



TOWN OF NORTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 7, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

The April 7, 2016, Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mr. Bradford Bramwell, at 7:00 P.M., held in the First Floor Conference Room.

- A. ROLL CALL: Mr. Bradford K. Bramwell, Chairman; Mr. Timothy R. Giblin, Vice-Chair; Mr. Robert K. Kimball, Jr., Clerk; and Mrs. Mary T. Steele were present. Absent: Mr. Robert S. Salvo, Jr. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was also present.

- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

- A. Approve bills Warrant #61, dated April 7, 2016, in the amount of \$491,610.24

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bills Warrant #61, dated April 7, 2016, in the amount of \$491,610.24. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. Approve Minutes – March 17, 2016

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated March 17, 2016, as written. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1.Continuation of Hearing – Application for license for aboveground storage of flammable and combustible liquids in excess of 10,000 gallons, for Alnylam Project; property located at 20 Commerce Way, Norton, MA 02766

This Hearing was opened.

Mr. Dibb, of Condyne Engineering Group, said they met with neighboring businesses, as well as Norton Fire Department. He addressed most of the outstanding concerns, including, but not limited to, those noted below.

. Regarding Mass EPA, Mr. Dibb said they did go through MEPA review and change of use to this pharmaceutical use; MEPA thresholds could trigger change. He referenced potential mitigation for traffic in future.

. There is adequate access for emergency vehicles and Fire Department is involved.

. Regarding potential explosions; all of design is per code and addresses risk.

. Tank Farm location - tank location was placed per code.

Mr. Siddons, Director of Engineering, said spillage will be collected in a contained tank farm. There will be no emissions emitted into air locally.

. Substations: There will be no welding or substations in area. Tank farm away from vehicular traffic and explained truck access and concrete ballards to be in place as well.

. Code Requirement: they need to meet.

. Operating practices: Control of materials - controlled within limit.

. They have no smoking on site

. Emergency Response Committee - meetings held with Fire Department

Mr. Dibb indicated one of requirements is that they need to submit emergency response plans to other parties (i.e., local hospital, fire department, etc)

. Phone system is designed per code and phone system not included in the design

. Access roads will be free from truck traffic

Mr. Kimball referenced possible damage to facility and his concern where trucks could back into fenced-in yard, which is something to consider.

Mr. O'Neill, of Condyne, noted there were significant green areas and landscaped islands to help with this.

Mr. Siddons said they can also look at adding ballards.

Mr. Giblin said he shared the same concern of Mr. Kimball.

Discussion on how neighbors would be alerted if there was an emergency?

Mr. Siddons responded this would fall within the Emergency Response Plan.

It was noted this was not a chemical plant, so many risks not present as with a chemical plant.

Mr. Giblin asked if there would be armed security?

Mr. Siddons replied they were not planning on armed security.

Regarding the fire water tank, Mr. Siddons said it would be designed so sprinkler covers a great density.

Regarding spill response section, Mr. Siddons said they would keep spills to where they occurred.

Discussion on potential explosions ensued. Mr. Siddons said the risk of explosion is significantly mitigated and code requirement are being met. It was noted building was being built with that in mind.

Mr. Siddons said dike area is a code to meet also.

It was noted security safeguards are being taken.

Mr. Paul Bourque, Director of Leasing, DAI Property Management, on behalf of Belridge Corporation, 350 Myles Standish Boulevard, Taunton, MA, had some remaining issues with this. He said he had a lot of confidence for the technical part of this project. He felt there was still a potential risk of tank storage farm and concern if a leak at tank farm; would remedy be sufficient where tanks hold flammable liquids. He asked if liquid becomes ignited, how is it addressed? He said hand held fire extinguishers and fire hydrants was a previous answer to some issues, but seems inadequate. What happens if an accident or

sabotage occurs; once fluid spreads out under tanks? He suggested a solution of an automatic foam system. It is used in airports and other industries.

Mr. Siddons responded if an incident at building occurred and tank caught fire, the emergency responders would come from Taunton Fire Department; Taunton and Norton Fire Department would already pre-arrange in case of emergency. They will talk to fire chief from the city of Taunton.

