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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
JUNE 23, 2016**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The June 23, 2016 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mr. Giblin, Chairman, at 7:00 P.M., held in the First Floor Conference Room.

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

A. Approve bills Warrant #76, dated June 16, 2016, in the amount of \$299,235.25

MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to Approve bills Warrant #76, dated June 16, 2016, in the amount of \$299,235.25. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended June 18, 2016. Warrant #77, dated June 23, 2016, in the amount of \$799,332.57

MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended June 18, 2016, Warrant #77, dated June 23, 2016, in the amount of \$799,332.57. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

C. Approve bills Warrant #78, dated June 23, 2016, in the amount of \$541,721.57

MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to Approve bills Warrant #78, dated June 23, 2016, in the amount of \$541,721.57. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

D. Approve Minutes - April 28, 2016

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated April 28, 2016, as written. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. Amendment request of Robert Vreeland on behalf of St. James Lodge, 71 N. Main Street, Attleboro, MA 02703, to hold a pumpkin Chucking Fundraiser, to be held Sunday, October 23, 2016, from 10:00 A.M. (instead of 11:00 A.M.) - 4:00 P.M.; Rain Date: Sunday, October 30, 2016, at 166 John Scott Blvd., the Water/Sewer Department location (former Slattery Property).

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve Amendment request of Robert Vreeland on behalf of St. James Lodge, 71 N. Main Street, Attleboro, MA 02703, to hold a pumpkin Chucking Fundraiser, to be held Sunday, October 23, 2016, from 10:00 A.M. (instead of 11:00 A.M.) - 4:00 P.M.; Rain Date: Sunday, October 30, 2016, at 166 John Scott Blvd., the Water/Sewer Department location (former Slattery Property). Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Application of Robert Daniel Titus for a Lodging House License, at 7 Taunton Avenue, Norton, MA 02766, subject to Building Commissioner Inspection and Permits and Fire Dept. Inspection and Approval

Mr. Titus said this property is located on Route 140 across the street from the Norton Post Office. He said he currently lives in this residence and it is a college location and there are three other college rentals near his house and he would like to see his house and turn it into a rental or lodging house. After speaking to Wheaton College, they said they were over enrolled and it would help the college as well as providing a dual income for his family. He needs a fire sprinkler and the timeframe would be about eight to nine months to transition over and, therefore, would not be ready for September 2016 incoming students. It would hold eight tenants maximum.

Mr. Giblin commented the Building Inspector and Fire Department would need to inspect and approve this from looking at file.

Mr. Kimball thanked Mr. Titus for doing this the right way by coming in front of the Board of Selectmen, as there appears to be other housing similar to this in Town whose owners did not go through the proper channels. Mr. Kimball said if there is anything the Board can do to help, please let them know, and reiterated there are certain regulations in place and the Building Department and Fire Department be involved in process.

Mr. Giblin asked Mr. Titus to please follow the correct procedure. Also, it is the responsibility of owner to ensure the tenants living there are acting and treating neighbors, neighborhood, and property well.

Mr. Yunits said he met with the Building Inspector earlier today, and he said the Board of Health and Building Inspector should both be a sign off on these applications in the future because there are certain items they need to see addressed. It was his expectation that this would be reviewed by both the Building Inspector and Board of Health.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve Application of Robert Daniel Titus for a Lodging House License, at 7 Taunton Avenue, Norton, MA 02766, subject to Building Commissioner Inspection and Permits, Fire Department Inspection and Approval, and possibly Board of Health approval. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

3. Application of Home Plate Norton, LLC to transfer the following licenses from Farney Brothers, Incorporated d/b/a Trinity Bar & Grill, 184 West Main Street, Norton, MA 02766

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Mr. Giblin said it appeared work was currently being done and they are putting a lot of money into it.

Mr. Kimball asked if the Board needed to be involved with the patio area?

Mr. Yunits responded patio is located out front of restaurant and that was part of the liquor license.

Motion was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve the Application of Home Plate Norton, LLC to transfer the following licenses from Farney Brothers, Incorporated d/b/a Trinity Bar & Grill, 184 West Main Street, Norton, MA 02766. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

. Household Hazardous Waste Day, Saturday, June 25, 2016, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon, Town Hall Rear Parking Lot.

