



TOWN OF NORTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

The November 19, 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. Robert K. Kimball, Jr., Clerk; Mr. Robert S. Salvo, Jr.; and Mrs. Mary T. Steele were present. Absent: Mr. Timothy R. Giblin, Vice-Chair. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was also present.

- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

- A. Approve bills Warrant #31, dated November 19, 2015, in the amount of \$634,237.91

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bills Warrant #31, dated November 19, 2015, in the amount of \$634,237.91. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous.
MOTION CARRIES.**

B. Approve Minutes – October 19, 2015

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated October 19, 2015, as written. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

The Town Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
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Turkey Shoot will be held at Norton VFW, 38 Summer Street, on Friday night, November 20, at 7 P.M.

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

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

Mr. Michael Parent, Senior Designer of National Grid was present this evening and explained what exactly needed to be done.

Mr. Bramwell said it appeared National Grid never received the Board of Selectmen's information that poles needed to be moved across the street on Route 123 by Cricket's Korner/Personal best Karate as there is a pole in middle of parking lot.

Mr. Kimball stated this Board of Selectmen has been very vocal that they wanted developers to work with National Grid. This particular pole sticks out of nowhere in middle of parking lot. There is a lot of open space in that area and could move it to left to make it more safe. Campanelli/Thorndike and utility companies need to arrive at a plan. This evening Mr. Kimball stated he will not vote in favor of this and he has never denied a request from utility company in the past and has been a Board of Selectmen member for over 20 years. A plan is needed.

Mr. Bramwell agreed pole is on outside of curb and it is a dangerous situation and will postpone making a ruling on this. If it cannot be done then it cannot be done, but it needs to be looked at. Existing poles ideally should not be on same side of new development. It appears message has not gotten through to appropriate people.

Mr. Yunits said he met on site with an engineer from National Grid.

A resident of 283 East main Street, President of Kingsbury Hill, said area is a mess and also road has not been lowered and still difficulty exiting. There is no police presence for most of day either, so entire area by pole is very dangerous. She noted the road disruption and also the contractors parking in Kingsbury Hill driveway, as well as "Detour" signs not being moved at end of day.

Mr. Bramwell clarified the abutters would not be re-alerted by certified mail of this Hearing if it is continued.

Mr. Bramwell advised this rep should go back and find out if it is possible to move existing poles from Leonard Street up toward Red Mill Village on southerly part near Leonard Street and he further explained specific location.

Mr. Salvo agreed everything appears fine until Kwik Stop/Personal Best Karate plaza.

Rep said he would bring that back to his company.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to continue this Hearing to December 3, 2015 at 7:05 P.M. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Kimball said if there is not enough time, to please advise the Board/Mr. Yunits and an extension can be requested.

2. 7:15 P.M. – Joint meeting with Industrial Development Committee R e: TIF

The Industrial Committee was present.

Mr. Bramwell said he was excited to have the Committee here this evening.

Mr. Cohen, a member of the Committee, said there had been over a year long search for tenants of Commerce Way site and working with owner of that site. The Committee would strongly consider approving the TIF.

Mr. Mason said his company was based in Cambridge with 330 to 350 employees. It is a biology company and involved in rare genetic diseases, cardio metabolic area, and infectious diseases.

They also have an office in the United Kingdom. They are committee to Cambridge for their headquarters.

Mr. Cohen said value to Town of Norton is multi-layered. There will be various types of jobs and having this company would be helpful with hotel stays; retail; restaurant, etc. This is a company that is doing great things in the world.

Mr. Coughlin spoke of taking part out about guaranteeing jobs.

Mr. Kimball explained it was State mandated; need to keep it in.

Mr. Bramwell said this appears to be a win-win situation.

Mr. Lippincott said making a recommendation is one of their jobs as the Industrial Development Commission. Mr. Lippincott also thanked the Director of Planning and Economic Development, Ms. Wierling, for her assistance.

Mr. Lippincott spoke of clarification - 100% personal property tax exemption; conflict with 13 year annual property tax.

Mr. Lippincott said estimated is \$10M of real property; not personal.

It was noted this was not optional because this company has manufacturing; not subject to personal property tax.

It was noted the Finance Committee will either accept or reject it.

Mr. Lippincott said high quality companies are coming into Norton which is a good thing.

Mr. Alec Rich asked Mr. Yunits if the State recognized this?

Mr. Yunits responded, no. They will need to go through this process first and will meet December 16.

Mr. Rich stated he was concerned State won't approve because the name of Town is not on deed.

Mr. Kimball said this has been done before. He would be proud to have a company like this in Norton.

Mr. Kimball said he will support this at Town Meeting and if the Board of Selectmen can help in any way, please advise.

Mr. Bramwell hoped there would be internships.

It was noted there is a very robust internship program along with a lot of community service.

State Representative Howitt said Norton is a wonderful Town. He noted other colleges that may benefit from an internship: Bristol Community College(BCC) and Bridgewater State College, as well as Wheaton College.

Mr. Ed Tartufo, Director of Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce, said the Town's first TIF was Plantation Products which was in 1996. This is a great area with excellent colleges within the area such as Stonehill, Bridgewater, BCC, and U-Mass Dartmouth as well.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to support Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement Between The Town of Norton, Alnylam U.S., Inc., & its affiliates, And 20 Commerce LLC. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote - Roll Call: In Favor Of Motion: Mr. Salvo, Mrs. Steele, Mr. Kimball, and Mr. Bramwell (4:0). MOTION CARRIES.

