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Finance Committee Meeting Minutes October 11, 2017

I. 7:00 P.M. Call to Order

The October 11, 2017, meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Board of Selectman's Meeting Room and was called to order at 7:03 P.M., by Mr. Dorney, Chairman. Members Present: Mr. Walter Eykel, Mr. Aaron Smith, Ms. Aimee Sawyer, Mr. Peter Carignan, Mr. Paul Helmreich, Mr. Richard Dorney, Mr. William Rotondi, Mr. Mike Fiore, Mr. Stephen Evans and Mr. Tom DeLuca. Also in attendance was Mr. Mike Yunits, Town Manager. Not in attendance: Ms. Bonnie Yezukevich.

II. Warrant Article Discussion

Mr. Yunits came before the Board and presented pictures of Camp Edith Read showing the pond, walking trails, the river, and covered table areas for picnics. He provided the discharge setbacks – areas that are controlled by the Town and ones that have conservation restrictions. Mr. Yunits provided the estimate costs for the maintenance and work needed and gave an overview of the various expenses and areas of revenue. He stated the Capital Committee did vote to support the article.

Mr. Dorney inquired about parking to which Mr. Yunits replied there would be parking where the house is currently located (to be torn down) and further in on the property. There would be no requirement of parking spaces. Ms. Sawyer asked for the benefits of owning the parcels. Mr. Yunits replied this would allow the area to have more parking and enable the trails to be longer.

Mr. Bob Kimball, Chairman, Board of Selectman, came before the Board. He stated his recommendation is to allow a certain amount of money to be spent to maintain the property. This would include landscaping and facility and property maintenance. Mr. Fiore asked why this would not fall under Parks and Recreation Department as opposed to Conservation Committee. Mr. Yunits stated Parks and Recreation Department would still play a role in this property. A discussion ensued regarding benefits of using the land for passive or active recreation. The property does not have suitable land for playing fields. Mr. Evans confirmed this would not go forward if the grant is not approved.

MOTION was made by Mr. Fiore to approve the temporary borrowing of \$481,550 for Warrant Article 13, Camp Edith Read. Seconded by Mr. Rotondi. Vote: (8-0-2) MOTION CARRIES

MOTION was made by Mr. DeLuca to reconsider Article 2. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES

MOTION was made by Mr. Deluca to approve the separation expenses in Article 2 in the amount of \$83,340.00 from free cash. Seconded by Mr. Rotondi. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES

MOTION was made by Mr. DeLuca to raise and appropriate \$900,000 from free cash for the Capital Improvements Fund. Seconded by Mr. Rotondi. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES

MOTION was made by Mr. DeLuca to reconsider Article 10. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES

MOTION was made by Mr. DeLuca to raise and appropriate \$12,000 from free cash for the Fiscal Year 2018 Five Year Certification/ Seconded by Mr. Rotondi. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES

MOTION was made by Mr. DeLuca to reconsider Article 14. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES

MOTION was made by Mr. DeLuca to change the funding to for Article 14 to borrow a sum of money to cast, refurbish, restore, replace and/or install the Norton Town Common Fence. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES

MOTION was made by Mr. Fiore to raise and appropriate funds for Article 19. Seconded by Mr. Rotondi. Vote: (9-0-1) MOTION CARRIES

III. Other Business

Mr. Dorney discussed the opportunity for any Norton Finance Committee member to attend the Association of Town Finance Committees Workshop being held at Tri County Regional Vocational Technical High School in Franklin, MA this upcoming October 20th

IV. Approval of Minutes

MOTION was made by Mr. Fiore to approve the minutes of September 25, 2017, as written. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: (9-0-1) MOTION CARRIES

Mr. Evans commented the map of Camp Edith Read has “no hunting” on it but Ms. Carlino stated there would be hunting allowed on the property at the October 2, 2017 meeting. This will be clarified with the Conservation Committee.

MOTION was made by Mr. Fiore to approve the minutes of October 2, 2017, as written. Seconded by Ms. Sawyer. Vote: (9-0-1) MOTION CARRIES

V. Adjournment

MOTION was made by Mr. Fiore to Adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Second by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Materials Provided:

- Warrant (as Posted on 10/11/17)

- ATM Score Sheet
- FY18 Operating Budget Amendments Worksheet
- FY18 School Operating Budget Supplement Request
- Camp Edith Read Estimates
- Separation Expenses Worksheet – Amended
- Proposed Amendments to FY18 Capital Improvements Plan

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kayleigh Correia
Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved by Committee

on: October 23, 2017
(Date)

Signature: Richard F. Jorney