

Town of Northbridge
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2016 at 6:30PM

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Finance Committee Attendees:

Finance Committee Members in Attendance: Plato Adams, Jim Barron, Chris Thompson and Steve Gogolinski.

Finance Committee Member not in Attendance: Chris Pilla and Lisa Ferguson

Town of Northbridge Administration and Other Attendees:

Ted Kozak, Town Manager and Neil Vaidya, Town Accountant - Town of Northbridge

Finance Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the chairman; Plato Adams at 6:52PM.

Prior Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 14, 2016 was made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Steve Gogolinski and unanimously approved with two minor changes:

1. Bob Brochu has resigned from the Finance Committee and his name should be removed from the minutes as not being in attendance.
2. Article Six should read as follows: For the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy ("Stretch Energy Code").

Article Eight - Trustees of Soldiers' Memorials - Proposal to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to finance the restoration and repair of the Rockdale World War I Memorial at the Rockdale Common - Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion under Proposition 2 1/2.

Frank J. Defazio, Member of Trustees of Soldiers' Memorials spoke on behalf of the trustees. It appears the entire structure needs to be removed piecemeal and sections restored individually at an estimated cost of \$100,000.

A motion to approve the proposed article not to exceed \$100,000 to finance the restoration and repair of the Rockdale World War I Memorial at the Rockdale Common - Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion under Proposition 2 1/2 was made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Jim Barron and unanimously approved.

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Article Six - For the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy ("Stretch Energy Code").

A motion to approve the proposed article was made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Steve Gogolinski and unanimously approved.

Finance Committee Public Hearing Meeting

A request to open the Finance Committee Public Hearing Meeting was made at 7:26 by Chris Thompson, seconded by Jim Barron and unanimously approved.

Since there were no comments by the public at the Finance Committee Public Hearing Meeting, at 7:26PM a motion to close the meeting was made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Plato Adams and unanimously approved.

Fall Annual Town Meeting Schedule

A discussion ensued concerning the remaining 9 warrant articles as follows:

Article 1 - Payment of Prior Year Bills

There are currently no prior year bills to pay.

A motion to pass over Article One was made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Jim Barron and unanimously approved.

Article Two - Proposed Appropriations Under the Omnibus Budget Article - Additional Findings - Budget Transfers

The following transfers are being proposed:

General Government:

Town Manager	\$ 10,000
Total General Government	\$ 10,000

Public Safety:

Police	\$ 16,000
Ambulance	\$ 22,000
Total Public Safety	\$ 38,000

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Education

School Department \$175,000

Total Education Department \$175,000

Human Services

Board of Health \$ 6,500

Total Human Services \$ 6,500

Non-Departmental

Property & Liability Insurance \$ 10,000

Total Non Departmental \$ 10,000

Total Article 2 \$239,500

The Police Department is requesting the funds for the Cross Match Live Scan Fingerprint and Palm Print System as well as Tasers. Grant Moneys in the amount of \$26,000 are also being raised for this equipment.

The Fire / Ambulance Department is proposing new cardiac monitors as well as 5 new defibrillators and to restore funds for the Lucas Cardiac pumping machine.

The School Department is proposing the following expenditures:

Ride on Machine for the HS and Middle School	\$ 30,000
Maintenance Work Van	\$ 15,000
Baseball Field Repairs	\$ 5,000
Two Special Education Vans	\$ 43,000
Additional Chapter 70 Funds	\$ 81,970

Total for the Education Department \$174,970

The Board of Health is requesting the funds to establish two safe, secure needle depositories for Northbridge residents. Locations will include the Northbridge Town Hall Board of Health Office & Northbridge Senior Center. The estimated cost is roughly \$6,500.

A motion to approve the proposed article was made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Jim Barron and unanimously approved.

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Article Three - Proposed raising and appropriating \$125,000 increase to the Stabilization Fund.

A motion to approve the proposed article was made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Plato Adams and unanimously approved.

Article Four - Proposed that the Old Youth Center Land in Rockdale to be conveyed / turned over to the Town.

A motion to approve the proposed article was made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Plato Adams and unanimously approved.

Article Five - Proposed purchase of a Dump Truck for the DPW by raising and appropriating an amount not exceed \$65,000.

A motion to approve the proposed article was made by Plato Adams, seconded by Jim Barron and unanimously approved.

Article Seven - Proposed Purchase of a 2017 Fire Department Pumper Truck - Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion under Proposition 2 1/2 by raising and appropriating the sum of \$550,000.

A motion to approve the proposed article was made by Plato Adams, seconded by Jim Barron and unanimously approved.

Article Nine - Planning Board - Proposal to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of hiring a consultant to assist the Planning Board in the preparation of a Master Plan for the Town of Northbridge.

A motion to approve the proposed article in an amount not to exceed \$3,516 was made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Jim Barron and unanimously approved.

Article Ten - Planning Board - Proposal to see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 173 of the Code of Northbridge, Section 173-12 [Table of Use Regulations], to allow "Miscellaneous business offices and services" by right in the Heritage (H) zoning district, and to designate "Office for administrative, executive, professional, sales and other similar uses" as a use allowed by-right (P) within the Heritage (H) zoning district, whereas such use is currently allowed only by special permit.

A motion to approve the proposed article was made by Jim Barron, seconded by Plato Adams and unanimously approved.

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Article Eleven - Planning Board - To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way, the remaining portion of Shining Rock Drive, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by purchase, eminent domain, gift or otherwise, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in the Town.

A motion to approve the proposed article was made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Plato Adams and unanimously approved.

Future Finance Committee Meetings

The next Finance Committee Meetings will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 6:30PM .

Adjournment

Since no further business was to be transacted, a motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM was made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Plato Adams and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



James P. Barron

Clerk

Town of Northbridge Finance Committee