Mr. Bourque said the Board of Selectmen is the permit issuing authority, and they have no interest in delaying or inhibiting this company and happy to see something positive happen in this industrial park, as well as having life safety issues addressed.

Mr. Bramwell responded he cannot speak on the foam system but on the professionalism of the Fire Department and the Fire Chief (Chief Schleicher) and Deputy Chief Myles who he is certain will make this work in a safe manner, also with the city of Taunton's involvement; their fire department. He was uncertain Taunton's fire departments had been contacted as yet, but he is certain they will be contacted. Members of Taunton Fire Department will be on Emergency Preparedness Team he is certain.

Mr. Bourque said a specific plan is needed and he does have high regard for the fire department.

It was noted by Alnylam, solvents are common and not as flammable as gasoline, but more so than diesel fuel. Facility will have a very active emergency Response Team and 24-hour security, therefore, fire potential is minimized. It was noted there are similar tanks in the area, and best solution is to have communication with fire departments.

Mr. Siddons said they will talk to Taunton Fire Department regarding this project and coordinate within the two fire departments (Norton and Taunton).

Mr. Siddons referenced the automatic foam system and said they would defer this to the fire departments. Additional fire protection during construction will also occur.

Mr. O'Neill, of Condyne, said coordination between fire departments is important.

Mr. Kimball said any precautions will be completed and he has the utmost confidence in the fire departments of Norton and Taunton. He is familiar with this area and any precautions to be taken will be taken. He also does not live too far from this site. They are doing all that can be done to protect residents and employees from Taunton and Norton, and has never seen such a thorough review of something like this.

Mrs. Steele said it will be ideal to get project underway and Alnylam will also have employees in their building who they want to keep safe and she also resides close to this facility. She was pleased about the effort in answering Mr. Bourque's concerns.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve Application for license for aboveground storage of flammable and combustible liquids in excess of 10,000 gallons, for Alnylam Project; property located at 20 Commerce Way, Norton, MA 02766. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Bramwell welcomed the Wheaton College Journalism class who was in the audience this evening!

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It was noted it was important when the Town of Norton does flushing, Wheaton College should be advised when this occurs.

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Proclamation – National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review FY2017 Budget & Town Meeting Articles

The Budget was reviewed as well as the Town Meeting Articles.

2. Review and/or vote Proposition 2-1/2 Override Ballot Question

Mr. Bramwell noted there was a meeting with School Committee on the previous Monday evening and Mr. Yunits provided a barebones figure for general government. \$3.2 Million is school figure and Mr. Yunits provided general government's portion of override and general government took a hit on personnel services, including maintenance items, etc. A review would be beneficial before they submit total for Proposition 2 ½ Override figure.

Discussion ensued on budget cuts, etc. One of the cuts affects the Council On Aging, who currently have a wonderful program, but are suffering in the small facility they are now in, with limited staff.

Mr. Yunits said some of the other cuts include, but are not limited to, Animal Control Department, as well as Board of Selectmen having a reduction of hours in their office, and always the Highway Department will be affected.

Mr. Giblin referenced the possibility of cutting surface treatment on roads; it will cost more if roadways do not get maintained.

Mr. Kimball said the Board had recently spoken of a figure in the amount of \$431,000.

Mr. Bramwell suggested to add to this figure of \$431,000 of anything that involves cutting "Personnel Services". Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kimball referenced the Proposition 2 ½ Override and his concern with making it too high of a figure. It was noted it would be 48 cents per thousand dollars for homeowners.

Mr. Bramwell said it is important to have Town run efficiently and an example of this is two fire fighters were being proposed to be hired; if hired there is less overtime paid in the department.

Mr. Giblin said the items they would be discussing this evening would not put the Town "over the top". It would be a reasonable number.

Mr. Bramwell said they could add in \$200,000 to what School Committee was asking for; it won't affect voters. If the Board does not ask, they won't get it.

Mr. Kimball referenced \$430,616; he would rather go for the Town Manager's initial request.

