

**Finance Committee Meeting**  
**November 1, 2012**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Norton Middle School Cafeteria**  
*(Prior to Town Meeting)*

**Present:** Chair, Lee Tarantino; Vice-Chair, Michael Flaherty; Peter Carignan; Thomas DeLuca; Jackie Desrochers; Richard Dorney; Paul Helmreich; Michael Thomas.  
Also present: Town Manager, Michael Yunits.

**Absent:** Robert Camp; Steven Evans; William Rotondi.

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Flaherty to approve the October 1, 2012 Finance Committee minutes as amended. Seconded by Ms. Desrochers. Vote: All in favor, with Mr. Thomas abstaining. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to approve the October 15, 2012 Finance Committee minutes as amended. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Flaherty to approve the October 17, 2012 Finance Committee minutes as amended. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: All in favor, with Ms. Desrochers abstaining. **Motion carries.**

**II. New Business**

**Transfer Request –**

Mr. Yunits explained that this transfer request of \$3,650 would fund a raise for the Town Accountant's salary. Presently the town accountant is being recruited by the town of North Attleboro. Mr. Yunits said that he feels this increase would provide incentive for the present town accountant to stay in Norton.

It was discussed that a better option would be to include the increase in Article 3 (Operating Budget Supplements).

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend the transfer of \$3,650 from the Finance committee Reserve to account #1-135-510. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: All opposed. **MOTION FAILS.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to amend Article 3 from a total of \$30,371 to a total of \$34,021. This reflects the addition of the \$3,650 to the line item for Accounting, increasing it from \$507 to \$4,157. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

**III. Old Business**

**Article 2 – Collective Bargaining –**

Mr. Yunits explained that, because of miscalculations on back-wages in the Communications Department, the total amount has increased from \$3,916 to \$5,416.

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to revise the amounts in paragraph one of the Motions from \$3,916 to \$5,416. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

**Article 5 – Sewer FY13 Operating Budget Amendments –**

Mr. Yunits explained that the total amount would not change. The amendment would reduce the Budgeted Surplus by \$46K and increase the Capital Outlay by the same amount. This would be for the repairing of the sewer main on Bay Road.

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to reconsider Article 5. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to amend Article 5 as follows: Capital Outlay increased to \$227,400  
Budgeted Surplus decreased to \$60,949

For the same total of \$1,287,003. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Mr. Yunits and Ms. Lauren Goldberg, town counsel, notified that language has been deleted from the Motion for Article 5. The words "to fund the remainder of the contract between the AFSCME Highway Water/Sewer, referred to in Article 2 of this warrant" would be omitted.

**Next Meeting**

Future meeting were not scheduled at this time.

**Adjournment**

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

**Documents Referenced:**

- Minutes of October 1, 2012
- Minutes of October 15, 2012
- Minutes of October 17, 2012
- Motions for the Annual Town Meeting
- Transfer Request
- Article 5 amendment

Respectfully Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lee Tarantino, Finance Committee Chair**

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**Sara Lyons, Finance Committee Secretary**