



TOWN OF NORTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

The October 15, 2015 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mr. Bramwell, Chairman, at 7:00 P.M., held in a the First Floor Conference Room.

- A. ROLL CALL: Mr. Bradford Bramwell, Chairman; Mr. Timothy R. Giblin, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Mary T. Steele; 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 #22, dated October 8, 2015, in the amount of \$825,363.21
MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bills Warrant #22, dated October 8, 2015, in the amount of \$825,363.21. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous.
MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended October 10, 2015, Warrant #23, dated October 15, 2015, in the amount of \$1,161,652.53
MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended October 10, 2015, Warrant #23, dated October 15, 2015, in the amount of \$1,161,652.53. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.
- C. Approve bills Warrant #24, dated October 15, 2015, in the amount of \$160,741.90
MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bills Warrant #24, dated October 15, 2015, in the amount of \$160,741.90. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.
- D. Approve Minutes – August 25, 2015
MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated August 25, 2015, as written. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. Application of Edward J. Brault for the Veterans' Day Parade, to observe the occasion, to be held Wednesday, November 11, 2015, 10:00 A.M. – Approximately 11:00 – 11:15 A.M.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve Application of Edward J. Brault for the Veterans' Day Parade, to observe the occasion, to be held Wednesday, November 11, 2015, 10:00 A.M. – Approximately 11:00 – 11:15 A.M. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Annual Town Meeting to be held October 19, 2015, at 7:00 P.M., in the Norton High School Auditorium
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Norton Fire Department Open House will be held October 18 from 1 to 4 P.M.
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V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Award Salt Bid

Mr. Yunits said a number of towns are part of this consortium. Eastern Minerals was the low bidder, but 10% higher than last year, bidding \$65.80/ton.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Award Salt Bid to Eastern Minerals, Inc. for price of \$65.80/ton. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Proclamation – November 13, 2015 “World Pancreatic Cancer Day”

This Proclamation was read aloud by Mr. Kimball.

Mr. Bramwell said hopefully they find a cure for this deadly disease.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss and/or Vote on October 19th Fall Annual Town meeting Warrant Articles

Article 22 – Stabilization Fund

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to support Article 22 in the amount of \$100,000. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 21 – Digital Signs/Electronic Messaging

Mr. Yunits said he attended a Planning Board meeting and presented bylaw. Some discussion by the Planning Board where this would be changing character of Town, but Mr. Yunits emphasized area they are in is Route 495 and would only accommodate a maximum of three signs. This company could go further down highway to another town/city. Three signs would bring in almost \$1,000,000 to the Town. He said the Planning Board amended Article and voted 4-3 against this. FinCom voted in support of it. Mr. Yunits said he was not against changes Planning Board made. There were some questions on brightness of sign, however, he noted street lights are brighter than these signs. Town can also utilize these signs for fundraising efforts, etc.

Mr. Giblin said location is important and noted it will be on Route 495.

Attorney Ralph Pellegrini showed aerial photo “Overall Plan-Norton, MA October 15, 2015” presentation.

Mr. Kimball said this is worth a lot of money to the Town of Norton. He reiterated most people won’t know if they are driving through Norton, Taunton, or another town. They should take advantage of this.

Mr. Bramwell said Town has a billboard already across from Downtown Café.

Mrs. Steele said it is fortunate there are no residential homes in area; she noted there were a few houses on South Washington Street and a neighborhood there.

Attorney Pellegrini said there would be no illumination and would be 1400 feet away from any houses, with a max height of 70 feet.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to support Article 21. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 20: Petitioned Zoning Amendment

Mr. Yunits said there was some reservation on what type of control the Town has on future development. Kilburn Glass was referenced, and whoever buys land would need to research this as he was not sure what type of materials are used by Kilburn (chemicals, etc.).

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to support Article 20. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 18: Bylaw Amendment – Mandatory Sewer Connection

Mr. Yunits stated Water & Sewer Commission is supposed to be making some changes. They may come to Town Meeting.

Mr. Kimball said this would clean up the Article where people won't be required to pay/connect (not responsibility of homeowners who purchased these homes).

Mr. Yunits said this Article as written will be moved, but Amendment will be made at Town Meeting.

Mrs. Steele said multiple copies of the Amendment should be generated and a pdf file sent to town clerk's office.

Mr. Kimball said also Town Counsel needs to opine that Amendment is fine.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to support Article 18 as long as proper language is in bylaw to exempt Keith and Keene Drive having to pay for connection tie-in. Second by Mr. Giblin.

Discussion: Mr. Bramwell said the Board supports the intent of Article 18 to eliminate confusion of certain "K" streets, specifically Keith Drive and Keene Way.

Mrs. Steele agreed the Board supports intent but this is a concern and she will wait until Town Meeting for actual Amendment. She said she cannot support it now.

Mr. Giblin said he will support this Article so it goes to Town Meeting.

Mr. Bramwell said it can wait until Monday evening (Town Meeting) and will need to obtain a copy of Amendment, but still will need to vote on the Article in Warrant.

Discussion to Table this to Monday evening, October 19, 2015.

It was noted Mrs. Steele may not be able to attend meeting on Monday evening.

