absent: Jackie Desrochers, Jack Nicolas, and Jonathan Rowe.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Town Meeting Warrant

Article 7 - Zoning By-law Amendment: The planning board is holding their public hearing on Tuesday, October 10, 1995. Helmreich made a motion to TABLE final vote on this article until after the planning board's public hearing. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

Article 11 - Water Resource Protection District: The planning board supports this water/sewer commissioner's article. Planning Board Chairman, James Chabot explained the changes that Article 11 would bring about. A map was available to the finance committee to evaluate the areas being discussed. Deluca made a motion to TABLE Article 11 until Wednesday, October 11, 1995. Seconded by Helmreich. Vote: unanimous.

Article 6 - Subdivision Performance Bonds: Town counsel is not sure that the town has accepted Paragraph 12 of Section 81U of Chapter 41 of the General Laws. Deluca moved Article 6 as written. Seconded by Helmreich. Vote: unanimous.

Article 3 - Economic Opportunity Areas: The town manager explained the purpose of Article 3 and its relation to the industrial development committee's objectives and goals for inviting businesses to the area. The finance committee discussed this article at length. Helmreich made a motion to recommend Article 3. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: 5 in favor, 2 opposed (Linehan and Summerfield) and 1 abstention (Meyer).

Article 8 - Transfer From Water Surplus Account: Helmreich made a motion, seconded by Deluca, to recommend Article 8. Vote: unanimous.

Article 9 - Transfer from Water Surplus Account: Helmreich made a motion to recommend Article 9; seconded by Deluca. This is for the purpose of conducting leak detection analysis. There was a question why the water/sewer department does not do the leak detection on their own. The town manager drafted a letter to the water superintendent asking him to respond to the questions the finance committee had about in-house detection. Helmreich moved to TABLE Article 9 until Wednesday, October 11, 1995 when an answer can be given. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous.

Article 10 - FY 1996 Water Department Budget: The town manger reviewed Article 10 and its purpose for the committee. Helmreich moved to recommend Article 10. Seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous.

Article 12 - Sewage Line: If this article were to fund a design project the cost would range at about \$600,000; if it is for a master plan then it would run about \$20,000 - \$60,000. No studies have been done as of yet to determine which area is the high priority area in town. The petitioners would like to see a design study done. Helmreich moved to recommend Article 12. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimously opposed.

NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

Wednesday, October 11, 1995

- Special Warrant Articles 7,9, and 11.

ADJOURNMENT

Summerfield made a motion, seconded by Thomas, to adjourn. Vote: unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Patricia C. Mello
Recording Secretary