

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2014**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

The September 18, 2014, Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mrs. Steele, Chairman, at 7:00 p.m., held in the First Floor Selectmen's Conference Room.

- A. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Mary T. Steele, Chairman; Mr. Bramwell, Vice-Chair; Mr. Timothy R. Giblin, Clerk; and Mr. Robert W. Kimball, Jr. were present. Absent: Mr. Robert S. Salvo, Sr. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was also present.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

- A. Approve bills Warrant #16, dated September 11, 2014, in the amount of \$52,777.63

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve bills Warrant #16, dated September 11, 2014, in the amount of \$52,777.63. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended September 13, 2014, Warrant #17, dated September 18, 2014, in the amount of \$1,261,790.91

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended September 13, 2014, Warrant #17, dated September 18, 2014, in the amount of \$1,261,790.91. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Approve bills Warrant #18, dated September 18, 2014, in the amount of \$560,481.40

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve bills Warrant #18, dated September 18, 2014, in the amount of \$560,481.40. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Approve Minutes – June 26, 2014

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated June 26, 2014, as written. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. Request of Joseph A. Costa, Adjutant/Treasurer, Disabled American Veterans, Westcott-Houghton Chapter 56, North Attleborough, MA 02760, for permit to conduct annual Forget-Me-Not Drive, to be held Thursday, October 2, Friday, October 3, Saturday, October 4, 2014, with a rain date of Sunday, October 5, 2014, to be held at Roche Bros. Supermarket, 175 Mansfield Avenue

A representative of the Disabled American Veterans, spoke on behalf of Mr. Costa. It was noted all proceeds they collect is given to the local veterans.

Mr. Kimball recognized Mr. Costa in the audience, who has been coming before the Board for years.

Mr. Kimball said the Board can provide him a broad permit so they can fundraise at any business in Norton provided the business(es) is/are agreeable with it.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the Request of Joseph A. Costa, Adjutant/Treasurer, Disabled American Veterans, Westcott-Houghton Chapter 56, North Attleborough, MA 02760, for permit to conduct annual Forget-Me-Not Drive, to be held Thursday, October 2, Friday, October 3, Saturday, October 4, 2014, with a rain date of Sunday, October 5, 2014, to be held at Roche Bros. Supermarket, 175 Mansfield Avenue, and to allow Drive to be held anywhere in the Town of Norton with condition/approval of property/business owner. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Application of Leah Fernandes Memorial Fund/Kate Tracy, for 5K Road Race to benefit local families and 'Cops for Kids with Cancer', to be held Saturday, September 27, 2014, 9:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

It was communicated this was their fourth race and it is scheduled for Saturday, September 27 at J.C. Solmonese. It is a 5K walk and run along with bouncy houses for the children. Donations are provided to benefit local families, 'Cops for Kids with Cancer' and to the research team of Dana Farber for pediatric brain cancer. The route planned is North Worcester Street to Eisenhower to John F. Kennedy and loop back to J.C. Solmonese.

Discussion if police details were needed. The Board asked Ms. Tracy to contact Police Chief Clark regarding this to see if details were necessary.

The website: www.leahfernadesmemorial5K.com for more information and there is also a Facebook page available: "Leah Fernandes Memorial Page".

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve the Application of Leah Fernandes Memorial Fund/Kate Tracy, for 5K Road Race to benefit local families and 'Cops for Kids with Cancer', to be held Saturday, September 27, 2014, 9:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M., and to waive all application fees. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 26 is the Norton Halloween Parade: 12 noon to about 1:30/2 p.m., starting at Attleboro/Norton line.

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Bridge Dedication to be on Saturday, September 20th at 12 noon, held in honor of Colonel John Lincoln who was highly decorated. This bridge is on Bay Road by Lake Winnecunnet on Snake River Bridge crossing. There will be some reflection on Colonel John Lincoln's early life. Mr. Lincoln had half of his property in Taunton and half in Norton.

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Daniel A. Pearson Re: Interview for appointment to the Norton Conservation Commission

Mr. Pearson said he was an outdoorsman and interested in becoming a member of the Conservation Commission. He said it was impressed upon him growing up that service was appointment. He has past experience volunteering to read to the blind for two years and, due to distance, no longer is able to do this, therefore, he is looking to fill this gap.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Appoint Daniel A. Pearson to the Norton Conservation Commission. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. PROCLAMATION - "National Preparedness Month, September 2014"

Mr. Giblin read aloud this Proclamation, dated the 18th of September and signed by the Board of Selectmen.

Mrs. Steele stated National Preparedness appears to be yearly; possibly someone would be able to come in to speak on this.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Accept Proclamation of September 2014 to be National Preparedness Month. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

3. Review and/or vote October 20, 2014 Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Mr. Yunits said he would like to review some of the information he provided to Board of Selectmen this evening and then vote on Articles at the next Board of Selectmen meeting. Mr. Yunits described and discussed the Articles.