Article 7:

\$600,000 – FinCom to Capital.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to support Article 7. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 6: No Action Needed per Mr. Yunits.

Article 5:

FY16 Water Operating Budget Amendments which FinCom recommended. Mr. Yunits said DOR would look at this (if not supported, the Town won't be able to set their tax rate).

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to support Article 5 as written. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 4 - FY16 Operating Budget Amendments.

\$334,839 recommended; to add \$79 to it because of SRPEDD assessment and came in a bit higher than anticipated. Of this amount, \$181,000 will be received by School Department. Police and Fire Department requests were cut in May and now adding additional funding to Fire and Police Departments.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to support Article 4. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 2 – Collective Bargaining.

This is funding of two years of Norton Police Association Contract. FinCom recommended.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to support Article 2. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

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Discussion regarding Town By-Law Review Committee.

Mr. Yunits indicated he spoke to the Town Clerk and this could be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Bramwell suggested the Board of Selectmen review this during a Thursday night meeting, possibly in November.

Mr. Kimball suggested Mr. Yunits send a letter to department heads to see if there are any changes they are seeking.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

. Energy Aggregation Update

Mr. Yunits said they are on track to get out to bid in November. A comparison will be mailed out to residents regarding National Grid and the other energy company.

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. SRPEDD - \$160,000 budget from Route 123 to just before Route 95 Foxboro on Route 140 (two year study by SRPEDD) regarding traffic congestion, etc.

Mr. Kimball said Route 140 and Route 123 intersection by Wheaton College and hump-in-road on Route 140 should be looked at also.

Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Yunits to also ask DOT to take a look at signs in Town Common area.

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Mr. Yunits referenced the former building/property of Reed & Barton, and indicated he received a call from a resident and the Town is working with their attorneys to see what can be done. If it is a hazardous waste issue, the appropriate state agency will be involved. No sprinkler system in the building currently because it is not maintaining heat. It is a huge issue for the Fire Department.

Mr. Giblin noted it is a safety issue if it caught on fire.

D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1.Appointment of Mary Ann D'Andrea, Full-Time Assistant Town Accountant, in the Town Accountant's Office

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve/reaffirm the Appointment of Mary Ann D'Andrea, Full-Time Assistant Town Accountant, in the Town Accountant's Office, with an effective start date of November 2, 2015. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Appointment of Lisa T. Carvalho, Full-Time Administrative Assistant, in the Police Department
MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve/reaffirm the appointment of Lisa T. Carvalho, Full-Time Administrative Assistant in the Police Department, with an effective start date of November 2, 2015. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

3. Resignation of Thomas Stanton from the Parks & Recreation Commission, effective October 31, 2015

Mr. Bramwell asked Mr. Yunits to send Mr. Stanton a letter of thanks for his service to the Town from the Board of Selectmen.

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Giblin said an additional \$100,000 Disaster Recovery Funds from Governor Baker was well needed.
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Mr. Kimball referenced Houghton Farm and would like Town Manager to take a look at it and call the appropriate parties to inquire about this land.

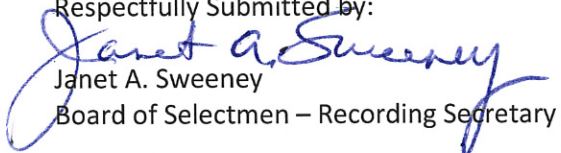
VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to Adjourn at 8:15 P.M. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Janet A. Sweeney
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

Documents Presented at October 15, 2015, Board of Selectmen Meeting

- . Board of Selectmen Draft Minutes of Meeting, dated August 25, 2015

- . Application of Edward J. Brault for the Veterans' Day Parade, to be held Wednesday, November 11, 2015, 10:00 A.M. – Approximately 11:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.

- . Town of Norton Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting – October 19, 2015

- . Salt Bid (Joint Purchase of Salt 2015-2016) Documentation -Eastern Minerals bid of \$65.80/Ton

- . Proclamation-Resolution Declaring November 13, 2015 "World Pancreatic Cancer Day" in the Town of Norton

- . Memorandum addressed to Board of Selectmen, dated October 5, 2015, from James Puello, Town Accountant, Re: Notice of Appointment of Full-Time Assistant Town Accountant (Mary Ann D'Andrea)

- . Memorandum addressed to Board of Selectmen, dated October 15, 2015, from Michael Yunits, Town Manager, Re: Notice of Appointment of Police Administrative Assistant (Lisa Carvalho)

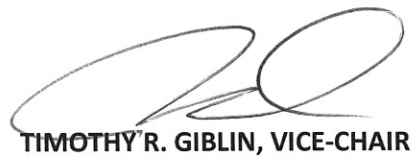
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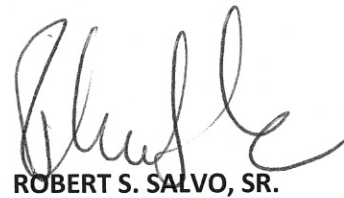
BRADFORD K. BRAMWELL, CHAIRMAN




TIMOTHY R. GIBLIN, VICE-CHAIR



ROBERT W. KIMBALL, JR., CLERK



ROBERT S. SALVO, SR.



MARY T. STEELE

Dated: 11/28/16