Mr. Kimball said he would like to get some funds in the Capital Improvements account.

Mrs. Steele said she felt there was not enough time to plan for the general government part. If the Board of Selectmen put \$430,000 in and override passed, they could not go back and ask for an override. She recommended to ask for \$663,000 for general government. There is clearly a need for an override in Town.

Mr. Giblin said if they are going to do something, he agreed the number to go with would be \$663,000, and believed the extra \$200,000 won't make or break a vote for/against it. Would want to keep at level services/bare bones.

Mr. Bramwell said it would be all things the Town needs: employees, equipment, etc. He would support \$663,000.

Mr. Yunits clarified the exact number would be \$663,415.00.

MOTON was made by Mr. Giblin to call a Special Election on May 17, 2016, for purpose of calling a possible Proposition 2 ½ Override, and propose an amount of \$663,415. Further, propose as of July 1, 2016 as follows: proposed by School Committee \$3 Million and \$663,415.00 proposed by general government. And Further Move, that Town Clerk be provided with Notice. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Kimball said he is allowing opportunity for Special Election to enable Town residents/voters to make a decision. He said it does not mean his is necessarily in support of override.

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- Update on Regional Dispatch

Mr. Yunits said he provided a copy to the Board of what was passed through legislation. This would include Norton, Easton, Foxboro, and Mansfield. The legislation asked for a planning committee of three people and will put that on next meeting' agenda. There are concerns of the chiefs obviously. However, every employee potentially affected, would received an interview from four towns, and if not hired, they would work with them at outplacement. The Planning Committee would need to bring a report back.

Mr. Yunits said the three members of this committee should be a representative from Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and possibly someone who is familiar with this field. Mr. Kimball said he would be interested in being a member on this Committee.

- Update on Rooming House Issue

Mr. Yunits said he will review different issues and solutions.

- Solar

Mr. Yunits said the House took action on "solar caps". Senator Timilty's Office asked what the Town's feeling was and Mr. Yunits responded that the Town needed the \$200,000 per year.

Mr. Kimball said it was a way to raise additional revenue for Town and thanked Mr. Yunits for his efforts regarding this.

- Reed & Barton

The DEP took core samples to ensure nothing is migrating off-site. That site needs to be secure. Need to figure out how to protect the Town's people from a contaminated abandoned building. Possibly someone from DEP should meet with the Town. A letter was referenced which was sent from a law firm regarding this issue that was discussed at a previous meeting regarding this being a gift to the Town.

Mr. Yunits said the Fire Chief indicated DEP called and Mr. Yunits will contact DEP.

Mr. Kimball said the Town cannot knock down a building with \$1M of asbestos in it. It was discussed this would be a very expensive project for whoever can possibly clean it up.

Mrs. Steele asked if Town Counsel can send a response letter to their attorneys/law firm, stating the Town of Norton will not accept this gift.

Mr. Yunits said if building becomes unsafe, it can be boarded up and a lien could be attached to it. Question for DEP is, what happens if building catches on fire, etc.; who is responsible? It was believed there is still power and water in building. If there is still water/power and system not drained, it could be an issue.

A. APPOINTMENT'S/RESIGNATIONS

1.Appointment of Sergeant in the Norton Police Department – James C. Franco

Chief of Police, Brian Clark, said two candidates passed the civil service exam and interviews were conducted, with Town Manager involvement, and after review, including experience, he selected James C. Franco, assigned to detective division. Officer Franco has vast experience in various areas, including house breaks, sexual assaults under investigation, and DEA matters. Mr. Franco possesses an Associate's Degree and is currently working toward a Bachelor's Degree. He included his resume for Board's review as well.

Mr. Giblin thanked Mr. Franco for all of his service and accomplishments.

Mr. Bramwell said this was a well-deserved promotion and Norton police is fortunate to have him as an employee.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve appointment of James C. Franco, as Sergeant in the Norton Police Department, effective May 1, 2016. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Giblin referenced a communication received by the Board from a resident regarding Reservoir Street having dangerous limbs/trees.

