

TOWN OF NORTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting

September 25, 2002

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CALL TO ORDER: 7:30pm by Chair, Donna Summerfield

Present: Paul Helmreich, Donna Summerfield, Philip Zawasky, Jackie Desrochers, John Luti,
 Bill Gouveia, Mike Fiore, Mike Thomas

Absent:

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding Planning Board Articles, Petitioner Articles and School Committee Articles.

Note: Desrochers left at 9:45pm.

VOTING

Article 1 Helmreich made a motion seconded by Zawasky to recommend \$37,416.12 to include:

Verizon	\$ 39.37
Federal Express	25.75
Berry Insurance	3,464.00 (Water Tank)
Kopelman and Paige	6,250.00 (oversight from FY00)
Kopelman and Paige	<u>27,637.00</u> (last year's overage)
	\$37,416.12

Vote: Unanimous
Motion Passes

Article 3 Helmreich made a motion seconded by Fiore to recommend \$160,023 to be allocated to accounts on the Town Manager's Supplementary FY03 Budget list.

Vote: Unanimous
Motion Passes

Helmreich made a motion seconded by Gouveia to amend from \$160,023 to \$184,773.

Vote: 2 in favor; 5 opposed (Fiore, Helmreich, Gouveia, Luti, Zawasky)
Motion Fails

Discussion: Police Chief Finch wants to restore the vacant position which was the result of Patrolman Burbank retiring. Officer Burbank was doing the Court Prosecutor's job. Chief Finch feels he cannot afford to fill this position with a detective.....needs all his detectives for other duties. Chris McCabe feels it would be less expensive to fill the position with overtime. He stated that the staffing the Police Dept. has now is the same that it was before Officer Burbank retired.

Article 7 Helmreich made a motion seconded by Fiore to recommend \$50,351.

Vote: 3 in favor; 4 opposed (Thomas, Helmreich, Summerfield, Gouveia)
Motion Fails

Gouveia made a motion seconded by Luti to recommend \$8,835 for SENA-A.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Passes

Article 11 Gouveia made a motion seconded by Zawasky to wait for more information from School Committee before making a recommendation.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Passes

Discussion:

- Gouveia suggested the School Committee pull back the \$3.8 million article and ask the Selectmen to schedule a vote for an override.
- Dr. DeMoura suggested having a Special Town Meeting.
- Must go to the Emergency Finance Board to get an extension on our debt limit.
- Not much can be done within the levy limit.

Article 28 Gouveia made a motion seconded by Fiore to recommend.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Passes

Discussion: Planning Board supported the article. They do not feel the Town will maintain the road. Chief Finch cited an article in Mass General Laws that states a town cannot discontinue part of a street.

Article 29 Gouveia made a motion seconded by Helmreich to recommend.

Vote: All opposed

Motion Fails

Discussion: Planning Board not supporting the article.

Article 30 Gouveia made a motion seconded by Helmreich to recommend.

Vote: 6 opposed (Fiore, Helmreich, Thomas, Gouveia, Luti, Zawasky) 1 abstention (Summerfield)

Motion Fails

Discussion: Planning Board not supporting the article. Town does not vote standards.

Article 31 Gouveia made a motion seconded by Helmreich to recommend.

Vote: All opposed

Motion Fails

Discussion: Planning Board not supporting the article.

Article 32 Gouveia made a motion seconded by Helmreich to recommend.

Vote: All opposed

Motion Fails

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Discussion: Planning Board not supporting the article. They feel it is illegal.

Article 33 Gouveia made a motion seconded by Helmreich to recommend.

Vote: All opposed

Motion Fails

Discussion: Planning Board not supporting the article. They feel it is illegal

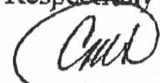
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:25pm

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, September 30, 2002 at 7:30PM

Respectfully submitted by:



Christine McSweeney
Secretary, Finance Committee