

**Finance Committee Meeting**

**June 7, 2010**

**6:15 PM**

**Yelle School Cafeteria**

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**Present:** Chairman, Wayne Graf; Vice-Chairman, Thomas DeLuca; Pasquale Barletta; Robert Bouchard; Jackie Desrochers; Michael Flaherty (late arrival); Paul Helmreich; Cheryl McFaun; Michael Thomas; Lee Tarantino; Philip Zawasky; Town Manager, James Purcell.

**Absent:** Robert Bouchard; Cheryl McFaun; Philip Zawasky.

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Tarantino to approve the June 2, 2010 Finance Committee minutes as written. Seconded by Ms. Desrochers. Vote: All in favor, with Mr. Helmreich abstaining. **Motion carries.**

**II. New Business**

Mr. Purcell distributed the motions for the articles for Town Meeting.

Mr. Purcell explained that the town would be entering into a partnership with Easton to form a Veteran's Services District. Norton have previously been informed that their request to form the district was denied, but the decision has been reversed. Mr. Purcell requested that the FinCom vote to recommend a reduction of \$30K in the Veteran's Agent salary line item in the town's Operating Budget, and increase the expenses lone by the same amount. This would provide for payment of the shared agent.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to reconsider Article 25, the Town's Operating Budget. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Mr. Purcell explained that the immediate financial benefit of forming such a district would be seen in the reduction of benefits. He anticipates that in the future more towns would join the district taking on their share of the financial responsibility, therefore decreasing Norton's.

Mr. Robert Kimball, Selectman, said that he would be interested in creating similar districts for other town departments.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to amend budget item #543-510 from \$50K to \$20K. Seconded by Ms. Desrochers. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

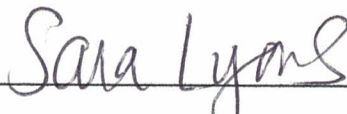
**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to amend budget item #543-570 from \$1K to \$31K. Seconded by Ms. Desrochers. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

**III. Other Business**

**Adjournment**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to adjourn at 6:40 pm. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted by:



Sara Lyons, Finance Committee Secretary