



TOWN OF NORTON

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Michael D. Yunits
Town Manager

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF MEETING OCTOBER 29, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

The October 29, 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; Mr. Robert W. Kimball, Jr.; and Mr. Robert S. Salvo, Sr., were present. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was also present.

- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

- A. Approve bills Warrant #25, dated October 22, 2015, in the amount of \$483,305.80
MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bills Warrant #25, dated October 22, 2015, in the amount of \$483,305.80. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous.
MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended October 24, 2015, Warrant #26, dated October 29, 2015, in the amount of \$1,190,767.26

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended October 24, 2015, Warrant #26, dated October 29, 2015, in the amount of \$1,190,767.26. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Approve bills Warrant #27, dated October 29, 2015, in the amount of \$872,261.45

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bills Warrant #27, dated October 29, 2015, in the amount of \$872,261.45. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Approve Minutes –
No Minutes were reviewed/approved.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Veterans' Day Parade will be held Wednesday, November 11, 2015, with a 10 A.M. step-off (the Norton High School Band will also be performing).

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1.7:05 P.M. HEARING – Petition from National Grid to remove tree guy on pole numbered 801-50, per customer request. Also to install 35' pole to be numbered 801-84 across from and to support pole 801-50 on curve of road on Maple Street

Legal Notice was read aloud.

Rep, Mr. Fraser, from National Grid explained what they were seeking to do.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve Petition from National Grid to remove tree guy on pole numbered 801-50, per customer request. Also to install 35' pole to be numbered 801-84 across from and to support pole 801-50 on curve of road on Maple Street. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Kimball indicated he was also a member of the Town Common Revitalization Committee and noted there were some moving of guy wires that needed to be done and wanted to mention this since National Grid rep was present this evening, and advise Town Manager of this.

2. 7:15 P.M. – 2016 TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING

Ms. Cathcart indicated the property values in Town have increased a bit; up to a maximum of 3% but mostly at 1.7%. The average bill will be increasing about \$164.00 for a single family residence.

There are increases proposed for small commercial - \$198.00; large commercial is \$916.00.

Mrs. Steele believed the tax rate should be left the same, especially where the small businesses donate/fundraise so much for the Town of Norton.

Mr. Kimball and Mr. Bramwell agreed with the single tax rate.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve a Single Tax Rate with a Factor of One. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

3. Review and/or vote on revisions to the Senior Work-Off Program

Mr. Yunits stated he met with Lisa Cathcart, Director of Assessing, and assessors, and was providing Board with the current bylaw with changes. Mr. Yunits explained changes, including, but not limited to, proposing minimum wage rate and amended language. He explained on the next paragraph, a change to #4, only one tax credit per house.

Ms. Cathcart stated the changes seemed fair.

Mr. Kimball wanted to reiterate, this is not a “handout”, residents/seniors work for this and believed that some people may feel too proud to do this. If there are not a lot of applicants, Town Manager or Ms. Cathcart need to advise the Board and an outreach program can be considered.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to accept revisions to the Senior Work-Off Program Bylaw. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

4. Vote to appoint Town Manager Michael D. Yunits the Town of Norton’s primary representative and appoint an alternate representative to attend the SRPEDD Group Bid Day for the SRPEDD Community Electricity Aggregation and duly authorized to execute a contract for supply of electricity (ESA) for residents and businesses on Basic Service with the local utility

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to appoint Town Manager Michael D. Yunits the Town of Norton’s primary representative to attend the SRPEDD Group Bid Day for the SRPEDD Community Electricity Aggregation and duly authorized to execute a contract for supply of

electricity (ESA) for residents and businesses on Basic Service with the local utility. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to appoint Vice-Chairman Mr. Giblin as the Town of Norton's alternate representative to attend the SRPEDD Group Bid Day for the SRPEDD Community Electricity Aggregation and duly authorized to execute a contract for supply of electricity (ESA) for residents and businesses on Basic Service with the local utility. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Yunits stated the paving will be done tomorrow on Route 123, therefore, road will be shut down and alert to residents done also.

D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Appointment of Water/Sewer Technician

Mr. Bernie Marshall, Superintendent of Water & Sewer Department, introduced Mr. Maloney and stated with this appointment, they will now be at full staff after 2 ½ years.

The Board welcomed Mr. Maloney to the Town of Norton!

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to appoint Michael Maloney, Jr., effective November 2, 2015. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

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While Mr. Marshall was present this evening, he took the opportunity to discuss flushing. Flushing will occur from Taunton Avenue toward Route 123/Attleboro line. This is a rural area; not like last four to five evenings of flushing. He said approximately 12 people had complained from the Power Street area but now things have calmed down. He noted he bought two more signs as well. Mr. Marshall said he is also investigating a FaceBook page and hoped to have it up and running by springtime 2016.

Mrs. Steele said she appreciated the fact the Water & Sewer Department is making residents aware of what is happening.

Mr. Kimball referenced the flushing and noted that Wheaton College recently had a problem and parents of students were questioning if the Town had quality water and this was communicated by the President of Wheaton College. He suggested to Mr. Marshall that Wheaton College/that area is done first and with 1,000 new students at Wheaton College, need an alternative plan.

Mr. Marshall responded that idea may or may not work out well. He said a hydraulic model is being worked on by Weston & Sampson.