Mr. Kimball thanked the folks who put together the Founder's Day Celebration and believed it was one of the most well-attended events in recent years; and it was a benefit to have the great weather. He thanked Sheri Cohen, who is the "leader of the pack" and everyone else that volunteered and participated in this effort.

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Jennifer Carlino, Conservation Director, Re: Discussion on the South Coast Rail Grant received for providing stormwater management on Crane Street at the Three-Mile River

Ms. Carlino explained a few years ago they were able to preserve about 40 acres of land on Crane Street on either side of the Three-Mile River with their partners the Nature Conservancy and Land Preservation Society, and received numerous grants for that project. When they did that, they knew there was a portion of Crane Street where the stormwater directly discharged into the river, so they carved a portion of the conservation restriction out so they could do some stormwater management and water quality improvement in that location. She said they received a grant from South Coast Rail Technical Assistance so they could hire Horsley-Witten Group to design a plan for improving stormwater management. Ms. Carlino said Amy Ball and so we Rich Claytor of Horsley-Witten were in attendance this evening to describe how they are going to do that and Bill Napolitano from SRPEDD was also here this evening for any questions about funding or the grant process. The Nature Conservancy also managed to get them a grant for the actual construction, so the project is paid for from start to finish. Wetland permits are about to be obtained and the entire project was reviewed with the Highway Superintendent, Mr. Silver, and he is fine with it. Therefore, this is just a presentation on what they need to do and why.

Amy Ball, Senior Ecologist, introduced herself as well as Rich Claytor who is the Principal Engineer and owner of the company. The proposal is to address a chronic stormwater problem and further to address the water quality issues in the Three-Mile River; there is a total maximum daily load assigned from EPA and DEP for that and is essentially an impaired water body. Therefore, the proposal is to do a small stormwater retrofit project; to redirect stormwater from the two high points along the roadway (about $\frac{1}{3}$ of an acre of impervious surface), redirect it through a water quality swale and into an infiltration basin that will then better treat the stormwater before it discharges into the river, improving water quality. The design has been based upon the constraints; the site is a small area and enough to do something beneficial and also to perhaps have an opportunity to do some educational signage at some point in the future. Essentially they will come in and create this infiltration basin and then revegetate it with plant species that are better able to help treat along with the design itself.

Rich Claytor, Engineer of Record and President of the firm, said they were pleased to have the opportunity to work on this and said responded to an RFP Ms. Carlino put out and they were fortunate to be selected. This was done basically under a fast track and started project in spring and finishing it up later this month and making construction ready plans. To fix a problem is objective but not take down a bunch of trees and make something look inappropriate. He said they surveyed area, figured where mature trees were and identified the wetlands and some invasive species are in this area, so a control plan is needed to take care of those. They will take care of a little problem, not an enormous problem, but a problem at bridge crossing over Three-Mile River and fix it and have potential for kind of a pilot project that the Town could show to developers or others when things come in to say this is the right way of doing things. That is their hope and when Conservation Commission signed off on it, it appears they were supportive of that also. Funding is in place, as Ms. Carlino had indicated, for something to be built, so it is nice it is not just the plan, but something will go into the ground very shortly.

Mr. Kimball asked about the infiltration process.

Mr. Claytor responded and explained. He said it is basically the native ground, so they would strip off topsoil; stockpile it; and from the area that does not include invasive plants, dig it down a bit, respread the topsoil and then they would plant native vegetation over it. When it is done, yes, there may be a shallow depression there but once it grows it won't be noticeable at all, and yet it will do the job of cleaning up stormwater that now runs straight into river.

Ms. Carlino said it makes it easier to pick up all the sand and salt from the road that goes directly to river now and to be caught in one small section, and Mr. Silver will be able to easily clean it out and any soluble pollutants will be taken up by the plants they are proposing, so it will clean the water much better before it gets into the river. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Ball said they had to get permission from ConCom to be in this location and justify the project is fully intended to be here for the purpose of water quality. She said they went through ConCom Public Hearing and it closed on June 13, 2016. Issue has not been ordered yet but Ms. Carlino said ConCom is reviewing permit and planned to be issued on Monday of next week.

