



TOWN OF NORTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

The December 17, 2015, Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mr. Bradford Bramwell, Chairman, at 7:00 P.M., held in the First Floor Conference Room.

A. ROLL CALL: Mr. Bradford K. Bramwell, Chairman; Mr. Timothy 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 bi-weekly payroll for the period ended December 5, 2015, Warrant #35, dated December 10, 2015, in the amount of \$1,185,420.77

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended December 5, 2015, Warrant #35, dated December 10, 2015, in the amount of \$1,185,420.77. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. Approve bills Warrant #36, dated December 10, 2015, in the amount of \$845,805.39

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bills Warrant #36, dated December 10, 2015, in the amount of \$845,805.39. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

C. Approve bills Warrant #37, dated December 17, 2015, in the amount of \$840,438.72

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bills Warrant #37, dated December 17, 2015, in the amount of \$840,438.72. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

D. Approve Minutes – June 4, 2015

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated June 4, 2015, as written. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1.7:15 P.M. HEARING – Application for transfer of ownership of the Common Victualer License to Expose, Keep for Sale, and to Sell Wines and Malt Beverages To Be Drunk On the Premises, at 411B Old Colony Road, Norton, MA 02766, from Fisherman's Three, Inc., Manager: Diane Lambropoulos, to Raffaele Bruzzese d/b/a Fishmerman's Three, Manager: Raffaele Bruzzese, same address

Mr. Bruzzese said he has experience in the restaurant industry. He said it will be basically the same menu and may add subs and pizzas.

Mr. Bramwell said this is a very good restaurant and referenced the beer and wine license and noted the Town has a very strict adherence to this policy of serving alcohol.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve the transfer of ownership of the Common Victualer License to Expose, Keep for Sale, and to Sell Wines and Malt Beverages To Be Drunk On the Premises, at 411B Old Colony Road, Norton, MA 02766, from Fisherman's Three, Inc., Manager: Diane Lambropoulos, to Raffaele Bruzzese d/b/a Fisherman's Three, Manager: Raffaele Bruzzese, same address. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Application of Fisherman's Three, Manager: Raffaele Bruzzese, 411 B Old Colony Road, Norton, MA 02766, for a Common Victualler's License

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve the Application of Fisherman's Three, Manager: Raffaele Bruzzese, 411 B Old Colony Road, Norton, MA 02766, for a Common Victualler's License. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

3. 2016 License Renewals:

. Honey Dew Donuts CV
61 West Main Street * Subject to receipt of renewal Application and payment

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the CV (Common Victualler) license for Honey Dew Donuts, 61 West Main Street, Norton, MA, subject to receipt of renewal Application and payment. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was noted there would be no Town Hall evening office hours on Thursday 12/24/15 and 12/31/15 due to the holidays (Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve).

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. OUI Report Discussion

This relates to asking a person who needs to respond to law enforcements' questions of which establishment they had their last drink. Mr. Yunits noted the listing document Board had in their packets of named establishments. He said there was also a report from Police Chief Clark, indicating that at times an inaccurate establishment is named so as to not get certain establishments in trouble.

Mr. Bramwell said it was unfortunate the towns cannot contact Norton to let them know if a Norton establishment was named. He suggested they possibly speak to the Police Chief about communication between towns/cities.

Mr. Bramwell said it was unfortunate the information is not always reliable because people may not correctly name the place where they had their last drink so as not to get the establishment in trouble.

Mr. Yunits said the Police Chief did send a letter to establishments advising them they were named as the last establishment a person named as having their last drink.

2. Gary Cameron, VFW, Discussion Re: Revitalization of Circle of Flags

Mr. Cameron said they were trying to raise money with donations. The Circle of Flags will have all flags of all the armed forces around it. He noted Marcus Dennett will be donating his time and landscaping help. Dorrance Electric helping with electrical items and other businesses will be donating as well. Mr. Cameron stated he spoke to the Fire Chief and need at least 24' feet for emergency vehicles and they will have more than that. Also, as of February 19, a \$50.00 brick can be purchased for family names to be engraved on them. He clarified people do not need to be a veteran to raise funds. Other fundraisers being planned is a "Paint Night", and a meat raffle to be held on February 13. On January 9, a snow-

blower is being raffled off. Also, in February Tavern 33 will provide them a percentage on the meals purchased. Another event planned is on March 12, where a St. Patty's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served, as well as a Vegas Night, and many other upcoming fundraising events are being planned. The goal is to raise \$20,000.

Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Yunits to put this on cable.

Mr. Kimball said the Board of Selectmen can assist as needed.

Mr. Bramwell thanked Mr. Cameron and the V.F.W. for all their service and community service as well.

3. Town Clerk Position – Resignation

Mr. Yunits indicated December 26, 2015 was the last day of employment at the Town of Norton for the Town Clerk.

Mr. Yunits asked if the Board of Selectmen wanted an Interim Town Clerk. He spoke to the Assistant Town Clerk and she will work in the interim if needed. Also, the Board should consider the possible change of an elected to appointed position and, if so, the Charter would need to change and would need to have on Ballot in April 2016.

Mr. Kimball stated if Assistant Town Clerk is willing to stand in that would be fine for the interim. He said the Board tried to change the Charter previously and it was voted down. The other thing to consider is a legislative act. He said it is important the person who is the Town Clerk is qualified to do the job and possibly have this on a Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Yunits said if that is the plan, they will need to post a meeting for next week because it would need to be advertised in newspaper by 12/24/15.

Mr. Salvo had concern with inclement weather and voter turnout if there was a Special Town Meeting held.

Mr. Giblin said positive changes in the Town Clerk's Office were made with the assistance of the outgoing Town Clerk. He was concerned with an elected position as it may not be a qualified person for this capacity and he was in favor of holding a Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Yunits indicated there were 89 towns/cities in State that have an appointed Town Clerk and he will provide a list to the Board.

It was discussed they will have Carol, the Office Administrator, schedule/post a meeting next week, on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

4. Demers vs. Town of Norton

Mr. Yunits explained this relates to acceptance of Pheeney Island and Mr. Demers is willing to donate that Island to the Town. This will need to be put on as an Article on the Warrant.

Mr. Bramwell said he was grateful for the donation of the Island. The Board of Selectmen appears to support this.

Mr. Kimball recommended taking this through Board of Selectmen or Conservation Restriction.

Mr. Yunits indicated Town Counsel is looking at this for title of the property.

5. Vote to schedule Spring Annual Town Meeting

Mr. Yunits explained timeline and said May 9, 2016 would be the date and needs to be voted on by the Board.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to schedule Spring Annual Town Meeting on May 9, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at Norton High School. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

6. Vote to award contracts to the bidders listed under the Southeastern Regional Services Group (SERSG) DPW Services IFB, for a twelve-month period commencing 2/1/16 – 1/31/17. The SERSG Regional Administrator will collect these documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and present them to the Board for final approval and signature.

Mr. Yunits stated the Board was provided a three page document/list from SERSG.

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B. OLD BUSINESS

1. REVOTE the vote taken at the July 9, 2015 Board of Selectmen meeting as follows: "Vote to appoint Town Manager Michael D. Yunits as the Representative to the MFN Wastewater District Commission for a three-year term ending June 30, 2018"

Mr. Yunits said the Town is in the process of borrowing for project.

Mr. Kimball asked if this position is a paid position.

Mr. Yunits responded, no, it is not a paid position.

Mr. Kimball said in the town of Mansfield this is a paid position and this is something to discuss.

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. ALI Update

Mr. Yunits stated a meeting was recently held in Attleboro and he provided an update. He said it appears the issues are being addressed. Work will take place on Monday through Friday and no work allowed on weekends. Other issues are also being addressed, including, but not limited to, smaller trucks, air quality, etc.

Mr. Bramwell said it appears this is a new concept and they will change and address issues.

2. Update – Pole locations – East Main Street

Mr. Yunits stated work orders were in for three poles on East Main Street. He has not heard back from Verizon as yet.

Mr. Kimball said the orange barrels need to be moved and the berm (ditch) needs to be fixed.

Mr. Salvo said he was not certain as to why fire hydrant was so high.

A resident from audience said this area looks terrible. There are trees and brush on opposite side of street. Also, night driving is dangerous and orange barrels are also dangerous. Old mailbox was also left there from old house that was moved. House is still elevated and somewhat opened; not protected.

Mr. Salvo said he understood that they had to insulate the outside and inside of foundation before house was lowered.

3. Governor Baker's Legislation – An Act to Modernize Municipal Finance and Government

Mr. Yunits reviewed this information which was also in the Board's packets.

