

TOWN OF NORTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

The January 28, 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; Mr. Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Clerk; and Mr. Robert S. Salvo, Sr., were present. Mrs. Mary T. Steele arrived at 7:15 P.M. 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 January 16, 2016, Warrant #44, dated January 21, 2016, in the amount of \$1,257,928.69

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended January 16, 2016, Warrant #44, dated January 21, 2016, in the amount of \$1,257,928.69. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Approve bills Warrant #45, dated January 21, 2016, in the amount of \$178,845.88
MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bills Warrant #45, dated January 21, 2016, in the amount of \$178,845.88. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Approve bills Warrant #46, dated January 28, 2016, in the amount of \$766,100.87
MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bills Warrant #46, dated January 28, 2016, in the amount of \$766,100.87. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Approve Minutes – October 1, 2015 Executive Session
 October 1, 2015
 October 15, 2015
 January 7, 2016

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes of the Executive Session, dated October 1, 2015, as written. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes, dated October 1, 2015, as written. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes, dated October 15, 2015, as written. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes, dated January 7, 2016, as written. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A communication from the COA (Council On Aging) Director, to residents who may be eligible for the commodity Supplemental Food Program which works to improve the health of elderly persons at least 60 years of age by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA foods. To qualify, residents must be 60 years old or older and meet certain gross monthly income guidelines. Contact Beth at COA for more information at 508-285-0235.

V. **BUSINESS**

A. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. 7:05 P.M. HEARING – Petition of National Grid for underground conduit and solely owned National grid Pole on West Hodges Street

Michael Fraser of National Grid was present and explained what they proposed to do.

Mr. Bramwell asked if there were any questions or comments from anyone in the audience. There was no response from audience.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve the Petition of National Grid for underground conduit and solely owned National Grid Pole on West Hodges Street. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. 7:15 P.M. HEARING – Petition of National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. requesting permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed on West Hodges Street

Mr. Fraser of National Grid said this would go in line with the underground one. Proposing new poles to take eliminate the long distance between poles.

A resident of 37 West Hodges Street said he had some questions on plan. He asked if any trees would need to be removed and who would be responsible?

Mr. Fraser said he has never been to this area. He said this would not be the residents' responsibility. He said they provide a ten foot radius around pole.

The resident said he was a bit concerned about placement; who will establish the property line and he believed there was no survey done as yet.

Mr. Yunits responded that National Grid would do a survey.

Resident asked if this would be done after or before they sign document? They were given paperwork for permission to do this work and documentation was sent certified mail from National Grid relating to easement, etc. He explained this was an easement for their property.

Mr. Bramwell suggested they continue this Hearing until National Grid can provide the Board with more information.

Mr. Kimball explained the residents need to know exactly where pole is going and if guy wire is also being located there.

Mr. Giblin agreed that National Grid should come back to the Board with more detail.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to continue this Hearing until February 11, 2016, at 7:05 P.M. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Bramwell asked resident to bring in a copy of the documentation to Mr. Yunits, which he received from National Grid.

Mr. Bramwell said since the National Grid representative is here this evening, he asked the representative to find out who the contact person would be for the Town of Norton to contact regarding the double pole issues and removal of them.

Mike Haskell, speaking on behalf of Haskell Farms, stated they need to know how the surveying will be handled.

Mr. Bramwell responded they should ask questions to Mr. Yunits.

Mr. Kimball said this area is from #117 to Attleboro line on both sides of street.

A resident of West Hodges Street asked who is responsible financially for wires, etc.?

Mr. Frasier responded National Grid is responsible. There is no cost to any customers.

3. Vote Re: Declaration of Support or No Support of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Funding for FY17

Mr. Bramwell said it would be beneficial to advertise telephone number of Bristol County Mosquito Control on Town Website, etc., for residents.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to support Declaration of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Funding for FY17. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

. Update on Budget Schedule

Mr. Yunits referenced the various budget-related documents. He said there was one change in Finance Committee meeting from February 24 to February 22, 2016, because there is a public hearing on February 24 for expansion of sewerage treatment plant. Also he referenced the "Cherry Sheet" that was received and reviewed information.

Mr. Yunits said next Wednesday, he should be receiving the health insurance numbers, which will play a big part of what the Town will have for spending.

D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Appointment of Permanent Full-Time Fire Fighter/Paramedic in the Norton Fire Department
It was noted this position is to fill the position of the fire fighter who resigned. Kathleen Barry is from Freetown, Massachusetts, and will move within a ten mile requirement as per civil service. She has been a paramedic since 2013. She has no fire experience, and currently works for Alert Ambulance. She received her Basic EMT license in 2010 and graduated paramedic school in 2013. Her start date is scheduled to be February 8, 2016, and the plan is she will attend the Fire Academy on March 21.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve the appointment of Kathleen Barry as a permanent Full-Time Fire Fighter/Paramedic in the Norton Fire Department, effective February 8, 2016, as requested by Town Manager. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Appointment of Full-Time Civil Service Police Officer in the Norton Police Department
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Police Chief Clark stated these positions were replacements, not new additions. The two appointees are Sean Mahoney and Michael Booher. Officer Mahoney is a full-time officer at Tufts University and Curry College and possesses a Bachelor's Degree and has also passed the medical and psychological screenings.

Officer Booher is a special police officer and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, and he holds an Associate's Degree.

Mr. Kimball congratulated the new appointees and commended Police Department on their hiring of quality personnel.