Mr. Giblin commented that this was no cost to the Town and done through grants which is ideal. It looks like a good project, especially projects that improve water, etc.

Ms. Carlino said the "demonstration project" is a big deal and will be nice to have an educational sign in that location and plants are showy and will look pretty too. She said she pointed it out to Mass Highway and anyone else who has projects in the area.

Mr. Yunits said, going forward, if this was to be used in a subdivision, it could save the developer some money too, instead of installing drainage pipes/basin, they would only need to put in some of these swales.

Mr. Napolitano of SRPEDD said one of the beautiful aspects of this project is it is a “soup to nuts” project. When Crane Farm was first up for purchase Ms. Carlino approached the Taunton River Stewardship Council to help with appraisal funds and SRPEDD helped with that, and then the open space plan helped get a land grant to help offset those costs and work with Land Preservation Society. Anything to do to enhance water quality in an area like this is top priority. So when Crane Farm was purchased, Ms. Carlino had foresight to set aside this piece of land to help treat the stormwater, and this is a stormwater project with minimal cost; green infrastructure, so they put their heads together and came up with an RFP. Ms. Carlino sent an application to South Coast Rail in the meantime for technical assistance and it was voted on by a committee and voted one of the top ranked projects and has been reviewed by engineer firm as well as by Ms. Carlino. It will go from engineering right into construction. Other communities can look at this as it is similar to a puzzle and all pieced together; a demonstration and education project which Town can be proud of, and certainly SRPEDD and South Coast Rail has championed. Grant amount was for \$15,000 for engineering and \$5,000 for administration oversight and \$24,000 from DEP to implement construction.

Mr. Claytor said it is a very cost effective design. Town will have some maintenance but what they are doing now will be much easier and the rest should maintain itself in time.

Ms. Carlino said she may be able to include this project as addressing a water quality issue and as educational.

Mr. Kimball thanked them for this effort, especially in these tight fiscal times, and this is saving the Town some money. He said as Mr. Yunits indicated, this is possibly something that can be incorporated into future plans.

2. Vote to accept and sign the two PILOT Agreements for Norton Solar II on the Wheaton College land

3. Vote to sign Grant of Easement to Massachusetts Electric Company of access over, across, under and upon Town of Norton property on Hill Street

Mr. Yunits explained this is the Hill Street landfill, so they can put poles on site as part of construction project, and vote of Board is necessary to approve easement and sign.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to vote to sign Grant of Easement to Massachusetts Electric Company of access over, across, under and upon Town of Norton property on Hill Street. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

4. Vote to approve and sign a revision to the Dedication and Declaration of Recreational Use on the Town Landfill Property at 0 Hill Street; “Notwithstanding the foregoing, all or a portion of said Premises may also be dedicated to the generation of renewable energy”.

Mr. Yunits said Emma Koziak of Citizens Energy had called last week regarding this concern as noted above. Special legislation was passed by legislature to allow revision of those deeds that restricted the use to allow also for solar, so that is what is needed to be done this evening.

Ms. Koziak referenced the building of the solar project and had concerns regarding this as financing was happening the following week and could not get title as deed stands today; solar is not an approved nor an unapproved use. The DEP already issued instructions stating all that is needed to be done is to amend the deed and add this one sentence as noted above. They worked with town counsel and had deed drafted as literally the deed that exists on the record today, it just includes the one sentence and was asking for approval today.

Mr. Kimball said when the Town capped the landfill years ago, they were not thinking of solar farms, however, he was glad to see this is happening.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to vote to approve and sign a revision to the Dedication and Declaration of Recreational Use on the Town Landfill Property at 0 Hill Street; "Notwithstanding the foregoing, all or a portion of said Premises may also be dedicated to the generation of renewable energy". Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Yunits said he also provided the Board with copies of three items relating to this. Ms. Koziak is working to put financing in place and there are three other issues; one is landlord estoppel certificate, second is amendment to landfill lease agreement, and third is memorandum of lease agreement, and attorneys are still going back and forth with these. He provided the Board with the last draft with all the edits from town counsel and hoped the Board could agree to do in case things move fast and they get approved so they could start in July. If Board of Selectmen would allow Chairman of the Board to sign to documents/agreements, so as not to have to come back to a full Board meeting.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to sign documents/agreements as discussed above. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

5. Review and/or vote to support Resolution on Charter School Cap

Mr. Salvo read aloud the Resolution; opposing lifting the cap on the Charter School.