3. Vote to award DPW Services Contracts, as follows:

. Pavement Reclamation (Renewal: 3rd and final year) to Murray Paving & Reclamation, Holliston, MA, for a twelve-month period 2/1/16 – 1/31/17;

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to award Pavement Reclamation (Renewal: 3rd and final year) to Murray Paving and Reclamation, Holliston, MA, for a twelve-month period 2/1/16 – 1/31/16

. In-Place Bituminous Concrete (Renewal: 3rd and final year) to Aggregate Industries, Saugus, MA, for a twelve-month period 2/1/16 – 1/31/17;

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve In-Place Bituminous Concrete (Renewal: 3rd and final year) to Aggregate Industries, Saugus, MA, for a twelve-month period 2/1/16 – 1/31/17. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

. Sidewalk Construction and Setting of Curbs and Edging (Renewal: 3rd and final year) to Capone Brothers, Randolph, MA, for a twelve-month period 2/1/16 – 1/31/17

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve Sidewalk Construction and Setting of Curbs and Edging (Renewal: 3rd and final year) to Capone Brothers, Randolph, MA, for a twelve-month period 2/1/16 – 1/31/17. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. Vote to Sign Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Program Guidelines

Mr. Yunits noted this was discussed at previous Board of Selectmen meetings and amendment was explained.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to sign Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Program Guidelines as rewritten. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

. 47 Elm Street (Reed & Barton Corporation) DEP Release of Hazardous Materials

This company had gone bankrupt. It was noted there is some TCP in ground and above limits allowed and they have been given thirty (30) days to respond.

Mr. Kimball asked who was responsible for this?

Mr. Yunits responded the Bankruptcy Judge would set money aside.

Mr. Kimball said he had some concerns about this building, and they need to keep an eye on it. If property is cleaned up, hopefully it can be marketed. Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Yunits to please keep the Board updated on this building.

. Review December 9, 2015 Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles

The first Article (Article 1) was a prior year bill for billing services for Fire Department.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to support Article 1. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 2 – Board of Health Agent, Mr. Zahner, said this is a Title V program and time to reappropriate money for this; \$250,000 per year for four years. Mr. Zahner would like to continue this program and offer it to residents.

Mr. Salvo asked for clarification that this was not for commercial buildings.

Mr. Zahner responded that was correct.

5% interest rate of resident and 2% for Town.

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

Article 3 was explained.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to support Article 3. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 4:

No Action to be taken on this Article at this time.

Mr. Kimball said now is probably not the time to ask for additional funding for Town Common per Town Common Revitalization Committee. He was uncertain how much it will cost as fence is 150 years old. Town Common Revitalization Committee decided to not move Article at Special Town Meeting. Fence may come down and be down for duration of the project. They are also considering underground electrical/sprinkler system.

Mr. Kimball stated molds will need to be made of the fence and will need to see if person planning to do this work will be actually able to restore it. It may possibly be ready/done Summer of 2017.

C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Appointment of Permanent Full Time Fire Fighter/Paramedic in the Norton Fire Department

Deputy Fire Chief Myles introduced Ryan Hughes and they were looking forward to getting him into Academy.

Mr. Hughes said he had six years of paramedic experience and will start fire academy in January.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to approve the Appointment of Brian Hughes as the Permanent Full-Time Fire Fighter/Paramedic in the Norton Fire Department. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

. Chief of Police Brian M. Clark Re: 21st Century Policing

. Laura Washington, Massachusetts Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative.

. Tentative – 2016 License Renewals

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Adjourn at 8:32 P.M. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Janet A. Sweeney
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

Documents Presented at November 19, 2015, Board of Selectmen Meeting

- . Board of Selectmen Draft Minutes of Meeting, dated October 19, 2015

- . Petition for Manhole and Duct Locations To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Norton, Massachusetts, from Massachusetts Electric Company, Manager of Distribution Design, Eric Widman, Dated October 26, 2015

- . Document: "13 Year Town of Norton Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Proposal Assumptions"

- . Tax Increment Financing Agreement Between The Town of Norton, Alnylam U.S., Inc., & its affiliates And 20 Commerce LLC, dated November 19, 2015

- . Special Town Meeting – December 9, 2015 Articles

- . "Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Program" Policy dated November 12, 2015, adopted by the Norton Board of Selectmen on November 1, 2015

- . Memorandum to Board of Selectmen, dated November 16, 2015, from Michael D. Yunits, Town Manager, Re: Notice of Appointment of Fire Fighter to the Norton Fire Department

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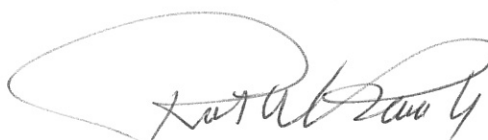
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BRADFORD K. BRAMWELL, CHAIRMAN



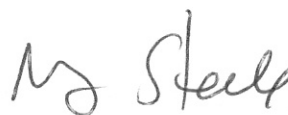
TIMOTHY R. GIBLIN, VICE-CHAIR



ROBERT W. KIMBALL, JR., CLERK



ROBERT S. SALVO, SR.



MARY T. STEELE

Dated: 2 / 11 / 16