



TOWN OF NORTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 4, 2017**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The May 4, 2017 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mr. Kimball, Chairman, at 7:00 P.M., held in the First Floor Conference Room.

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. Application of Edward J. Brault for Memorial Day Parade, to be held Monday, May 29, 2017, 10:00 A.M. - Approximately 11:15 A.M.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Annual and Special town Meetings, Monday, May 8, 2017, 7:00 P.M., in the Norton High School Auditorium.

IV. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Request of Town Clerk Lucia Longhurst for permission to allow her to decrease the amount of Wardens from 5 to 1 for the June 6, 2017 Special Election

Ms. Longhurst explained this request.

Mrs. Steele thanked Ms. Longhurst for all of her assistance during the last election.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve Request of Town Clerk Lucia Longhurst for permission to allow her to decrease the amount of Wardens from 5 to 1 for the June 6, 2017 Special Election. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Vote to approve and sign the SENA-A Contract

Mr. Yunits indicated Sena-A agreed to the Board of Selectmen's recommendation and signed the contract. He explained SENA-A is the managers' union.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve and sign the SENA-A Contract. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

3. Vote to declare items Surplus for Auction

Mr. Yunits stated Mr. Silver, Highway Superintendent, has a few items he would like to advertise and they are using the Municibid website/online, therefore instead of auctioning items once or twice per year, this is on a continuous basis.

Mr. Kimball noted some of the items to be part of the auction are a 2012 Dodge Charger; tractor; front end loader and backhoe, etc.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to support and declare items Surplus for Auction. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review and/or vote May 8, 2017. Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting Articles

Mr. Yunits explained the Board has already voted on most of the Articles. He noted he did meet earlier in the evening with the Water Superintendent and other associated parties regarding the expansion of sewer and it is ready for Town Meeting and emphasis was it is part of the plan and this is the next phase.

Mr. Kimball referenced the upcoming Town Meeting and Houghton Farm. He noted many residents received a yellow card in the mail regarding concerns/initiatives. However, his concern was there was no name nor telephone number on this mailing. Sometimes people put out half-truths and people are misinformed. Their duty as a Board of Selectmen is to be clear, concise, and honest as possible.

Mr. Yunits referenced this yellow card mailing and his first comment was the land is designated in ACEC (Area of Critical Environmental Concern); Commerce Way is in ACEC, therefore, the Town has developed in ACEC previously. Also, the developer who developed Commerce Way is aware of what is expected and required, and is also aware of what protections are to be taken per Conservation Commission (ConCom).

Mr. Kimball referenced ACEC, and noted extreme controls are in place as the Town's Conservation Agent works with state agencies. He noted on this piece of land, there is a salt shed on top of the Town's water protection district which stores salt. Also, there is currently a mound of cow manure sitting at this location; he noted these are concerns that currently exist. If there are residential homes built at this location, there won't be strong controls put in place. At least there will be extreme controls in place if this area is developed as proposed.

Mrs. Steele agreed with Mr. Kimball that there is less control over a residential neighborhood.

Mr. Yunits noted Alnylam, a newer company that moved into the Town recently, had a site plan review conducted, which is the norm, and there is MEPA involvement, etc., to ensure all was contained on-site. Also, there is a 200' riverfront area buffer also with this Houghton Farm location.

Mr. Salvo noted there are on-site drainage controls, an oil water separator, and a lot of protection in place.

Mr. Yunits indicated Norton Commerce Center has unused available areas where it would only accommodate 25,000 and 50,000 square foot buildings; they are small lots. The Town of Norton is planning for the future and the Town would not be in good shape if this were not built. The Town is currently at 14% commercial, however, the Town should be at 25%. Also, this is an ideal location as it is off of Routes 495 and 123.

Mrs. Steele stated a friend received the yellow card mailing regarding other options. She explained there is nothing available on South Washington Street and wasn't sure who sent out this erroneous information to residents as it is not accurate. Discussion followed.

