



TOWN OF NORTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

The November 12, 2015, Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mr. Giblin, Vice-Chair, at 7:00 P.M., held in the First Floor Conference Room.

- A. ROLL CALL: Mr. Timothy Giblin, Vice-Chair; Mr. Robert K. Kimball, Jr., Clerk; Mr. Robert S. Salvo, Jr.; and Mrs. Mary T. Steele were present. Absent: Mr. Bradford K. Bramwell, Chairman. 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 November 7, 2015, Warrant #29, dated November 12, 2015, in the amount of \$1,224,815.65

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended November 7, 2015, Warrant #29, dated November 12, 2015, in the amount of \$1,224,815.65. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Approve bills Warrant #30, dated November 12, 2015, in the amount of \$73,119.62
MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bills Warrant #30, dated November 12, 2015, dated November 12, 2015, in the amount of \$73,119.62. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Approve Minutes – May 28, 2015
MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated May 28, 2015, as written. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. **LICENSES AND PERMITS**

IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

. The Special Town Meeting of December 9, 2015, will be held at the Norton Middle School; not at the High School.

V. **BUSINESS**

NEW BUSINESS

1. State Fire Marshall – Recognition and Presentation to young Norton Citizen, Connor McEttrick

Deputy Chief Myles explained on October 12 there was a structure fire at a neighbor's house and Connor McEttrick alerted his mother about this situation. Captain Alvin Fuller and Fire fighter Jim Patten awarded Connor a Certificate of Achievement from the Norton Fire Department, along with a Norton Fire Department shirt.

Cynthia Oulette, Public Education Manager from the State Marshall's Office recognized Connor for this as well as Connor's mother and father, and thanked the Town for supporting the SAFE program. It was noted Fire fighter Patten travels to schools to discuss fire safety. Fire deaths of children have dropped 70%. A second Certificate was awarded to Connor from the Fire Marshall's Office. Ms. Oulette stated Connor is the 317th person in the S.A.F.E. Young Hero's Program.

2. Vote to appoint Planning Board representative to SRPEDD Commission

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to appoint Beth Wierling as the Planning Board's representative to SRPEDD Commission. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Salvo commented he believed Beth Wierling, the Town's new Director of Planning and Economic Development, will do well for the Town.

A. OLD BUSINESS

B. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Energy Aggregation Update & National Grid Rates

Mr. Yunits said earlier in the week, the Energy Aggregation figures were received.

Mr. Kimball said residents may have received information in the mail and if a person locks in for two years, they can get out at anytime.

Mr. Giblin said National Grid keeps increases its rates; 9.4% is rate Mr. Yunit's group is at. Residents will still receive bill from National Grid, but inside bill will state the supplier name (i.e., "your supplier is XYZ"). National Grid is still the company for customer service.

Mr. Yunits also noted most of the Town's lights have been converted to LED's.

Mr. Kimball respectfully requested Mr. Yunits draft a letter regarding the Board's concerns over the increase for families. He would think they would have the opportunity to be able to purchase fuel at a lower rate. The increase of 7% is too much.

C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Resignation of Tanzil D. Amiss from Firefighter/Paramedic position with the Town of Norton Fire Department, effective November 8, 2015

MOTON was made by Mrs. Steele to accept the Resignation of Tanzil D. Amiss from Firefighter/Paramedic position with the Town of Norton Fire Department, effective November 8, 2015. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Resignation of Sue Morgado from Norton Cable Access, effective November 30, 2015

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to accept Resignation of Sue Morgado from Norton Cable Access, effective November 30, 2015. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

3. Request of Ellen Kane, Director of Media Services, Wheaton College, to be appointed to Norton Cable Access, to fill the Wheaton College representative vacancy created by the resignation of Sue Morgado, for the term December 1, 2015 – November 30, 2017

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to accept the Request of Ellen Kane, Director of Media Services, Wheaton College, to be appointed to Norton Cable Access, to fill the Wheaton College representative vacancy created by the resignation of Sue Morgado, for the term December 1, 2015 – November 30, 2017. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Kimball referenced a cable letter and agreement discussed. He was told the Town could set up a Cable Committee themselves. He said he had some concerns as he is aware the Board also does. He said this was done in the past.

Mr. Giblin said they should form a committee similar to what was done in the past.

Mr. Salvo said this needs to be done as a way to fix the issues. The longer the issues continue with cable, the worse it will be. There are many phone calls received from residents regarding the quality of the sound, etc.

Mr. Giblin said when Mr. Bramwell is here at the next meeting, they should discuss this.
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Mr. Giblin said he was unable to attend the Veterans' Day Parade that was held the day prior. He believes this is one of the most important parades and he always tries to attend it and apologized for missing it. He heard the Parade went very well.

Mr. Kimball said he did get a chance to attend. It was a nice ceremony with excellent speakers, and the band was great.

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

1.7:05 P.M. HEARING – Petition of National Grid requesting underground conduit & cable road crossing to be installed at Poles 358 & 359, on East Main Street, to provide electric service to a new commercial apartment complex.

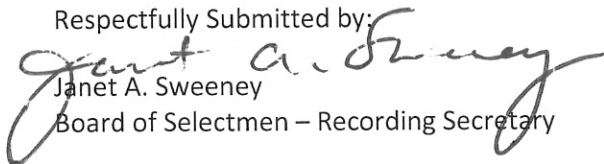
Also, it was noted, there may be a review of a TIF proposal at the next meeting.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX.ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to Adjourn at 7:38 P.M. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous.
MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully Submitted by:


Janet A. Sweeney
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

Documents Presented at November 12, 2015, Board of Selectmen Meeting

- . Board of Selectmen Draft Minutes of Meeting, dated May 28, 2015

- . Letter dated November 8, 2015 from Tanzil Amiss regarding resignation from Firefighter/Paramedic Position with the Town of Norton Fire Department, effective November 8, 2015

- . Letter addressed to Norton Board of Selectmen, from Ellen T. Kane, Director – Media Services, Wheaton College, regarding interest in position of the Cable Access Committee

- . Memorandum dated November 9, 2015, from Danielle Sicard, Town Clerk, to the Board of Selectmen, regarding Resignation of Sue Morgado from Cable Access Committee (effective November 30, 2015; Term expires November 30, 2017)

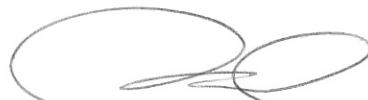
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BRADFORD K. BRAMWELL, CHAIRMAN



TIMOTHY R. GIBLIN, VICE-CHAIR



ROBERT W. KIMBALL, JR., CLERK



ROBERT S. SALVO, SR.



MARY T. STEELE

Dated: 2/11/16