

**Finance Committee Meeting**  
**March 20, 2013**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Municipal Center - Selectmen's Conference Room**

**Present:** Chair, Lee Tarantino; Vice-Chair, Michael Flaherty; Peter Carignan; Richard Dorney; Stephen Evans; Paul Helmreich; Michael Thomas.

**Absent:** Thomas Deluca; Jacqueline Desrochers; William Rotundi.

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm.

**New Business**

**FY 14 Department Budget Proposals**

Southeastern Regional School District #306

Business Manager Mark Morrison and Norton Representative on the Regional School Committee Denis Feely were present. Mr. Morrison presented in detail the proposed budget from the school district, noting that the District School Committee had not yet formally ratified the budget. Norton's enrollment figure for the FY 14 budget remains the same (113) as for the FY 13 budget, which constitutes 8.4% of the total school enrollment. Norton's "district contribution" for FY 14, as developed according to mandated state guidelines, is currently set at \$1,082,114, an increase of \$41,127 over FY 13. Mr. Morrison noted that this figure could change, depending on the amount of state aid, both for education and for transportation, which is eventually approved by the legislature.

**Old Business**

**Action on Budget Line Items**

171—Conservation. Mr. Helmreich moved to recommend \$81,101 for 510, Personal Services. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Vote in favor: unanimous. Mr. Helmreich moved to recommend \$10,850 for 570, Expenses. Vote in favor: unanimous.

175—Planning Board. Mr. Thomas moved to recommend \$49,088 for 510, Personal Services. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote in favor: unanimous. Mr. Thomas moved to recommend \$3,150 for 570, Expenses. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote in favor: unanimous.

241—Inspection. Mr. Thomas moved to recommend \$147,710 for 510, Personal Services. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote in favor: unanimous. Mr. Thomas moved to recommend \$14,795 for 570, Expenses. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote in favor: unanimous.

292—Animal Control. Mr. Thomas moved to recommend \$47,790 for 510, Personal Expenses. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote in favor, unanimous. Mr. Thomas moved to recommend \$8,865 for 570, Expenses. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote in favor: unanimous.

510—Board of Health. Mr. Thomas moved to recommend \$127,186 for 510, Personal Services. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote in favor, unanimous. Mr. Thomas moved to recommend \$6,775 for 570, Expenses. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote in favor: unanimous.

522—Public Health Nurse. Mr. Thomas moved to recommend \$29,998 for 510, Personal Services. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. It was noted that this includes an increase in hours per week from 24 to 25 for the Public Health Nurse, as recommended by the Town Manager. Vote in favor: unanimous. Mr. Thomas moved to recommend \$8,650 for 570, Expenses. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote in favor: unanimous.

541-Council on Aging. Mr. Thomas moved to recommend \$1,800 for 510, Personal Services. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote in favor: unanimous. Mr. Thomas moved to recommend \$7,660 for 570, Expenses. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote in favor: unanimous.

910--Employee Benefits. Mr. Helmreich moved to recommend \$9,253,483 as recommended by the Town Manager. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Vote in favor: unanimous.

Action on the following accounts was postponed until further information can be obtained: 543-Veterans Agent; 711-Maturing Debt; 750-Interest; 911-Unemployment Compensation; 940-Miscellaneous.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2013, at 7:30 pm.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Mr. Carignan to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote in favor: unanimous.

#### **Documents Referenced**

Budget materials for Departments: 306-Southeastern Regional School District; 171-Conservation; 175-Planning Board; 241-Inspection; 292-Animal Control; 510-Board of Health; 522-Public Health Nurse; 541-Council on Aging; 543-Veterans Agent; 711-Maturing Debt; 750-Interest; 910-Employee Benefits; 911-Unemployment Compensation; 940-Miscellaneous.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Lee Tarantino, Fin Com Chair

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Date Approved

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Paul Helmreich, Secretary, *pro tem*