Mrs. Steele said this would be a ballot question in November 2016 regarding lifting cap of Charter School and by agreeing to this Resolution it indicates the Board of Selectmen is against the ballot question, and if the Board agrees to Resolution, they file the paperwork with their legislators so they are aware of these intentions as well. If the board agreed to do this tonight they would be doing it in conjunction with the Norton School Committee, who took a vote on Monday of this week. This Board has been vocal about the Charter School being a viable education but issues

with the funding process and no luck getting tracking at the state level and the Mass Teachers' Association is pushing this initiative; it would be helpful to have municipal side to have some input as well.

Mr. Giblin said, in his opinion, it is a very good thing to go against lifting the cap. This Board has been in favor of people having a choice with attending the Charter School, but as Mrs. Steele mentioned the issue is the formula and funding. As a Town, Norton has some of the best schools in the area, and he would certainly be against lifting cap in Charter School and would recommend to notify state reps and senators as well.

Mr. Kimball said he agreed with Mr. Giblin. He referenced the cherry sheet the Town receives from the State each year, and how the Town has no say on how the money is transferred or spent and this amount is taken off the very beginning of the cherry sheet and given to Charter School. The other drawback to lifting the cap is the way the Charter School is selective of their students (under charter system, it allows them not to take special needs students). In the public schools there is a lot of money spent on special education and no one can be denied. Many people come to the town of Norton for the special education programs. This Charter School does a good job of educating students and the Foxboro location provides a quality education. He said he was against lifting the cap. He said the school enrollment in the Town of Norton continues to decline and they want to protect the future of the public school system and need to play fair. This charter concept was designed almost like a school choice program to hopefully have the child receive a better education. This is an opportunity for the Town to try to protect their school system the best they can, and he agreed with this Resolution.

MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to vote to support the Resolution against lifting the cap on Commonwealth Charter Schools as presented. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Rail Trail Update

Mr. Yunits provided an update on the Rail Trail. BETA Engineering has met with the Committee and they began their surveying work and met with the town of Mansfield so they can do the work on that portion also and connect to the existing Mansfield trail. It is very exciting and encouraging on that end.

2. Waterbodies Update

Mr. Yunits said last week the RFQ was sent out, and they received the order of conditions for Mansfield and that was recorded, and bids for the RFQ are due back on July 19, 2016. He referenced a subcommittee of the Water Bodies Committee, and said if they received more than

one bid back, then the subcommittee will review them to see who appears to be the best company and make a recommendation to him.

3. FY16 Year End Schedule

Mr. Yunits said the Finance Committee (FinCom) will be held on July 13, 2016, for year-end transfers and the Board of Selectmen's meeting is on July 14, and July 15 is the deadline for that. He is aware the Police and Fire Departments have already sent notice to the accounting office they will be doing some transfers within their budget and he is aware there are two requests for reserve funds; one is Chartley Dam which has a sinkhole that has opened up so looking to have some money taken out of FinCom reserve fund to make emergency repair and Council On Aging (COA) is looking for a small amount of money to help them out with their electric-utility bills this year.

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The company that will be doing the work on the wastewater treatment plant had a meeting with the Fire Department, Conservation Commission, Planning Department, and Building Department last week and they are scheduled to start work mid-July. Work on the infiltration basins will be done first and scheduled to start the middle of July. Mr. Silver, Highway Superintendent, also was there and reviewed their traffic management plan coming in through industrial park and out through the park. It is not that complicated of a project right now and will also be paving a quarter of a mile of the Rail Trail in order to get to the area they are working in and will put in a few parking spaces for the Town.

