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TOWN OF NORTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE
Norton Town Hall Conference Room
JUNE 24, 2019
7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

The June 24, 2019 meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Norton Town Hall Media Conference Room and was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mr. William Rotondi, Chairman.

Members Present: Mr. Peter Carignan, Mr. Richard Dorney, Mr. Walter Eykel, Mr. Michael Fiore, Ms Aimee Sawyer, Mr. Aaron Smith, and Ms Bonnie Yezukevich.

Absent: Mr. Thomas DeLuca, Mr. Stephen Evans, Mr. Paul Helmreich

II. New Business

A. Transfer Request from Finance Committee Reserve Fund for the Inspection Department

The requested amount of \$49,785.00 will be used for Building K – Interior Asbestos Abatement work at the former Reed & Barton site at 47 Elm Street, Norton. This request is extraordinary and unforeseen. The removal of Building K is a priority for the EPA. The abatement of the interior asbestos will enable the EPA to demolish Building K in order to continue with its remediation activities. The Board of Selectmen voted to support this request.

Mr. Carmichael, Building Inspector presented the facts and need for this request. About half of the \$300,000 set aside from the bankruptcy has been used on testing and to take down a few smaller buildings at no cost to the town. The remaining will be used for the exterior abatements. Three bids for taking the remaining buildings are:

Atlantic - \$1.3 million

JDC - \$2.6 million

Costello - \$2.5 million

Mr. Rotondi –What is the \$1.3 million going for. Mr. Carmichael - The \$1.3 million will be used for the rest of the project.

Ms Sawyer – With the wide spread amounts on these bids, should others go out. Mr. Carmichael – No because these companies are already here and we were told by the Feds and State not to bring in other companies. Mr. Carmichael showed the details on his map.

Mr. Carmichael spoke about the different options for grants depending on the future use of the project.

Mr. Fiore – When everything is gone what will the town be left with. Mr. Carmichael – We want it to be ready for development. There are Regional Planner coming in to see what the best use if for this property. There are 17 acres in total. He stated that the parking lot on Elm Street is a Super Fund Site from the 1980's and will only ever be used as a parking lot due to contamination. The soil cannot be disturbed.

Mr. Smith – We all benefit by making it developable land . Mr. Carmichael agreed

Mr. Rotondi – Timing wise – you take down Building K, then EPA checks to see what's there. Is this correct. Mr. Carmichael – No, the EPA knows there's oil in the ground and they will fix it.

Mr. Rotondi - How long to repair the oil problem, a day, year.. - Mr. Carmichael – They know where the tanks are, the size of the tank, have done sampling, know where it leaks, know the direction of the water table and where it flows. We need to keep EPA there to keep minimal cost to the town.

Ms Sawyer – she is going to vote against this. She wishes this was done when the funds were available. Just not comfortable with this.

Mr. Smith – I think we need to keep the ball rolling. This is a small amount of money in the big picture.

Mr. Carignan made a motion to approve the transfer of \$49,785.00 from the Finance Committee Reserve to Account # 1-241-570-5580.

Mr. Fiore seconded

Vote: Yes – 7 No – 1 Motion carries

B. How to go forward with next year's requests

Mr. Rotondi – what would we like to see for next year to make our job easier.

After much discussion the conclusions from the Finance Committee are:

- Would like these spreadsheets electronic version
- Would like the information earlier so it can reviewed before the meeting (at least 72 hours).
- Would like to remove the expenditure column
- We would like a longer look back (last two years, then 5 year column , then 10 year column)

Mr. Smith thinks that having an electronic spreadsheet and being able to manipulate will not be agreed upon. He thinks there might be too many versions and it could be a problem controlling who get it.

Ms Sawyer - if we could get a dashboard showing the top 5 departments that are over and under budget each month would be helpful.

III. Old Business

IV. Open items

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Board of Selectmen Room

V. Minutes

June 3, 2019

Ms Sawyer motioned to accept minutes as amended

Mr. Smith Seconded

Vote: Yes – 8 No – None Unanimous

May 30, 2019

Mr. Smith motioned to accept minutes as amended

Ms Sawyer seconded

Vote: Yes – 7 No – None Abstain – 1 Mr. Eykel

May 20, 2019

Mr. Smith motioned to accept minutes as amended

Ms Sawyer seconded

Vote: Unanimous

April 29, 2019

Mr. Smith motioned to accept minutes as written

Ms Sawyer seconded

Vote: Yes – 6 No – None Abstain – 2 Mr. Eykel, Mr. Fiore

September 10, 2018

Mr. Carignan motioned to accept minutes as amended

Ms Sawyer Seconded

Vote: Unanimous

July 11, 2018

Mr. Smith motioned to accept minutes as amended

Ms Sawyer seconded

Vote: Yes – 5 No – None Abstain – 3 Mr. Carignan, Mr. Eykel, Mr. Rotondi

VI. Adjournment

Ms Sawyer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Seconded by Ms Yezukevich

Vote: Unanimous

Respectively submitted by: William G. Rotondi 7/10/19
William Rotondi, Finance Committee Chair Date Approved

Patricia Tarantino
Patricia Tarantino, Recording Secretary