Mr. Giblin agreed, and commended the Fire Department for doing the same.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the Appointment of Sean Mahoney as a Full-Time Civil Service Police Officer in the Norton Police Department, with an effective start date of February 7, 2016. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the Appointment of Michael Booher as a Full-Time Civil Service Police Officer in the Norton Police Department, with an effective start date of April 11, 2016. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Kimball discussed the recent MMA meeting and spoke of the extreme expense of the special education costs in the Norton Public Schools, and indicated the Charter school does not have specialized programs for special education.

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Mr. Yunits referenced a past discussion the Board had of the Bylaw Review Committee and he said the Town departments will be willing to work through the bylaws and will bring them to the Board.

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New England Ice Cream will meet with the Planning Board on February 9 and on February 3 with other departments. He said as soon as Beth Wierling, the Director of Planning & Economic Development, receives the plans they will go to engineer who reviews them. Ms. Wierling is also working on the RFQ for one consultant for all departments.

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It was noted the Norton Police Department received a grant through CVS and will have a collection box in their lobby for old prescriptions/drugs people do not need any longer and this will enable them to dispose of them properly. Hopefully this will begin the beginning of February.

Mr. Kimball asked why State does not mandate certain stores (i.e., CVS Pharmacy), if they sell prescriptions/drugs, they need to take them back for disposal, etc. He said there may be a reason why this does not occur and maybe someone can look into it.).

Mr. Bramwell said there are several issues that could arise if this occurred such as the potential for illegal activity/security and that is why the Police Department handle this instead of a store.

Mr. Yunits thanked all the members of the public safety department for their professional assistance last night in assisting a ten/eleven year old girl who was instructed by Dispatch to perform cpr on her mother. He thanked the first responders to the scene and today the school had counselors available. He also thanked the chaplain who met with the public safety departments as well. Mr. Yunits stated this was a domestic violence assault and murder and was not random and the perpetrator fled in his vehicle and crashed on Route 495. Coincidentally, the Fire Chief driving on Route 495 at that time and stopped at the accident, and then the state police arrived immediately after that as well as another Norton resident, who was a state police officer.

Mr. Salvo said this was handled very professionally and he commended the Fire Department and Police Department.

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Mr. Kimball referenced the water quality and the issue of the brown water. He said they have not had a meeting with Water & Sewer yet. He inquired what would be the ten year cost to build a water treatment plant? What would be the cost for desal, and the cost to do this for the Town? He believed the Town of Norton should look at the desal program. It appears the Town cannot seem to locate a place for the plant. He asked Mr. Yunits to invite the Water & Sewer Department in for a joint meeting.

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Mr. Giblin referenced the cable company. He said the Town's contract is coming up in 2018. He spoke of the issue of needing to pay for streaming. They should discuss this with their State reps.

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Mr. Giblin said he and Mr. Kimball met with a person who auctions off vehicles with no cost to the town. This is a very interesting concept.

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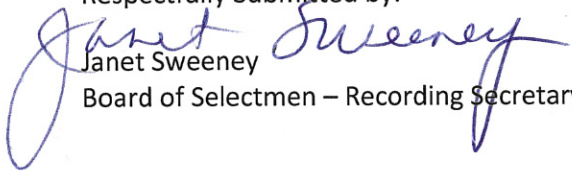
Mr. Salvo noted the Planning Board approved the project proposed at the former Bank of America site.

- VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA
- VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted by:


Janet Sweeney
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

Documents Presented at January 28, 2016, Board of Selectmen Meeting

- . Draft Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting dated October 1, 2015 (Executive Session); October 1, 2015; October 15, 2015; and January 7, 2016

- . Petition of National Grid for underground conduit and solely owned National Grid Pole on West Hodges Street

- . Petition of National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. requesting permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed on West Hodges Street

- . Correspondence from Bristol County Mosquito Control (Priscilla Matton, Superintendent) regarding Vote Re: Declaration of Support or No Support of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Funding for FY17

- . Budget Documentation: "FY2017 Local Aid Estimates"; "FY2017 Local Aid Assessments"; "FY17 Estimated Operating Revenues and Expenditures"

- . Memorandum dated January 25, 2016, to the Board of Selectmen from Michael D. Yunits, Town Manager, Re: Notice of Appointment of Fire Fighter, Kathleen Barry, effective date of February 8, 2016

- . Memorandum dated January 25, 2016, to the Board of Selectmen from Michael D. Yunits, Town Manager, Re: Notice of Appointment of Full-Time Civil Service Police Officer, Michael Booher, effective date of April 11, 2016

- . Memorandum dated January 25, 2016, to the Board of Selectmen from Michael D. Yunits, Town Manager, Re: Notice of Appointment of Full-Time Civil Service Police Officer, Sean Mahoney, effective date of February 7, 2016

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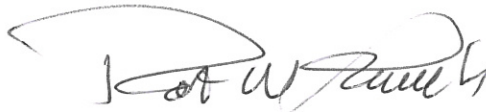
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BRADFORD K. BRAMWELL, CHAIRMAN

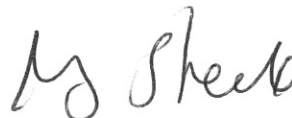


TIMOTHY R. GIBLIN, VICE-CHAIR



ROBERT W. KIMBALL, JR., CLERK

ROBERT S. SALVO, SR.



MARY T. STEELE

Dated: 3/3/16