



TOWN OF NORTON FINANCE COMMITTEE

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NORTON TOWN CLERK

Minutes of the Meeting May 1, 1996

CALL TO ORDER: 7:44 p.m. by Chair, Michael Fiore.

Roll Call: Michael Fiore, Chair; Michael Thomas, Vice-Chair; James Barrett, Thomas Deluca, Jackie Desrochers (8:30 p.m.), Christine Meyer, Jack Nicolas, Jonathan Rowe, and Donna Summerfield (7:50 p.m.). **Absent:** Paul Helmreich and Cornelius Linehan.

MINUTES

Thomas made a motion to approve the Minutes of April 24, 1996. Seconded by Deluca. Vote: 6 in favor and 1 abstention (Nicolas).

NEW BUSINESS

According to the town manager there will be no settlement of the A & B unions in the near future.

The Annual Budget Review public hearing will be scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 1996. This will be advertised in the local newspaper.

The town manager reviewed the rough draft of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

The Special Town Meeting Warrant closes Friday, May 3, 1996, at 5:00 p.m. The Special will consist of unpaid bills, transfer articles and adjustments to the FY '96 budget.

OLD BUSINESS

FY '97 Budget Recommendations

Assessors (141): Nicolas moved 141-510 Personal Services for \$72,542; seconded by Deluca. The town manager recommendation has the clerical union raise included so Lindberg requested they move the figure \$73,981. This settlement included 5%, 4%, 3% raises with a step grade raise for the clerical position. Deluca made a friendly amendment to raise the figure to \$73,981;

seconded by Nicolas. Vote: unanimous. Nicolas moved 141-520 Purchase of Services for \$30,000. Vote: unanimous. Nicolas moved 141-570 Other Charges and Expenses for \$10,140; seconded by Barrett. Vote: unanimous.

Treasurer/Collector (147): Barrett moved 147-510 Personal Services for \$47,250; seconded by Rowe. Thomas amended the figure to \$45,000; seconded by Nicolas. The chairman expressed his concern for not allowing the citizens of the town to decide whether to fund the raise. Thomas expressed displeasure with some of the actions of the town treasurer and not being cooperative with the town manager and town accountant. Nicolas offered another amendment of a 3% raise (instead of 5%) or \$46,350; seconded by Rowe. The committee discussed the proposals on the table at length. Thomas withdrew his amendment (\$45,000) and Nicolas withdrew his second.

The amendment on the table became the 3% figure of \$46,350. Vote on amendment: 2 in favor (Nicolas and Meyer) and 7 opposed. Barrett amended the figure to \$45,000; seconded by Nicolas. Vote: 3 in favor (Fiore, Deluca and Meyer), 5 opposed and 1 abstention (Thomas). Vote on original motion of \$47,250: 3 in favor (Rowe, Desrochers and Summerfield), 5 opposed and 1 abstention (Thomas). No figure passed.

Deluca made a motion to TABLE Treasurer/Collector (147); seconded by Nicolas. Vote: unanimous.

Conservation Commission (171): Deluca moved 171-510 Personal Services for \$47,969; seconded by Nicolas. The clerical support position has been negotiated. Vote: unanimous. Deluca moved 171-570 Other Charges and Expenses for \$5,860; seconded by Nicolas. Vote: unanimous.

Planning Board (175): Deluca moved 175-510 Personal Services for \$46,231; seconded by Nicolas. The clerical union has been settled. Vote: unanimous. Deluca moved 175-570 Other Charges & Expenses for \$8,000; seconded by Nicolas. Vote: unanimous.

Inspection Department (241): Barrett moved 241-510 Personal Services for \$75,636; seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous. Barrett moved 241-520 Purchase of Services for \$1,200; seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous. Barrett moved 241-570 Other Charges and Expenses for \$12,150; seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous.

Communications (290): Deluca moved \$150,248 for 290-510 Personal Services; seconded by Nicolas. Vote: unanimous. Deluca moved \$45,445 for 290-570 Other Charges and Expenses; seconded by Nicolas. Vote: unanimous.

Dog Officer (292): Nicolas moved 292-510 Personal Services for \$15,260; seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous. Nicolas moved 292-570 Other Charges & Expenses for \$8,980; seconded by Deluca. Vote: unanimous. It will cost approximately \$125,000 for a new kennel. Nicolas moved 292-571 Operating Expenses for \$0; seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous. Nicolas moved 292-579 Other Expenses for \$0; seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous.

Board of Health (510): Nicolas moved 510-510 Personal Services for \$75,669; seconded by Thomas. Vote: 7 in favor and 2 opposed (Barrett and Deluca). Nicolas moved 510-570 Other Charges & Expenses for \$9,360; seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous.

Human Services (541): Deluca moved 541-510 Personal Services for \$38,419; seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous. Deluca moved 541-570 Other Charges & Expenses for \$13,955; seconded by Thomas. This includes the stipend for Meals on Wheels. Vote: unanimous.

Recreation (630): Barrett moved 630-510 Personal Services for \$17,242; seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous. Barrett moved 630-570 Other Charges & Expenses for \$1,700; seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous.

Memorial & Vets (692): Deluca moved 692-570 Other Charges & Expenses for \$1,200; seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous.

The town manager requested bringing down the Miscellaneous (940) Supplies figure from \$64,000 to \$50,000. Deluca moved Miscellaneous 940-540 Supplies for \$50,000; seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous. Deluca moved 940-570 Other Charges & Expenses for \$198,068; seconded by Thomas. Vote: unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The fire chief wants to speak to the committee again. He has refined his plan but still seeks 4 (1/2 year) positions and 4 more for FY '98 with incentives for the future.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, 1996.

Deluca made a motion, seconded by Thomas, to adjourn. Vote: unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

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