

**TOWN OF NORTON**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Meeting  
March 21, 2005

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**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:35pm by Chair, Mike Fiore

**Present:** Philip Zawasky, Mike Fiore, Mike Thomas, Angel Doyle, Lee Tarantino, Paul Helmreich

**Absent:** Jackie Desrochers, Tom Deluca, Donna Summerfield

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**MINUTES**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of March 14, 2005.

Vote: 4 in favor; 1 abstention (Zawasky)

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

Dwayne Knapp and Don Brown who represented the Water and Sewer Dept gave a presentation on Article VI.

**WATER**

- Office supplies have increased due to quarterly billing.
- There is a 5-year changeover program in place to replace lead and plastic pipes and for meter replacement. Asbestos piping still exists in many areas of Town. Meters that were installed in the 1980's have a 10-year shelf life. They are all at least 15 years old.
- Water Dept. is asking for 2 new people. Mr. Knapp would like to expand labor in order to allow the Water Dept. to do more in house projects. Additional hiring would have to go before the Board of Selectmen for a vote.
- Undersized mains are the cause of dirty water. This is a health issue. Have to flush twice a year.
- Next year, we will have 6 wells working for the first time in the Town's history.
- The Commonwealth of Mass has approved the desalination company. Norton's pipelines are being designed now. The cost of pipe is going out of site due to everything being shipped overseas.

**SEWER**

- No additional employees
- Title V failure in Norton is at 50%

**BUDGET VOTING**

Maturing Debt (711)

Purchase of Services (520)

Thomas made a motion seconded by Zawasky to move "0."

Vote: Unanimous

**Maturing Debt (continued)**

Other Charges and Expenses (570)

Thomas made a motion seconded by Zawasky to move "0."

Vote: Unanimous

Other Expenses (579)

Thomas made a motion seconded by Zawasky to move "0."

Vote: Unanimous

Debt Service (590)

Thomas made a motion seconded by Zawasky to move \$1,740,508.

Vote: Unanimous

Short-Term Debt (594)

Thomas made a motion seconded by Zawasky to move \$128,334.

Vote: Unanimous

**Interest (750)**

Other Charges and Expenses (570)

Thomas made a motion seconded by Zawasky to move "0."

Vote: Unanimous

Debt Service (590)

Thomas made a motion seconded by Zawasky to move \$939,404.

Vote: Unanimous

Short-Term Debt (594)

Thomas made a motion seconded by Zawasky to move \$9,000.

Vote: Unanimous

**Employee Benefits (910)**

Contributory Retirement (510)

Thomas made a motion seconded by Zawasky to move \$1,421,649.

Vote: Unanimous

Medical Insurance (511)

Thomas made a motion seconded by Zawasky to move \$4,916,193.

Vote: Unanimous

Social Security and Medicare (570)

Thomas made a motion seconded by Zawasky to move \$234,000.

Vote: Unanimous

**Unemployment (911)**

Other Charges and Expenses (570)

Thomas made a motion seconded by Zawasky to move \$85,000.

Vote: Unanimous

Miscellaneous (940)

Insurances (570)

Thomas made a motion seconded by Zawasky to move \$339,908.

Vote: Unanimous

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, March 23, 2004 @ 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Christine McSweeney  
Secretary, Finance Committee