Mr. Kimball said it would be beneficial if the College could be advised in advance regarding the water flushing program, etc.

Mr. Marshall agreed with this and spoke of being more pro-active.

Mr. Marshall spoke of the importance of flushing and the \$8.9M price-tag of the treatment facility.

Mr. Marshall noted off of Bay Road there is a huge amount of pre-European archaeological examination that has been done; artifacts were found. He noted Winnecunnet Pond was basically King Philip's "playground". He said the Water Department hired their own archaeologist at a cost of \$68,000 and price will probably increase. A MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) will need to be developed.

Mr. Marshall stated they are on SRF list for a funding source. They will also look at alternative sites and potentially purchasing water from other towns. He may have to spend more money on this issue. Mr. Marshall said if bones are found, the project will have to be shut down. He said they need to be certain they can utilize this area before a shovel is put in ground.

Mr. Kimball recommended an area should be used away from Winnecunnet and in an area away from water bodies. He suggested Mr. Marshall take a look at land near Route 495 (State-owned land).

Mr. Marshall said they are looking at alternatives.

Mr. Yunits spoke of the expense of \$9M on a treatment plant; Taunton and desal plant both are looking to sell water. Need to analyze the cost to maintain that plant for 20 years vs. buying water from those two entities.

Mr. Kimball stated if a piece of land is found, the Board of Selectmen will help. That Winnecunnet area has a lot of historical significance and unsure if it makes sense to continue in that location.

Mr. Marshall responded he will bring that back to his Board.

2. Resignation of Elizabeth Fogerty from the Council on Aging, effective November 1, 2015

It was noted a thank you letter should be sent to Ms. Fogerty.

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Kimball thanked the Recreation Committee on another successful Halloween Parade. He also thanked local businesses for donating, assisting, and participating. Mr. Kimball said this was his 20th consecutive Halloween Parade.

Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Yunits to have someone in from Norton Cable Access to fix sound system issues in the Town Hall and also for Town Meetings which are held at the schools.
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Mr. Kimball stated the Town Revitalization Committee met recently and Committee is busy with creative ways to repair fence/railing, and also wants to raise more money. At next Town Meeting, they will be seeking \$100,000 and will actively seek donations as well. Fortunately, they have a group of local small businesses that will work for free labor, but the Committee will need to pay for parts/supplies. Mr. Silver, Highway Superintendent, said he will help take fence down and send to the specialty repair shop in Andover to be repaired. They do have a plan in place for this.
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Mr. Bramwell thanked all the people who attended Town Meeting; it was nice to see democracy actually working.

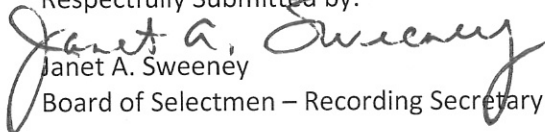
VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Adjourn at 8:18 P.M. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Janet A. Sweeney
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

Documents Distributed/Viewed at October 1, 2015, Board of Selectmen Meeting

- . Public Hearing Notice, dated October 15, 2015, regarding October 29, 2015 Hearing for Petition from National Grid to remove tree guy on pole numbered 801-50, per customer request. Also to install 35' pole to be numbered 801-84 across from and to support pole 801-50 on curve of road on Maple Street
- . Petition from National Grid, dated October 14, 2015, to remove tree guy on pole numbered 801-50, per customer request. Also to install 35' pole to be numbered 801-84 across from and to support pole 801-50 on curve of road on Maple Street
- . Public Notice – FY2016 Tax Classification Hearing to be held October 29, 2015 (date of Notice: October 7, 2015), in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, Section 56, for the purpose of determining the percentages of the FY2016 local property tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property.
- . Town of Norton Tax Classification Hearing Summary FY 2016 (packet containing information presented by the Board of Assessors to the Board of Selectmen at the Annual Classification Hearing on October 29, 2015)
- . Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Program Bylaw (with noted proposed amendments-Draft Two dated 10/27/15)
- . Memorandum addressed to Board of Selectmen, dated October 19, 2015, from Michael D. Yunits, Town Manager, regarding "Notice of Appointment of Water/Sewer Technician, effective November 2, 2015 (Appointee: Michael Maloney, Jr.)
- . Memorandum addressed to the Board of Selectmen, dated October 19, 2015, from Danielle Sicard, Town Clerk, regarding Resignation of Elizabeth Fogerty from the Council on Aging, effective November 1, 2015 (Term expires June 30, 2018)

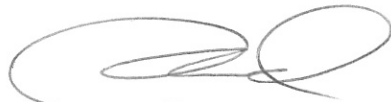
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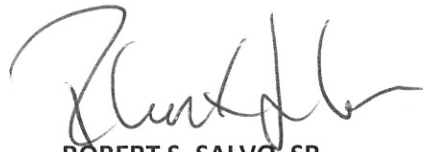
BRADFORD K. BRAMWELL, CHAIRMAN



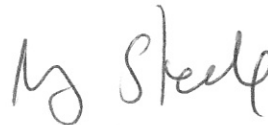
TIMOTHY R. GIBLIN, VICE-CHAIR



ROBERT W. KIMBALL, JR., CLERK



ROBERT S. SALVO, SR.



MARY T. STEELE

Dated: 2/11/16