



TOWN OF NORTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

The September 3, 2015, Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mr. Bramwell, Chairman, at 7:00 P.M., held in the First Floor Conference Room.

- A. ROLL CALL: Mr. Bradford Bramwell, Chairman; Mr. Timothy R. Giblin, Vice-Chair; Mr. Robert K. Kimball, Jr., Clerk; Mr. Robert S. Salvo, Jr.; and Mrs. Mary T. Steele were present. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was also present.

- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

- A. Approve bills Warrant #13, dated August 27, 2015, in the amount of \$402,017.69
MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bills Warrant #13, dated August 27, 2015, in the amount of \$402,017.69. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended August 29, 2015, Warrant #14, dated September 3, 2015, in the amount of \$1,166,285.67

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended August 29, 2015, Warrant #14, dated September 3, 2015, in the amount of \$1,166,285.67. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Approve bills Warrant #15, dated September 3, 2015, in the amount of \$435,987.13

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bills Warrant #15, dated September 3, 2015, in the amount of \$435,987.13

- D. Approve Minutes – March 5, 2015 Executive Session
April 30, 2015

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated March 5, 2015-Executive Session, as written. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: All In Favor of Motion, except for Mr. Bramwell who “abstained” and Mr. Salvo who voted “present”. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated April 30, 2015, as written. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. Continued from August 27, 2015 Meeting – Request of George Ibrahim, Trans-International Auto, Inc. d/b/a Route 123 Motors, 406 Old Colony Road, for an increase in vehicles, from 14 to 40 vehicles

Mr. Kimball said he was not in attendance for this agenda item held on August 27, 2015.

Mr. Bramwell stated he believed the Board had no problem with the increase in number of spaces, but felt the neighbors/abutters should be notified.

Parking/expansion was discussed.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve the Request of George Ibrahim, Trans-International Auto, Inc. d/b/a Route 123 Motors, 406 Old Colony Road, for an increase in vehicles, from 14 to 40 vehicles. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Application of Kate Tracy for 5K Walk/Run 5th Annual Leah Fernandes memorial to be held Saturday, September 19, 2015, 9:30 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve Application of Kate Tracy for 5K Walk/Run 5th Annual Leah Fernandes Memorial to be held Saturday, 19, 2015, 9:30 A.M. – 12:00 Noon, and to add signage stating road to be closed. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Day of Remembrance Blood Drive to be held Friday, September 11, 2015, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Fenway Park, Gate D, Yawkey Way, Boston, MA (1-800-RED CROSS or redcrossblood.org).

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2015 Norton Reservoir Clean Up Day to be held September 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. For more info, contact Norton Kayak Co. at 508-740-7728 or info@nortonkayakco.com.

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On September 26, the Gold Star Committee will be holding a yard sale to be held in front of Yelle School; residents can donate to cause or donate items.

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Employment Opportunity: Full-Time Assistant Town Accountant. Job description and employment application available at: www.nortonma.org. Qualified candidates should send cover letter, resume, and employment application to James Puello, Town Accountant, Norton Municipal Center, 70 East Main Street, Norton, MA

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Employment Opportunity: Full-Time Police Administrative Assistant. Employment application and job description are available at: www.nortonma.org. Qualified candidates should send cover letter, resume, and employment application to: Town Manager's Office – REF: Police AA, 70 East Main Street, Norton, MA

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Hydrant Flushing Program to begin on Monday, September 7, 2015

- V. BUSINESS**
 - A. NEW BUSINESS**
 - B. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Town By-Law Committee

Mr. Giblin said they were seeking some candidates to form this Committee. Committee should be made up of four members. Mr. Bramwell will reach out to Mr. Fernandes regarding this Committee.

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

. Slope Repair Update

Mr. Yunits provided update to the Board.

. Energy Aggregation Update

Mr. Yunits indicated a meeting would be held regarding this.

. Town Meeting Update

Mr. Yunits noted he provided a list to Board of Town Meeting Articles.

