

**TOWN OF NORTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the Meeting
February 27, 2002**

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CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m. by Chair, Paul Helmreich

Present: Jacqueline Desrochers, Michael Fiore, William Gouveia, Paul Helmreich, John Luti, Sr., Michael Thomas, and Philip Zawasky. Donna Summerfield arrived at 7:52 p.m. and Donald Brown arrived at 8:13 p.m.

MINUTES

MOTION was made by Mr. Gouveia to approve the February 25, 2002 Minutes of the Finance Committee as amended. Second by Mr. Fiore. **Vote: Unanimous, except for Mr. Luti abstaining. MOTION CARRIES.**

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Helmreich announced Mr. Barrett's recent resignation from the Finance Committee.

Next week (Wednesday evening) Dr. DeMoura and Jonathon O'Reilly agreed to come to that Finance Committee meeting. Other members of School Committee will also attend if they are able.

It was noted the main business of this meeting would be to review revenues and try to schedule a meeting with the School Committee quickly.

Mr. McCabe was asked if budget included extra day; it appeared some had figured in extra day and others had not. Mr. McCabe responded it was figured in all the budgets.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE SHEET

Mr. McCabe said the revenue side was reviewed Monday night. He said difference between Town's revenue of what is anticipated shows a deficit of \$1.3M. Mr. Gouveia said best case scenario would be if Cherry Sheet is level-funded and school money of \$1.5 is received. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Helmreich said he would ask Committee members to go back and look at budget and ask where cutting could be; he suggested to do this one time a week. Mr. Fiore said collective bargaining still needed to be added in.

ACCOUNTING:

MOTION was made by Mr. Fiore to approve \$97,698 for (Salaries) Accounting. Second by Ms. Summerfield. **Vote: Unanimous, except for one abstention. MOTION CARRIES.**

MOTION was made by Mr. Gouveia to approve \$16,200 for Purchase Services. Second by Ms. Summerfield. **Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

MOTION was made by Mr. Gouveia to approve \$3,715 for Charges and Expenses. Second by Ms. Summerfield. **Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

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TREASURER/COLLECTOR:

MOTION was made by Mr. Gouveia to approve \$121,184 for Office Salaries/Treasurer/Collector. Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Thomas to approve \$50,000 for Salaries/Treasurer/Collector. Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Fiore to approve \$17,495 for Other Charges & Expenses/Treasurer/Collector. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

LEGAL SERVICES:

MOTION was made by Mr. Gouveia to approve \$77,000 for Legal Expenses. Second by Mr. Thomas. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

DATA PROCESSING:

Mr. Brown suggested to Mr. McCabe to look into wireless system for the future.

MOTION was made by Mr. Gouveia to approve \$61,262 for Data Processing. Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

WEB SITE COMMITTEE:

MOTION was made by Mr. Thomas to fund Web Site Committee at zero. Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE:

It was noted Mr. McCabe would get additional information for this item; thus discussion/vote to be held off until a future meeting.

TOWN CLERK:

MOTION was made by Mr. Gouveia to approve \$29,423 for Town Clerk/Personnel Services. Second by Mr. Thomas. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Gouveia to approve \$38,775 for Town Clerk/Personnel Services. Second by Mr. Thomas. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Thomas to approve \$2,325 for Town Clerk/Other Charges & Expenses. Second by Mr. Gouveia. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

RECESS:

At 8:46 p.m. a short recess was called. Meeting reconvened at 8:59 p.m.

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION:

MOTION was made by Mr. Fiore to approve \$24,983 for Election and Registration. Second by Mr. Thomas. Vote: Unanimous with one abstention by Mr. Gouveia.

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MOTION was made by Mr. Fiore to approve \$500 for Election and Registration/Personnel Services. Second by Ms. Summerfield. Vote: Unanimous with one abstention by Mr. Gouveia. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Fiore to approve \$24,483 for Other Charges and Expenses. Second by Ms. Summerfield. Vote: Unanimous with one abstention from Mr. Gouveia. MOTION CARRIES.

CONSERVATION:

MOTION was made by Mr. Thomas to approve \$65,545 for Conservation. Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Discussion ensued on the "weed harvester".

MOTION was made by Mr. Gouveia to approve \$3,860 for Conservation/Expenses. Second by Mr. Thomas. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

PLANNING BOARD:

MOTION was made by Mr. Thomas to approve \$63,060 for Planning Board/Personnel Services. Second by Mr. Gouveia. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Gouveia to approve \$5,390 for Other Charges & Expenses/Planning Board. Second by Mr. Thomas. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

SRPEDD:

MOTION was made by Mr. Gouveia to approve \$2,914 for SRPEDD. Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

MOTION was made by Mr. Gouveia to approve \$3,300 for Other Charges & Expenses/ZBA. Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Discussion ensued on Chapter 40B issues.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT:

MOTION was made by Mr. Gouveia to approve \$100 for Industrial Development. Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING:

MOTION was made by Mr. Gouveia to approve \$8,770 for Municipal Building/Personnel Services. Second by Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Brown noted the issue with union/non-union people and should be fair to all with respect to annual increases, etc. Mr. Helmreich said \$8,770 is level-funded but hourly wage same as it was and agreed consistency is needed and said he supports \$8,770 but does not support hourly wage increase from \$9.64 to \$9.93.

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Vote: Unanimous, with one abstention. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Thomas that it was the consent of the Finance Committee that hourly rate to remain at current rate of \$9.64 per hour (janitorial position), per Committee. Second by Mr. Gouveia. Vote: Unanimous with one abstention. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Gouveia to approve \$184,700 for Municipal Building/Other Charges & Expenses (repairs, etc.). Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous, with one abstention. MOTION CARRIES.

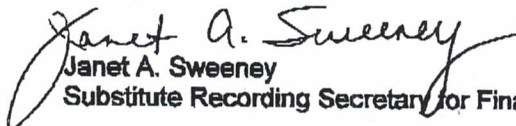
NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 4, 2002, at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Fiore to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Second by Thomas. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Janet A. Sweeney
Substitute Recording Secretary for Finance Committee