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Mr. Yunits said last week he attended a breakfast meeting at Southeastern Regional Vocational School with the School Superintendent; Congressman Kennedy was speaking about charter schools and a presentation from the Dukakis Institute and also Professor Bluestone, who is very good working with businesses, and he spoke of the amount of businesses seeking candidates without a four year college degree. Many businesses are now seeking a high school degree and possibly an Associate's Degree, and some technical knowledge. Only about one-third of businesses are seeking candidates with four year college degrees. The city of Brockton had 700 applicants for Southeastern Regional this year for 300 spots, and he will have to talk to Superintendent if Norton students would be eligible. They are now having later afternoon sessions as well; once regular school day shuts down at 2:30 P.M., the next group of students come in to learn a trade in afternoons, and adults are also attending in the evening to learn a Trade.

4. Update on Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion

5. Update - Leonard Street Rezoning

Mr. Yunits indicated he met with Director of Planning & Economic Development regarding this rezoning. Also, he noted Mr. Kimball attended the Planning Board meeting the other evening for this discussion, and there was a pretty positive response from Planning Board on rezoning of property on Leonard Street to allow for commercial development. He stated developer spoke of

having some space similar to what the Town has on Commerce Way now, but he is also looking at having some retail space. He addressed some of the issues which was, obviously, traffic, widening of roads, having sidewalks, environmental issues, protection of river, also to some access to the river, and bike and walking paths. He was aware the Chairman of the Planning Board is concerned it is an aquifer protection district, but it can be designed so that the water infiltrates back into the ground and flows back in where it should rather than just running off somewhere else, as was discussed earlier this evening with another agenda item.

Mr. Kimball noted they did discuss the water runoff at that meeting, and these new projects today are green projects and utilize every different facet on how to save energy and reuse resources (rain water, etc.). He was pleased with the Planning Board being open minded and objective and they also had good questions. He said he did not believe the Planning Board was "sold on it" and still had some concerns to be addressed.

Mr. Kimball stated Condyne has always been a very good neighbor of the Town of Norton and they built most of Norton Industrial Park and they are almost out of space. He said this is an example of the past two years this Board of Selectmen working on increasing the tax revenue for the Town. He explained under 61A, this is an agricultural exemption regarding taxes, and at the last Selectmen's meeting the Board did not take advantage of it. He stated Condyne worked out an agreement with the Houghton family, and they Board of Selectmen also knew two years ago the Town could not afford to purchase it. The idea is to put in an industrial park or commercial buildings right off highway just off Route 495. This is over 1.4 million square feet; a would accommodate a number of buildings (possibly six buildings). This location has a lot of green space and zoned R-80, and probably 90-95 houses could be built. With industrial/commercial use, the traffic can be controlled, but with housing, there is no way of knowing sure what type of traffic would be generated. There are concerns of width of road and traffic lights, etc., and they are all valid reasons to be concerned. If this does come to fruition, the Town would receive just under \$800,0000 per year in taxes (based on today's tax rate), and this amount does not include personal property taxes, potential excise taxes, and the amount of jobs created, etc. He is confident Condyne will work with neighbors and abutters, etc.

Mrs. Steele asked Mr. Kimball if that was only a preliminary meeting; were abutters notified?

Mr. Kimball responded it did not appear any neighbors attended that meeting, but he believes the developer reached out to neighbors informally.

Mr. Yunits said there was no formal zoning proposal yet; just an informational-type meeting for Planning Board. Abutters/neighbors will be notified when zoning changes.

Mrs. Steele said she is confident Condyne will do a good job.

D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Appointment of Lisa Plante as Part-Time Assistant Town Clerk

Mr. Salvo read aloud this appointment per memorandum of Mr. Yunits.

Mr. Yunits said the employee, Ms. Plante, currently resides in Bourne, is originally from Medfield, and is selling her house in Bourne and moving to the town of Franklin, therefore, she is moving closer. Ms. Plante is retired from the military as a firefighter and worked for the town of Bourne in the Board of Health from 2007-2009, then managed the town of Bourne community center building; this building houses Council on Aging, the Veterans' Office, and Recreation. She has experience setting up for elections and familiar with town government, however, in 2015 that position was cut due to budgetary concerns. He believed she will be a good fit.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve appointment of Lisa Plante as Part-Time Assistant Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

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2. Reappointments:

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to reappoint all members as indicated on document/list dated 6/20/16 to their respective Board/Committee/Commission. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Yunits to post/advertise the open/vacant positions on these boards/committees. He thanked these members for all of their effort and assistance.