Mr. Yunits referenced the Senior Work Program and stated he sent some info to Assessors Office regarding this. There is a need to take out minimum wage part; some towns increase it from \$550 to \$750 and Mr. Yunits further explained. If there are more than 20 applicants there will be a lottery system.

Mr. Yunits said there was also a Petition Article regarding church property.

. Soliciting Requirements Discussion

Discussion ensued on the requirements.

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Brodeck and Rhodes was referenced and Mr. Kimball said some residents have concerns regarding the output of light and what impact it may have on the environment. Mr. Kimball said if the Town does not take advantage of this, the company may go to other towns.

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It was noted road closure on Route 123 (274 East Main Street) project is still planning to be September 14 to 17 for road construction. It was noted the Board will be kept updated on progress.

D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Kimball indicated he had spoken to Mr. Yunits recently regarding waiving the Town's right for 61A on piece of land - Houghton Farm. Entire parcel will be for sale and he felt it was up to the Board to look at sitting down with present owners. This is one of the only large parcels of land the Town has left to look at for a limited commercial industrial use and it is up to the Board of Selectmen to take initiative. He said they can probably get some assistance to open up a negotiation of some sort and a partner who does that type of development, or do it by themselves. Instead of another 40B to be potentially developed, the Town should look into it; as Norton is still not at its 10%. Mr. Yunits said he will try to set up a meeting with realtor for owner.

Mr. Bramwell asked for Board to be advised of date and some members from Board of Selectmen may be interested in attending.

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Mr. Kimball referenced one of the 40B projects in Town (Strawberry Fields) and stated ten years is a long time. The review process was referenced and wondered if this time is taking too long. How far in the process can they reopen this and how much discussion are they able to have regarding it?

Mr. Salvo stated if this 40B passes, it is only a mile away from the 274 East Main Street project, along with 200+ units planned behind Target in Easton; this will have a huge impact on Route 123 and is concerning.

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Mr. Bramwell stated during the August 6, 2015 Board of Selectmen meeting he had said some negative things regarding the TPC ownership and management which were uncalled. He apologized to those who elected him as he promised he would always listen to both sides. Mr. Bramwell said the TPC has been a good addition to this Town and is also a financial benefit. The school system receives fees for rentals; police/fire details total between \$200,000 - \$300,000; and local vendors/businesses are visited, etc. We are fortunate to have the TPC in Town and having met with leadership/management, he looks forward to working with them in the future in a positive manner.

VI. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

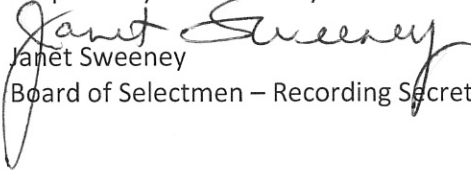
. Request of Joseph A. Costa, Adjutant, Disabled American Veterans, for annual Forget-Me-Not Drive permit, to be held Thursday, October 1st, Friday, October 2nd, Saturday, October 3rd, and Sunday, October 4th, 2015, at Roche Bros. Supermarket, 175 Mansfield Avenue, Norton

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Adjourn at 7:40 P.M. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote:
Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Janet Sweeney
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

Documents Distributed/Reviewed at September 3, 2015, Board of Selectmen Meeting

- . Board of Selectmen Draft Minutes of Meeting dated April 30, 2015; and March 5, 2015 (Executive Session)

- . Correspondence dated August 17, 2015, addressed to Town of Norton, from Trans-International Auto, Inc. d/b/a Route 123 Motors, 406 Old Colony Road – George Ibrahim (owner) , regarding request for increase in vehicles from 14 to 40

- . Application of Kate Tracy for 5K Walk/Run 5th Annual Leah Fernandes Memorial , to be held Saturday, September 19, 2015, 9:30 A.M. – 12:00 Noon


- . Fall Annual Town Meeting Articles – October 19, 2015

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BRADFORD K. BRAMWELL, CHAIRMAN



TIMOTHY R. GIBLIN, VICE-CHAIR



ROBERT W. KIMBALL, JR., CLERK



ROBERT S. SALVO, SR.



MARY T. STEELE

Dated: 1/14/16