3. Discussion on GATRA service on East Main Street and Dial-A-Ride Saturday Service

Mr. Yunits said Beth Rossi had concerns and raised issue of no service in certain sections of Town. She asked Representative Barrows for services as far as Noton Glen. There is a need to have Mr. Gay from GATRA in for this and other reasons as well.

It was noted the future development at 274 East Main Street where some people who reside there may need the bus service.

Mr. Kimball spoke of the cost to possibly be shared by Easton, Mansfield, Norton if bus travels to Hannaford's Plaza in Easton, then travels into Mansfield (Route 106), etc. Mr. Kimball referenced the 40R Law and said this must be looked into.

5. FY'15 Snow and Ice Report

Mr. Yunits referenced a past article in The Boston Globe regarding the cost Massachusetts towns paid for snow and ice. Last year, many area towns paid an average spent was \$11,682 per mile and Norton was lowest at \$3,209 per mile. Mr. Silver, Highway Superintendent, and his department did an excellent job.

6. West Main @ North & South Worcester Streets Traffic Improvements

Mr. Yunits said he was contacted by a resident concerned about this intersection. Beth Wierling, Director of Planning & Economic Developer for the Town of Norton, did contact SRPEDD and Mr. Yunits was asked to send a letter to them. It is a State responsibility on Route 123 but possibly SRPEDD can make some recommendations.

Mr. Giblin said also intersection from Route 140 (by church) and Route 123 in Wheaton College area is dangerous. Could they incorporate this intersection with this project?

Mr. Salvo said both arrows on traffic lights need to be redirected. If he could obtain the key for State, he could try to redirect the arrows.

Mr. Salvo said crosswalk button does not work either in that area.

Mr. Bramwell said if something tragic happens, it is the State who should be liable.

Mr. Kimball said they could probably straighten out intersection at North Worcester Street/South Worcester Street and take some land. He noted John Drane owns that property.

Mr. Bramwell said he did think it could be straightened out. North Worcester Street is almost directly across from Chartley Pond.

Mr. Yunits said he will visit this with the Highway Superintendent, the Fire Chief, and the Chief of Police.

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Mr. Yunits said he had a conversation with a resident who was told the FIOS issue related to the Board of Selectmen not wanting FIOS. This is not accurate.

Mr. Giblin said if Verizon receives calls from residents regarding their interest in FIOS, Verizon may consider installing it in the Town of Norton, otherwise, they probably won't do so.

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Mr. Yunits said there were two TIFs that were approved at a meeting held yesterday. He thanked State Representative Barrows and Representative Howitt for attending meeting.

D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Resignation of Town Clerk, Danielle M. Sicard, effective December 26, 2015

They will be seeking an Interim Town Clerk.

2. Appointment of Interim Town Clerk

It was noted there was no Interim Town Clerk selected at this time.

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Giblin said Anthony Kolodziejczyk, a Norton resident, who is applying to West Point has been nominated by Senator Joe Kennedy, however, it does not mean he has been appointed yet. Anthony has thanked the Board of Selectmen for their assistance in the past with a letter of recommendation and he is seeking another letter of recommendation for appointment status to be sent to West Point. Mr. Giblin said he can reach out to State reps as well.

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VI. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

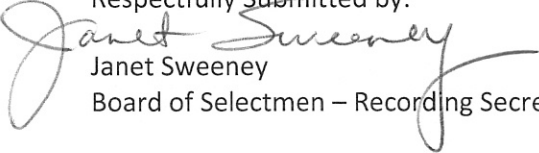
1. Laura Washington, Massachusetts Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Adjourn at 8:45 P.M. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous.
MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Janet Sweeney
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

Documents Presented at December 17, 2015, Board of Selectmen Meeting

- . Board of Selectmen Draft Minutes of Meeting dated June 4, 2015

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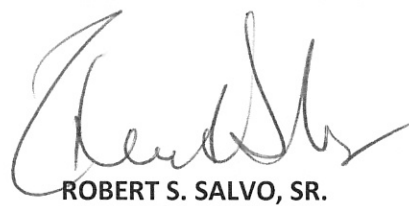
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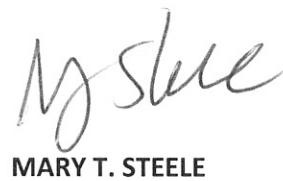
BRADFORD K. BRAMWELL, CHAIRMAN

TIMOTHY R. GIBLIN, VICE-CHAIR

ROBERT W. KIMBALL, JR., CLERK



ROBERT S. SALVO, SR.



MARY T. STEELE

Dated: 2/25/16