Mr. Giblin referenced the Water Bodies Committee and said he was looking for a couple of alternates on the Water Bodies Committee, therefore, he was looking to take a vote this evening to have two alternates on the Water Bodies Committee. There have been some members who were not able to attend over the last couple of months which held up a couple of different meetings. He said it was important to continue this process and the Town has committed quite a bit of money to this project to deal with the invasive species.

MOTION was made Mr. Kimball to assign two alternate members to the Town of Norton Water Bodies Committee to serve in the absence of one of the appointed seven members. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

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Mr. Kimball said he recently received an email from Superintendent of School, Dr. Baeta, and also read in the newspaper that the School Committee appointed two members of their Committee to attend a type of meetings the Board of Selectmen set up after the last override attempt. It is an

effort to have the Town Manager, Superintendent of Schools, two members of Board of Selectmen, and two member of School Committee to discuss the issues (what went wrong; what went right) to meet. From that original meeting, it was determined these meetings should continue. These meetings are not posted as it is not necessary and also there was not a quorum present, and purpose to continue to talk about financial issues on both sides of Town government and how it can work and what may need to be done in order to make it work. This is in the very early stages of preliminary discussions and they have made some good strides and also invited a few members of the Finance Committee to a meeting to have discussions and will continue to do so.

Mr. Kimball stated the other evening, the School Committee decided to have an ad hoc type of meeting with the Superintendent of Schools, the Town Manager, and two members of the Board of Selectmen and two members of the School Committee. He asked if the Board would consider Mrs. Steele and himself to represent the Board as it is basically an advisory committee and would be required to come back and report on status of these meetings.

Mr. Giblin said it was important Finance Committee be present for most meetings as well, or at least provide Finance Committee info on these meetings.

Mr. Kimball said the Finance Committee probably won't get too involved, but at times would be attending.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to appoint Mr. Kimball and Mrs. Steele as liaisons to the School Committee as discussed above. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Salvo asked if there any information/discussions with Thorndike as to when they plan to finish East Main Street sidewalks?

Mr. Yunits responded he was aware Thorndike has been to Conservation, and he will check with Conservation Commission as to where they are in the process.

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Mrs. Steele said she communicated with the Town's Veterans' Agent, Estelle Flett, earlier this week, and Ms. Flett had indicated she had been contacted by one of the teachers from the H.A. Yelle School, Sara Horton, and the Norton School Community Outreach Committee, who wanted to do a collection for local veterans and military personnel who are deployed. Ms. Horton had sent a letter out to her students' parents indicating it was a good time to reflect on military veterans and also a way to honor and support them, and would be collecting items for military personnel. Many types of items were donated to create care packages (toiletries, t-shirts, socks, supermarket cards, sunblock, chapstick, dvd's, gas cards, non-perishable items, and students made home-made cards, etc.).

Ms. Flett also indicated Ms. Horton dropped off several boxes and bags of these items to be distributed and said this was a great outreach event for local veterans and military personnel, and Ms. Flett will be reaching out to few families in Town who have active military members to send care packages out to them. With what items were remaining, Ms. Flett would share with the veterans who could use them as a kind gesture from the community.

Mrs. Steele thanked Ms. Horton and her students who participated in this event. She said many people honor the veterans and appreciate the military personnel who are deployed especially during certain times of the year. There are a many veterans in the community, and noted there are youths graduating from high school and entering various branches of the military, and there are currently three she is aware of from the Norton community this year. Mrs. Steele wanted to first thank Ms. Horton and her students for this effort, but as a reminder, these items are needed on an ongoing basis during the year, so if anyone has extra toiletries, non-perishable foods, etc., Ms. Flett can always find someone to donate them to.

Mr. Kimball noted Ms. Flett is always asking for gift cards for the veterans/military personnel, especially around the holidays. There are many silent people Ms. Flett works with and some ask for help while others do not, however, she does try to reach out and help.

