

**Finance Committee Meeting**  
**September 21, 2016**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Municipal Center – Selectmen’s Conference Room**

**Present:** (Outgoing) Chair, Stephen Evans; Vice-Chair (New Chair), Michael Fiore; Peter Carignan; Thomas DeLuca; (Incoming Vice-Chair) Richard Dorney; Walter Eykel; Michael Flaherty; Paul Helmreich (late arrival – 7:10); William Rotondi; Michael Thomas (late arrival – 7:20).

Also present: Town Manager, Michael Yunits.

**Absent:** Jackie Desrochers; Lee Tarantino.

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Flaherty to approve the April 20, 2016 Finance Committee minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: All in favor, with Mr. Eykel and Mr. Rotondi abstaining. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Flaherty to approve the April 25, 2016 Finance Committee minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: All in favor, with Mr. Eykel and Mr. Helmreich abstaining. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Flaherty to approve the July 13, 2016 Finance Committee minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: All in favor, with Mr. Eykel and Mr. Helmreich abstaining. **Motion carries.**

**II. New Business**

Mr. Yunits briefly reviewed the handouts he provided the FinCom. He pointed out the final Cherry Sheet and a worksheet containing the Free Cash history from 2002-present.

He reviewed the Free Cash certification as follows: \$2,627,641 General Fund, \$2,995,723 Water Enterprise Fund, and \$582,760 Sewer Enterprise Fund. Mr. Yunits said that he would provide Free Cash projections at the next meeting.

Mr. Evans introduced Mr. Walter Eykel as the newest member of the FinCom and thanked him for joining the committee.

- Re-Organization of the Finance Committee:

Committee Chair – Mr. Evans opened nominations for FY17 Chair. Mr. DeLuca nominated Mr. Fiore and Mr. Flaherty seconded. With no other nominations, Mr. Evans closed nominations. Vote on Mr. Fiore taking the position of FY17 Chair: All in favor, with Mr. Fiore and Mr. Eykel abstaining. **Mr. Fiore is named Chair of the Finance Committee for FY17.**

Committee Vice-Chair – Mr. Fiore opened nominations for FY17 Vice-Chair. Mr. Flaherty nominated Mr. Dorney and Mr. DeLuca seconded. With no other nominations, Mr. Fiore closed nominations. Vote on Mr. Dorney taking the position of FY17 Vice-Chair: All in favor, with Mr. Dorney and Mr. Eykel abstaining. **Mr. Dorney is named Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee for FY17.**

- **Resignation -**

Mr. Fiore informed the FinCom that Ms. Jackie Desrochers has resigned her position and thanked her for her many years of service to the town of Norton.

- **Capital Improvements Committee Member Appointment–**

Mr. Flaherty volunteered to fill the position.

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to nominate Mr. Flaherty to be the representing Finance Committee member of the Capital Improvements Committee. Seconded by Mr. Dorney. Vote: All in favor, with Mr. Flaherty abstaining. **Motion carries.**

• **Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles –**

Article 15 – Solar Bylaw Amendment

Referring to the warrant draft dated 9-21-2016, Mr. Yunits reviewed each of the proposed additions to the current Norton Zoning Bylaw, Article XXII – Large-Scale Ground-Mounted, Solar, Photovoltaic Facilities. Refer to the 9-21-2016 draft for the entirety of the additions which include wetlands, riverfront areas, and storm water discharges to the wordage of the bylaw.

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend Article 15, Solar Bylaw Amendment, as written. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: All in favor, with Mr. Eykel abstaining. **Motion carries.**

Article 13 – Motor Boat and Personal Watercraft Bylaw

Mr. Yunits explained that this bylaw amendment would include the restriction of people putting vegetation and/or non-native species in waterways and would also place a speed limit for boating in Norton waterways, among other things.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Dorney to recommend Article 13, Motor Boat and Personal Watercraft Bylaw Amendment, as written. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Mr. Helmreich questioned if there would be anything included regarding iceboating. Mr. Yunits said that he would bring it up to the Board of Selectmen for future consideration.

Vote: All in favor, with Mr. Eykel abstaining. **Motion carries.**

Article 1 – Unpaid Bills

Mr. Yunits stated that the two bills included in this article total \$1,129.44. One is for a police detail for the SERPED traffic study for North and South Worcester (\$519.38), and the other is for boiler equipment (\$609.44).

**Motion** was made by Mr. Flaherty to recommend Article 1, Unpaid Bills, in the amount of \$1,129.44 as written. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: All in favor, with Mr. Eykel abstaining. **Motion carries.**

**III. Old Business**

None.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

**Adjournment**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Flaherty to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Documents Referenced:**

Minutes of April 20, 2016  
Minutes of April 25, 2016  
Minutes of July 13, 2016  
Free Cash Certification worksheet

Prior Year Bills worksheet  
Annual Town Meeting warrant draft (9-21-2016)  
Free Cash history worksheet

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Michael Fiore, Finance Committee Chair

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Date Approved

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Sara Lyons, Finance Committee Secretary