

**Finance Committee Meeting**  
**March 22, 2017**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Municipal Center – Selectmen’s Conference Room**

**Present:** Chair, Michael Fiore; Vice-Chair, Richard Dorney; Peter Carignan; Thomas DeLuca; Stephen Evans; Walter Eykel; Michael Flaherty; Paul Helmreich; William Rotondi; Amy Sawyer. Also present: Town Manager, Michael Yunits.

**Absent:** Joe Coakley.

**Call to Order**

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

**I. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were not reviewed at this meeting.

**II. New Business**

#306 – Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School – Mr. Mark Morris, School Business Manager, presented the FY18 budget to the FinCom. He stated that the total assessment for Norton for FY18 is \$996,390, which is up \$16,177 from last year (even though the Norton student enrollment is down by 1 student). He noted that the difference was a reflection of the amount of state aid given this year. Mr. Morris stated that the state reimbursement for transportation is 71%.

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend budget #306 Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School in the amount of \$996,390. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

**FY18 Operating Budget Request Votes:**

#132 Reserve Fund

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend budget #132 Reserve Fund in the amount of \$150K. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

#151 Legal Services

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend budget #151-570 Legal Services in the amount of \$70K. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

#158 Tax Title Foreclosure

**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend budget #158-570 Tax Title Foreclosure in the amount of \$45K. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: 9 members in favor, with Mr. DeLuca abstaining. **Motion carries.**

#162 Elections

Mr. Yunits explained that the increase in this budget request includes an increase in poll workers' wages to \$10 per hour.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Dorney to recommend budget #162-510 Elections in the amount of \$610. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Dorney to recommend budget #162-570 Elections in the amount of \$28,951. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

#176 SE Regional Planning and Economic Development

**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend budget #176-560 SE Reg Planning and Econ Development in the amount of \$70K. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

#195 Town Report

**Motion** was made by Mr. Dorney to recommend budget #195-520 Town Report in the amount of \$2K. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

#199 Postage

**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend budget #199-570 Postage in the amount of \$32K. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

#244 Sealer of Weights and Measures

**Motion** was made by Mr. Dorney to recommend budget #244-570 Sealer of Weights and Measures in the amount of \$2K. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

#425 Street Lighting

Mr. Yunits informed the FinCom that this budget request is reduced from last year by \$5K because of the credit the town is receiving from the solar project.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Flaherty to recommend budget #425-570 Street Lighting in the amount of \$120K. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

#438 Sanitary Landfill

Mr. Yunits explained that this budget request has increased because of the need to monitor the site and provide reports to the state.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Flaherty to recommend budget #438-570 Sanitary Landfill in the amount of \$12K. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

#711 Maturing Debt

**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend budget #711 Maturing Debt in the amount of \$1,728,963. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: 9 in favor, with Mr. DeLuca abstaining. **Motion carries.**

#750 Interest

**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend budget #750 Interest in the amount of \$546,149. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: 9 in favor, with Mr. DeLuca abstaining. **Motion carries.**

#910 Employee Benefits

**Motion** was made by Mr. Flaherty to recommend budget #910-510 Employee Benefits in the amount of \$2,601,305. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: 9 in favor, with Mr. DeLuca abstaining. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Flaherty to recommend budget #910-510 Employee Benefits in the amount of \$7,520,000. Seconded by Mr. Rotondi. Vote: 9 in favor, with Mr. DeLuca abstaining. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Flaherty to recommend budget #910-570 Employee Benefits in the amount of \$460K. Seconded by Mr. Rotondi. Vote: 9 in favor, with Mr. DeLuca abstaining. **Motion carries.**

#911 Unemployment

**Motion** was made by Mr. Dorney to recommend budget #911 Unemployment in the amount of \$55K. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

#940 Miscellaneous

**Motion** was made by Mr. Flaherty to recommend budget #940-540 Miscellaneous – Fuel Expenses in the amount of \$125K. Seconded by Mr. Rotondi. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Flaherty to recommend budget #940-570 Miscellaneous – Charges and Expenditures in the amount of \$625,921. Seconded by Mr. Rotondi. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

#131 Finance Committee

**Motion** was made by Mr. Flaherty to recommend budget #131-570 Finance Committee in the amount of \$1,301. Seconded by Mr. Rotondi. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

#177 Zoning Board of Appeals

**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend budget #177 Zoning Board of Appeals in the amount of \$300. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

#294 Tree Warden

**Motion** was made by Mr. Flaherty to recommend budget #294 Tree Warden in the amount of \$2K. Seconded by Mr. Dorney. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

#692 Memorial and Vets

**Motion** was made by Mr. Dorney to recommend budget #692 Memorial and Vets in the amount of \$1,500. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

**III. Old Business**

Mr. Yunits informed the FinCom that the draft of the warrant is still under review by town counsel.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

**Adjournment**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Flaherty to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Seconded by Mr. Dorney. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Documents Referenced:** FY18 Proposed Budget for: #s 306, 131, 151, 158, 162, 176, 195, 199, 244, 425, 438, 711, 750, 910, 911, 940, 131, 177, 294, 692

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

**Michael Fiore, Finance Committee Chair**

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**Date Approved**

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**Sara Lyons, Finance Committee Secretary**