Mrs. Steele said there are many veterans who do not have a support system or family living near them. In addition to donating any supplies, an hour or two a month of volunteering to help Ms. Flett in the Veterans' Office (filing, making phone calls, assisting with driving veterans to medical appointments, etc.), would be beneficial as she is overwhelmed and she goes above and beyond her actual job description.

Mr. Kimball said with GATRA servicing this area, is there something where they can reach out to GATRA and possibly a type of special pass for returning veterans can be provided to Ms. Flett, since the Town pays for this service as well as Wheaton College. It may be worth asking GATRA about this.

Mr. Yunits said Beth from the Council On Aging and Ms. Flett are working closely with GATRA to see what services are available. Also, GATRA will be coming in probably in August to meet with the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Kimball said he spoke to Kathy VanDyne from Assessor's Office, and wanted to discuss this with her first before he discussed it at a Board of Selectmen meeting, regarding a list of tax foreclosures the Town of Norton owns, and possibly have someone from Assessor's Office at the next meeting. He also said he wanted the Board of Selectmen to receive a copy of this. He said he was not criticizing the Tax Collector's Office, however, a lot of work is needed to be done and he hoped the Board of Selectmen could assist in this effort. They may need to spend money to make money in this situation. There are 341 parcels of land the Town owns with no incoming cash revenue, and of those 341, there are 66 with unknown owners. This equals \$870,000 worth

of assessments and Town is not receiving any money. Mr. Kimball said possibly the Senior Work Program volunteers could help with this project. He would like Ms. VanDyne to come in to discuss this and possibly these parcels can be saved or converted. There are some parcels located in the Norton Grove Association and he believed these should be designated as Recreation or Conservation areas, as there is also a need to protect these Town beaches.

Mr. Kimball reviewed some of the locations of these parcels.

Mr. Yunits stated some people had land that was in the wetlands and because of this, they stopped paying taxes.

Mr. Kimball indicated the Town is in possession of these properties.

It was discussed it would be beneficial to make a list of the parcels located in the wetlands and the marginal parcels; it is possible an abutter may be interested in purchasing.

Mr. Yunits said they must be careful with tax title or if owned by Town if tax title taxed every year and if off the tax rolls, then it would reduce the Town's levy limit. He said an auction is upcoming in August or September and there are some good parcels such as Young Avenue, Oak Street, and others.

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

Discussion ensued on the date of the next Board of Selectmen meeting. Mr. Salvo asked if they could hold a short meeting next week. It was decided to have this meeting on Wednesday, June 29, 2016, at 6 P.M. The meeting after the June 29th meeting will be July 14, 2016.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to Adjourn at 8:33 P.M. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Janet Sweeney
Board of Selectmen - Recording Secretary

Documents Presented at June 23, 2016 Board of Selectmen Meeting

- . Draft Board of Selectmen Minutes, dated April 28, 2016

- . Memorandum address to Board of Selectmen, dated June 20, 2016, from Michael D. Yunits, Town Manager, Re: Notice of Appointment of Part-time Assistant Town Clerk (Lisa Plante)

- . Legal Notice: Invitation for Bidders, "Pond Management", Town of Norton, MA

- . Resolution Against Lifting the Cap on Commonwealth Charter Schools

- . Document: "Amended and Restated Dedication and Declaration of Recreational Use"

- . Document: "Landlord Estoppel Certificate - Norton Landfill Solar LLC, Norton, MA"

- . Application of Robert Daniel Titus for a Lodging House License, at 7 Taunton Avenue, Norton, MA 02766

- . Application of Home Plate Norton, LLC to transfer the following licenses from Farney Brothers, Incorporated d/b/a Trinity Bar & Grill, 184 West Main Street, Norton, MA 02766: Common Victualler, Live Entertainment, and MA Sunday Entertainment for Live Entertainment

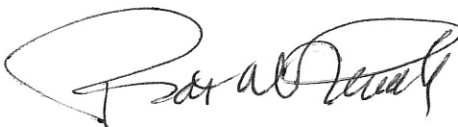
- . Grant of Easement to Massachusetts Electric Company for access over, across, under and upon Town of Norton property on Hill Street

- . List of Reappointments, dated 6/20/16


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Dated: 8/25/16