Mr. Yunits said he forwarded this information to Mr. Silver, Highway Superintendent.

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Mr. Kimball stated there would be a Finance Committee Public Hearing on the FY2017 Operating Budget as submitted by Town Manager on 4/20/16 at 7:45 P.M. at the Municipal Center (copies of this budget available in Town Manager's office).

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

1. Regional Dispatch Planning Committee Appointments

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

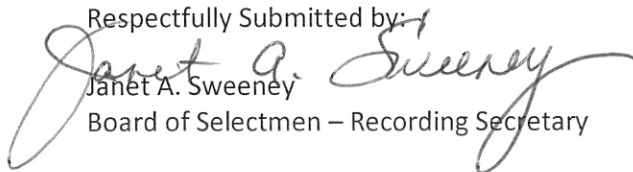
1. To Discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining

Mr. Bramwell stated due to the fact Mr. Kimball and he would be excluded from Executive Session, and with Mr. Salvo absent, there is no quorum, therefore, there will be no executive session held this evening.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to Adjourn at 9:15 P.M. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Janet A. Sweeney
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

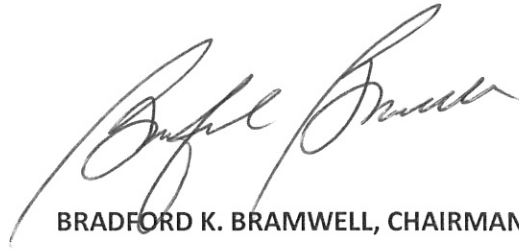
Documents Presented at April 7, 2016, Board of Selectmen Meeting

- . Draft Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting dated March 17, 2015
- . Notice of Public Hearing, dated March 8, to be held March 24, 2016, at 7:25 P.M. in Norton Municipal Center regarding Alnylam, application for a License to store flammable and combustible liquids in excess of 10,000 Gallons
- . Application for license for aboveground storage of flammable and combustible liquids in excess of 10,000 gallons, for Alnylam Project; property located at 20 Commerce Way, Norton, MA 02766
- . Letter dated April 5, 2016, addressed to Paul Bourque, Director of Leasing, DAI Property Management, Braintree, MA, from Christopher K. Mullin, PE, CSP, Project Manager/Principal Engineer, CHA, Norwell, MA, Re: Alnylam Pharmaceuticals site Development, CHA Project #31471
- . Letter dated April 7, 2016, addressed to Board of Selectmen, Town of Norton, from Paul Bourque, Director of Leasing, DAI Property Management, Braintree, MA, Re: Application of Alnylam Pharmaceuticals for a License to store Flammable and Combustible Liquids, Flammable Gases and Solids at 20 Commerce Way, Norton, MA, Assessor's Map 25, Lot 84, under Massachusetts G.L. Chapter 148 in excess of 50,000 gallons
- . Proclamation – National Public Safety Telecommunications Week
- . Town of Norton Notice of Public Hearing – Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget
- . Town Meeting Articles – May 9, 2016 Spring Town Meeting
- . Proposition 2 ½ Override Ballot Question

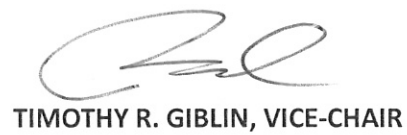
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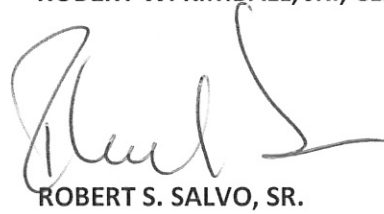
BRADFORD K. BRAMWELL, CHAIRMAN



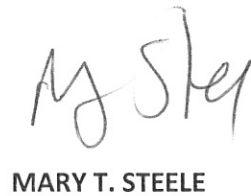
TIMOTHY R. GIBLIN, VICE-CHAIR



ROBERT W. KIMBALL, JR., CLERK



ROBERT S. SALVO, SR.



MARY T. STEELE

Dated: 05/19/16