Mr. Yunits stated the Assessors attended the Finance Committee meeting the other night, and Lisa Cathcart, Director of Assessors, had three articles. He noted the two road acceptances were voted on by Planning Board, as well as the two zoning articles.

A. OLD BUSINESS

B. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

. Update – Signalization Interchange 123/495

Mr. Yunits stated traffic signals are warranted at this location (Route 123/495) and this has been forwarded to Mass DOT and the Town of Norton's State reps and Senator. Next steps will require approval of Mass DOT and design and construction, so hopefully the State reps will work with the Town and move this through.

. Update – Hydrant Flushing Program

Hydrant flushing has begun. There have been a few complaints regarding very rusty water. The first week of flushing ends tonight, and referenced streets to be flushed. He was aware it does stir up rust in the pipes and eventually hopefully the rust is out of the entire system.

Mr. Yunits said the State does require testing for manganese, therefore, it will need to be sampled on a quarterly basis.

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Mr. Yunits noted there was a Zoning Board vacancy as well as vacancies on the Town Building Committee.

Mrs. Steele said the Board is also looking to have a complete list generated to them of all the openings/vacancies.

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Congratulations were extended to the Town of Norton's Treasurer/Collector, Catherine VanDyne, who successfully passed her examination and is now designated a "Certified Massachusetts Municipal Collector" and will receive certificate on November 19.

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The ABCC was referenced and Sunday morning liquor store sales will begin on October 23 starting at 10 a.m. It is actually allowed by right for anyone that has a license. It was noted the change of hours application should be adjusted for those utilizing this change.

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Mr. Yunits said the Town received a notice from the Mass Commission Against Discrimination as some establishments in Town have not been accepting a Massachusetts i.d. card for those who do not have a Massachusetts license.

V. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Bramwell noted the Board discussed 274 East Main Street at the last meeting. He looked at plans and appears they are taking hill down 18" and increasing road area; a one foot rise in road will occur so wanted to advise other members of Board. He spoke of also looking at possibility of an easement on the side of the cemetery; the stone wall is on property, and the extra space Mr. Kimball spoke of is in the rear. It appears curb hits the property line.

Mr. Kimball communicated to Mr. Yunits that the Water & Sewer Commission should send a letter to homeowners indicating that they may need to make that connection. Within five years those residents/people must connect to Town sewerage and all residents/people affected need to be notified. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kimball encouraged these property/home owners to contact Water & Sewer Dept. and developer of project to possibly "soften the blow" of the cost, etc.

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

Appointments for Cultural Council and Commission on Disability; and Town Meeting Warrant will be discussed/completed.

Mr. Kimball said possibly someone can come in for the next meeting for National Preparedness Month.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Declaration by the Chairman, Mrs. Steele, at 7:42 P.M.:

I declare, under General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21A(a)(3), that the purpose of the executive session will be to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, because a discussion of the collective bargaining strategy in open session could compromise the purpose of the executive session and with the Board to not return to open session at the conclusion of the open session.

MOTION was made at 7:43 P.M. by Mr. Bramwell that the Board of Selectmen go into executive session under G.L. c.30A, Section 21(a)(3) for the purposes and reasons declared by the Chairman and with the Board to not return to open session thereafter. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet A. Sweeney
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

Documents Distributed/Reviewed at September 18, 2014, Board of Selectmen Meeting

. Letter dated August 30, 2014, addressed to Office of the Board of Selectmen, from Joseph A. Costa, Adjutant/Treasurer, Disabled American Veterans, Westcott-Houghton Chapter 56, North Attleborough, MA, regarding request of permit for the annual Forget-Me-Not Drive to be held October 2-4, 2014

. Request for parade/Motorcade Permit (Applicant: Leah Fernandes Memorial Fund/Kate Tracy re: 5K Road Race to benefit local families and Cops for Kids with Cancer, to be held September 27, 2014

. Letter dated September 11, 2014, addressed to Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager-Town of Norton, from Paul L. Mission, Transportation Planning Manager, SRPEDD Re: Interstate 495 and Route 123 Interchange – Traffic Signal Warrant Analysis

. Letter dated September 11, 2014, addressed to Board of Selectmen, from Daniel A. Pearson re: interest in becoming a member of Norton Conservation Commission

. Proclamation: National Preparedness Month, September 2014 (dated and signed September 18, 2014 by the Board of Selectmen)

. October 20, 2014 Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant

. FY15 Estimated Operating Revenues and Expenditures (Rev date 9/11/14); Town Of Norton Local Receipts Snapshot (Rev dated 9/15/14)

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MARY T. STEELE, CHAIRMAN

BRADFORD K. BRAMWELL, VICE-CHAIR

TIMOTHY R. GIBLIN, CLERK

ROBERT W. KIMBALL, JR.

ROBERT S. SALVO, SR.

Dated: _____