

**Finance Committee Meeting**  
**September 15, 2014**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Municipal Center – Selectmen's Conference Room**

**Present:** Chair, Michael Flaherty; Vice-Chair, Peter Carignan; Thomas DeLuca; Jackie Desrochers; Richard Dorney (late arrival); Stephen Evans; Michael Fiore; Paul Helmreich; William Rotondi; Lee Tarantino; Michael Thomas.  
Also present: Town Manager, Michael Yunits.

**Absent:**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Fiore to approve the May 12, 2014 Finance Committee minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: All in favor, with Ms. Desrochers and Mr. Thomas abstaining. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to approve the June 25, 2014 Finance Committee minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: All in favor, with Ms. Desrochers. **Motion carries.**

**II. New Business**

**Committee Reorganization –**

Mr. Flaherty thanked the members of the Finance Committee for all their support and assistance over the past year.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Tarantino to nominate Mr. Carignan for Chair of the Finance Committee. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: All in favor, with Mr. Carignan abstaining. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Flaherty to nominate Mr. Evans for Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Vote: All in favor, with Mr. Evans abstaining. **Motion carries.**

Mr. Yunits addressed the committee noting that the New Growth figure changed to \$225K which reflects a \$128,652 surplus for the year. He also said that the Motor Vehicle Excise amount is \$2,592,748 but cautioned the committee that the amount could be a little high. He also mentioned that the Free Cash amount is about \$2M, but that the number has yet to be certified.

**Capital Improvements Committee Member –**

Mr. Helmreich volunteered to fill the position.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to nominate Mr. Helmreich to be the representing Finance Committee member of the Capital Improvements Committee. Seconded by Mr. Fiore. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

**Annual Town Meeting Warrant –**

**Article 1 – Unpaid Bills**

Mr. Yunits outlined the following:

Water/Sewer bill for June work but billed in July - \$225

ABC Disposal bill for June but billed July 1<sup>st</sup> - \$27

Legal – Kopelman and Paige, PC - \$297.50

Wheaton – Emergency Planning - \$180.80

(Mr. Thomas asked that Mr. Yunits provide the FinCom with more details on this bill)

Chambers Advisory Group - \$594.25

(This was for an analysis of phone service that brought \$ back to town)

School/Verizon - \$508.03

The total of this article would be \$1,832.58. The committee thought it would be best to wait on a vote for this article as the final amount sometimes changes.

**Assessor's Office Articles:**

**Article 9 – Transfer for Overlay Surplus**

A transfer of \$4,691.26 would go from Overlay Surplus Account to the FY12 Overlay Account for a recent Appellate Tax Board Case settlement.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Flaherty to recommend Article 9 in the amount of \$4,691.26. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

### **Article 10 – Chapter 653 Provisions**

This article would adopt the provisions of Chapter 653, which was started in Norton in 2006, but would officially commence in FY15. Ms. Lisa Cathcart, Director of Assessing, explained that this is something that the town is already doing and that this article would just make it official. It says that the town decided that new buildings/structures assessed between January 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> would begin July 1<sup>st</sup>. She said that once/if the vote goes through, the town needs to send a certified proof to the Department of Revenue.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend Article 10 as written. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

### **Article 11 – Reject Statute**

This article would reject a statute that a supplemental assessment would need to be done after January 1<sup>st</sup> if an occupancy permit is issued. Ms. Cathcart said that the June 30<sup>th</sup> date works well and that she would like to see that date stay. She further explained that if the town does not reject this then it means that they have accepted it. A vote "yes" on this article would be the rejection. She said she would need to certify this vote as well and send to the Bureau of Local Assessment.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend Article 11 as written. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

### **III. Old Business**

None.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2014 at 7:00 pm. Future meetings will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays leading up to the October 20<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting.

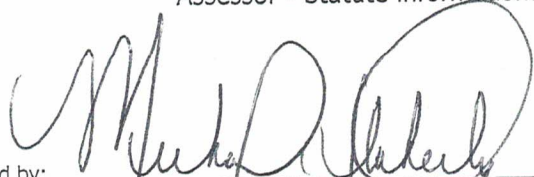
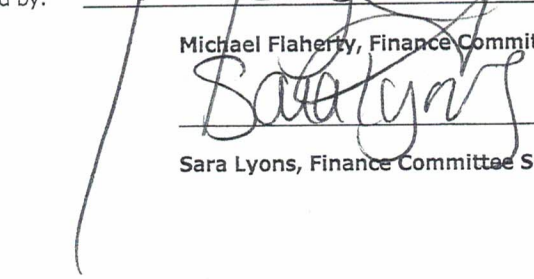
### **Adjournment**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

### **Documents Referenced:**

Minutes of May 12, 2014  
Minutes of June 25, 2014  
Draft of Annual Town Meeting Warrant  
Assessor - Statute informational papers

Respectfully Submitted by:

Michael Flaherty, Finance Committee Chair

Sara Lyons, Finance Committee Secretary

9/22/14  
Date Approved