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**Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2005**

**Present:** Mike F., Mike T., Paul, Phil, Angel, Tom, Donna, Jackie, Lee

**Fin Com Reserve Transfers;**

1. Motion made by Paul H., seconded by Phil Z. to transfer \$1500.00 from fin com reserve acct. to the Norton Human Services acct. The acct is short due to the extremely cold winter. Motion passes unanimously.
2. Motion made by Paul H., seconded by Phil Z. to transfer \$1620.00 from the fin com reserve acct. to the inspection acct. The additional funds are needed to supplement contract services. Motion passes unanimously.
3. Motion made by Paul H., seconded by Phil Z. to transfer \$5000.00 from the reserve acct to the postage acct. Motion passes unanimously.

**The Selectmen have placed two non-binding ballot questions on the spring election.**

Question One: To see if the State Legislators will allow the inclusion of manufactured homes in the calculation to determine the percentage of low income housing.

Question Two: To see if the town would consider the adoption of a Town Council form of government in place of the current form.

The suggestion was made that informational meeting should be planned in order to fully explain the Town Council form of government.

**Special Town Meeting Warrant Overview**

1. Article 1; \$14,206.90 in unpaid bills so far, breakdown to follow
2. Article 2; \$215,600 in supplemental funds for the operating budget.
3. Article 3; \$44,900 for second year of two year contract for the town reevaluation.
4. Article 4; \$10,425 in capital expense for a console in the communications dept.
5. Article 5; \$45,000 for purchasing 18 acres from the state which directly effects our water aquifer district. These funds would be taken from the water surplus acct.
6. Article 6; An undetermined \$ amount for land acquisition from the state. The property is near the Plain St. bridge.
7. Article 7; \$10,000 for legal and engineering costs associated with the safety improvements to Rt. 140 (Mansfield Ave.)
8. Article 8; \$10,000 for legal costs we might incur against 40B legislation.
9. Article 9; The expropriation of unexpended bond funds for future sewer projects such as the Mansfield Sewer Capitalization project and the purchase of excess sewer capacity from B. of A.

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### **Annual Town Meeting Warrant Overview**

Article 2; An update of salary ranges for non-union employees  
Article 3; Standard language for the acceptance of Chapter 90 funds.  
Article 4; The operating budget.  
Article 5; The capital improvement budget items.  
Article 6; The water budget.  
Article 7,8,&9; The Reconsideration of established revolving accounts.  
Article 10; The inclusion of North Cottage apartments into our low income housing percentage.  
Article 11; The reaffirmation of the senior work program.  
Article 12&13; Sponsored by the school committee, with regard to the Medicaid reimbursements and a study for the high school.  
Article 14; Amend the by-laws to include a new section regarding road side memorials.  
Article 15; Amend the by-laws regulating storm water discharges.  
Article 16; Amend the by-laws regulating illicit discharge.  
Article 17-22; These are planning board articles to be explained at a later date.

### **Estimated Revenues and Expenses**

The town mgr. doesn't expect to receive the final budget figures until well after the May town meeting. However he does believe it will be another year of challenges to make the budget work. The first draft of the his budget will be available next week.

At 9:25p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Tom D. and seconded by Phil, unanimous.