

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 5, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

The March 5, 2015, Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mrs. Steele, Chairman, at 7:00 P.M., held in the First Floor Conference Room.

A. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Mary T. Steele, Chairman; Mr. Bradford 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 bi-weekly payroll for the period ended February 28, 2015, Warrant #53, dated March 5, 2015, in the amount of \$1,108,822.10

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended February 28, 2015, Warrant #53, dated March 5, 2015, in the amount of \$1,108,822.10. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Approve bills Warrant #54, dated March 5, 2015, in the amount of \$1,221,747.76

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve bills Warrant #54, dated March 5, 2015, in the amount of \$1,221,747.76. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Approve Minutes – October 9, 2014

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve the Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, dated October 9, 2014, as written. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. Application of Norton High School Track Boosters for 5K Road Race, fundraiser for Track Team, Saturday, October 24, 2015, 10:15 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve Application of Norton High School Track Boosters for 5K Road Race, fundraiser for Track Team, Saturday, October 24, 2015, 10:15 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., and to waive all fees. Second by Mr. Bramwell.

Discussion: Mr. Bramwell respectfully requested a stipulation be added to this Motion to ensure signage is posted in area alerting residents to this Race.

Mr. Yunits responded there is usually electric signage for these races.

Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election in Norton are currently available at the Town Clerk's Office. The last day to obtain nomination papers is Friday, March 6th at 5:00 P.M. The Annual Town Election in Norton will be held on Tuesday, April 28th. A full listing of available offices and calendar of candidate deadlines as well as additional information for potential candidates is available on the Town's website at www.nortonma.org

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A fundraiser/benefit for the Master Sgt. Trent Memorial will be held tomorrow evening, March 6, 2015, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the TPC Boston. Tickets are \$50.00 and can be purchased at the door. The Gold Star Committee is sponsoring this.

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Vote to call Special Town Meeting and Open Warrant

Mr. Yunits reviewed the timeline.

MOTION was made by Kimball to call a Special Town Meeting on May 11 and to be scheduled as per town manager, and to also Open Warrant. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. FY16 Revenue Update

Mr. Yunits noted he just learned late yesterday that there was \$179,156 net increase in state aid. He stated he still had to cut \$200,000; it is a very difficult year.

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Yunits said next week starts various Town departments appearing before Finance Committee regarding their budgets, etc.

Mr. Kimball said he was speaking as a member of the Capital Improvements Committee, and budgets/available funding is not looking favorable at this point.

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Mr. Yunits said the Fire Chief reported they did receive a 2015 Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) and Senior Safe grant; \$5,023 for S.A.F.E. grant and \$2,995 for Senior SAFE. He thanked the Fire Department for their efforts in receiving these grants.

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On Tuesday evening, March 10, at 6 P.M. at the J.C. Solmonese, there will be an Attleboro Landfill Project meeting and he contacted Mr. Cummings regarding route desired by Board of Selectmen.

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Mr. Yunits provided the Board an update on snow and ice; as of this morning it was \$195,828.00 and it will increase because the Highway Department is out salting today and salt will need to be replenished.

It was discussed that per dollar spent, the Town of Norton is doing an excellent job compared to many other towns.

Mr. Yunits added that Mr. Silver, Highway Superintendent, also does a great job monitoring subs that the Town utilizes.

D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

It was noted the Easton Fire Chief commended the Norton Fire Department for assisting in a large fire in the town of Easton. The Board of Selectmen appreciated this effort by the Norton Fire Department.

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining

IX. ADJOURNMENT

DECLARATION BY THE CHAIRMAN:

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 this 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 executive session.

MOTION BY MEMBER:

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin at 8:02 P.M.:

I move that the Board go into executive session under G.L. c.30A, Section 21A(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. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet A. Sweeney
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

Documents Distributed/Reviewed at March 5, 2015, Board of Selectmen Meeting

- . Draft Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated October 9, 2014

- . Request for Parade/Motorcade Permit: Applicant-Norton High School Track Boosters for 5K Road Race, fundraiser for Track Team, Saturday, October 24, 2015, 10:15 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

- . Letter dated February 18, 2015 addressed to Chief Paul J. Schleicher, Norton Fire Department, from Kevin P. Patridge, Chief of Department, Easton Fire & Rescue Department, thanking and commending Norton Fire Department personnel for assistance with an Easton fire

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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: _____