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MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN  
AUDIT COMMITTEE

November 10, 1998 Council Chambers 123,1041

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President Rob Bouvier called the hearing to order at 7:20 p.m.

Present were Councilors Holly Abery-Wetstone, Rob Bouvier, Kevin Connors, Carl Donatelli, Liz Gillette, Patrick McCabe, Jim O'Brien, John Shulansky and Al Turco.

President Bouvier: Are there any comments from the administration?

Mr. Feldman: Mr. Mayor, the ordinance before you and the Town Council tonight actually is sponsored by a Town Council committee, the Finance and Budget Committee. The ordinance, as perhaps you have read, is a new ordinance. It establishes a committee on the audit and is comprised of five members, three of whom are members of the Town Council and two are town residents. There is a term of office provision and perhaps the heart and soul of the ordinance really is on its second page where the responsibilities are outlined under paragraph 5-126.

I won't necessarily take the time to just read all those but I think they are comprehensive and include a number of activities that this body would undertake. Primarily, the committee would hire the auditor. The external auditor would oversee the external auditor's work, receive reports from the auditor, interview and to assure the rest of the Town Council and the residents of the community that the finances of the town are in proper order and essentially act as the Town Council's eyes and ears regarding the overall auditing of town finances. Perhaps Mr. Turco, Mr. Shulansky, Ms. Gillette would care to comment further. I have no further comments.

President Bouvier: There is no one on the sign up sheet to speak this matter. If not, we will close the public hearing at this time.

The hearing adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Norma W. Cronin  
Town Clerk/Council Clerk