

**TOWN OF NORTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
September 12, 2005**

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CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m. by Chair, Michael Thomas

Present: Michael Thomas, Paul Helmreich, Lee Tarantino, Tom Deluca, Angel Doyle were present. Philip Zawasky arrived at 7:55 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes:
None were reviewed.

New Business:

1. Reorganization:

Mr. Thomas stated Mr. Helmreich was interested in being Vice-Chair of Finance Committee.

MOTION was made by Ms. Doyle to nominate Mr. Helmreich as Vice-Chair of Finance Committee. Second by Mr. Deluca. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Ms. Doyle to close nomination for Vice Chair. Second by Mr. Deluca. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Ms. Doyle to appoint Lee Tarantino to Capital Improvements Committee. Second by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Article Reviews:

Article 9: Asphalt Cutter/ Reclamation Machine:

Mr. Knapp discussed this Article and said it will pay for itself in three years. Cuts 4' ditch and teeth in front and pulverizes. Unofficially there is \$1.5M in water surplus account Mr. Knapp stated.

It was discussed the center of Town tank needs replacement; major bonding to cover all major ones. A lot of projects over next 5-6 years costing \$8-\$10M (including desal project).

Article 10: Additional Funding for Engineering/Construction for Well #4 Rehabilitation:

Mr. Knapp said additional \$75,000 to come out of water dept. surplus account. One year ago going after \$300,000; he made a mistake and should have gone after/asked for \$360,000. That project still going on and some section of wall to be replaced and cast iron pipes issue. Additional 100' needed. Discussion ensued.

Article 11: Engineering Design for Water Main Replacement (West Main and Eddy):

Mr. Knapp said a few months ago Mass Highway came in regarding redo of 123 West.

Water main in front of Yelle School discussed; pipe stamped 1912. Whole new water system up; get things ready for spring. There were six water main breaks on Eddy Street; Article only deals with water mains.

Article 12: Construction/Remodeling Water Department Office and Garage Complex at Slattery Property

\$77,000 was appropriated for design of that facility. Trying to work with Board of Selectmen and other Committees.

Slattery property map was shown (ball fields/ walking path). A couple of changes noted: page 2 - design in building - he needs to hire an architect; crossing out \$34,000 because for existing monies he will still have enough money = \$515,635. Needs office equipment to upgrade everything they need (added \$84,365 to cover equipment/computers, etc.) and asking for \$600,000.

Mr. Knapp said they are storing some things in it (in building) No insulation there.

Mr. Helmreich discussed using water surplus account

Mr. Knapp said they are proposing to do this but they discussed and no final answer was arrived at. The way Article written it will allow them to go either way.

Mr. Knapp said he recommended to take out of reserve/water surplus account of \$600,000. Options are either from water surplus account or in bond.

Mr. Helmreich said it is important before a recommendation be made some determination as to how this money will be raised. Discussion continued.

Article 13: Engineering Design for Connecting Sewer Main to NMS On -Site Sewer System

(This was formerly Article 12).

Mr. Knapp said this was a followup from previous article. Middle School has wastewater treatment system and permitted by State to treat 19,000 gallons per day. Piping to accommodate high school; Yelle school; Middle school and J.C. Solmonese and solve Title V issue with Yelle and high school. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Helmreich said he was wondering what cost will be and spoke of ages of schools. He said he understood it must meet new standards for Title V.

Mr. Knapp spoke of Norton's overall needs and WRPD issues spoke of. He said there was talk on senior citizen center being possibly tied in.

Article 9:

MOTION was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend \$85,000 from water surplus account for Article 9 purchase of asphalt cutter/reclamation machine. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 10:

MOTION was made by Mr. Helmreich to approve \$75,000 from water surplus account to fund Article 10. Second BY Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 11:

MOTION was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend \$60,000 be used from water surplus account to fund Article 11. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **MOTION CARRIES.**

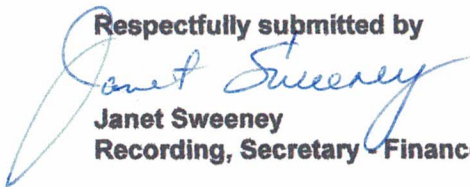
Article 12:

Finance Committee will think about this Article more. It will be discussed at a future meeting.

Adjournment

MOTION was made to Adjourn by Mr. Zawasky at 8:28 p.m. Second by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully submitted by



Janet Sweeney
Recording, Secretary Finance Committee