Mr. Salvo said he would like to ask the residents who are not in favor of this, how will the Town receive money and get a tax base going? He did not want to go backwards. The Town is growing, not quickly, but it is growing. It would bring forth \$800,000 per year and additional fees for permits, etc.

TIF discussion occurred. Permitting fees were discussed; it was noted Alnylam paid Town \$1.47 million.

Mr. Tim Long of 7 Village Way, asked how many boards/committees will be/have been involved in the review of the Condyne project?

Mr. Yunis responded it would be the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board if only if there was some waiver requested, Board of Health, Fire Department, and, if they are storing any fuel, the State Fire Marshall's Office and the State would review this project under MEPA, therefore, DEP would look at it also.

It was noted if it was a Chapter 40B project, Zoning Board and Conservation Commission would be involved.

Mr. Long stated it appeared then if it was a Chapter 40B, then there would be less review by boards/committees.

Mr. Bramwell said it would be 99% of warehouse and office spaces. He said he personally happened to work in the pharmaceutical industry, and there are many inspections his company goes through even though they are relatively safe pharmaceuticals (inspections conducted by federal government, Brockton sewer inspector, and EPA as some products contain ethyl alcohol).

Mr. Yunits said he received an email earlier that day from stating the Town is almost at 10% for Chapter 40B housing, however, that is incorrect, the Town is at 7.9% and it is moving the wrong way. The Town has gone from 8.1% to 7.9%.

Mr. Kimball said many people purchase food/clothing, etc., online, therefore, the big box commercial property developers would not be interested in developing. He recommended to discard this yellow mailer/flyer in the trash as it is not accurate. He said this Board of Selectmen does not want to endanger the good of the Town; the Board members reside in this Town and he noted he personally lives near the river. The Board needs to make a decision for what is best for the Town. The Board members do not have a desire for an override, but need to see how they are going to fund things, etc. He said Mr. Yunits created a letter and Mr. Kimball read it aloud (this letter can be found at Board of Selectmen's Office). There was some misinformation of proposed rezoning on Leonard Street relating to this project and this letter includes clarification of factual information. This project is 150' of neighbors with an 8' berm to be built for neighbors and it will grow the tax base. He asked residents to please support this article at Town Meeting.

Mrs. Steele noted the Town cannot stop development at this property and stated there is inaccurate information circulating. She recommended to residents if they have questions or

comments, they may call any member of Board of Selectmen and/or Mr. Yunits, the Town Manager. This vote is important, especially where the Town is in need of money.

Mr. Yunits stated, per the Police Chief, there are many public safety/assistance calls to 274 East Main Street, but not many calls to Commerce Way.

Mr. Yunits said Wayne Lizotte, Facility Manager for Schools, Jason Benjamin, and Charlene Fisk from Norton Media Center will set up the gymnasium for Monday evening's Town Meeting. He stated he was meeting with them tomorrow.

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- Openings - Water Bodies Committee

Mr. Yunits indicated this Committee does have openings and it is an exciting time as the water bodies are being treated this month. If anyone is interested in becoming a member, please send an email to him.
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Mr. Yunits said he met with Bonnie, the Recreation Director, regarding the hiring of lifeguards for the pool for the summer season. It was noted there are currently five hired lifeguards, however, they usually have nine. If anyone is interested in becoming a lifeguard, please contact Bonnie or the Town Manager's Office. Lifeguards must be CPR-certified and lifeguard training by Red Cross. The Town offers assistance with this to get them certified.

D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

Mr. Yunits explained they will be replacing three retired firefighters this year; these are not new positions; they are positions which is already in their budget.

Mr. Yunits said it will probably be six months before everything is finalized. Once appointed, they will attend the academy. These three proposed appointments would replace Fire Department personnel, Chaves, Morrissey, and Jordan.

Mrs. Steele stated it appeared these appointments would be replacing retired personnel: and asked if they know for certain this is in the budget?

Mr. Yunits responded, yes, it is in the standard budget FY 2018.

Mrs. Steele asked what the cost was to have these new hires attend the academy?

Mr. Yunits replied he did not have that information with him; he was uncertain as to what the academy costs.

Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Yunits to please obtain that information for the next meeting.

Mrs. Steele agreed having the cost of the academy, the salaries of these new hires, and the amount to be provided to the three retirees.

Mr. Salvo believed the Town was paying overtime currently to fill shifts which is usually time and a half.

Mr. Kimball referenced the Chartley Fire Station and asked if there was enough manpower to open it at this point? He believed the requirement was put in fire contract by the Fire Department themselves and believed the requirement was a minimum of five.

Mr. Yunits replied it is supposed to be two men per vehicle. They would need four at that location; therefore, they would need four more hires. There would need to be nine on at a time. Mr. Kimball said if they had these three and the present personnel, would that not be enough manpower today?

Mr. Yunits replied, no, it would not be enough manpower.

Mr. Kimball said it appears to be a misconception that the Town would have enough manpower, however, it seems there is not enough manpower.

Mrs. Steele stated it did come out at override meeting, that the Chartley Fire Station could be open now. She suggested a meeting with the Fire Chief to discuss whether or not the Chartley Fire Station could be open now. Discussion ensued.

It was discussed there appears to be available buildings in Town, and, if not using them, then the Town should consider selling them.

Mr. Kimball noted there is available land where the Winnecunnet Fire Station was formerly located.

Mr. Salvo replied that was gifted; it is supposed to go to original owner.

Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Yunits to find out information regarding this.

Mr. Yunits said he was able to obtain answers to some questions, there is no charge for the fire academy and the timeframe is ten weeks for the academy. They are also just paid the base salaries.

1. Vote to approve appointment of Christopher M. Jones, permanent full-time Firefighter/Paramedic in the Norton Fire Department, effective May 15, 2017

MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to approve appointment of Christopher M. Jones as permanent full-time Firefighter/Paramedic in the Norton Fire Department, effective May 15, 2017. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Vote to approve appointment of Joshua S. Jorge, permanent full-time Firefighter/Paramedic in the Norton Fire Department, effective May 29, 2017

MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to approve appointment of Joshua S. Jorge as permanent full-time Firefighter/Paramedic in the Norton Fire Department, effective May 29, 2017. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

3. Vote to approve appointment of Alexander M. Begin, full-time Firefighter/Paramedic in the Norton Fire Department, effective June 12, 2017

MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to approve appointment of Alexander M. Begin as full-time Firefighter/Paramedic in the Norton Fire Department, effective June 12, 2017. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

4. Vote to appoint Bernard Marshall, Water/Sewer Superintendent, to the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee

Mr. Yunits noted Ms. Carlino resigned from this Committee, therefore, they are seeking to appoint Mr. Marshall.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to appoint Bernard Marshall, Water/Sewer Superintendent, to the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Resignation of members of Parks and Recreation Commission

5. Resignation of Sheri Cohen, Parks and Recreation Commission, effective May 1, 2017

6. Resignation of William McCarthy, Parks and Recreation Commission, effective May 1, 2017

7. Resignation of Nick Schleicher, Parks and Recreation Commission, effective April 30, 2017

8. Resignation of Denny Goodrich, Parks and Recreation Commission, effective April 29, 2017

9. Resignation of Jennifer Hoffman, Parks and Recreation Commission, effective May 1, 2017

10. Resignation of Mark Buchan, Parks and Recreation Commission, effective April 30, 2017

Mr. Yunits noted the above resignations of members of the Parks and Recreation Commission and stated they have done a lot for the Town in the past few years. They have received resignation letters from members of this Commission which they will read; it appears these members do not have time to continue serving in their capacity.

Mr. Bramwell said he believed they did not need to read these resignation letters separately; they basically state the same thing.

Mr. Yunits was asked to send thank you letters to the members of the Parks and Recreation Committee resignees.

Mr. Yunits stated there are openings on the Parks and Recreation Commission and this will also be advertised on the Town website. He already had some interested people's names and letters of interest.

Mrs. Steele hoped more people step forward. There are not enough accolades given for what this Commission does. They enhance the quality of life in Norton with community events such as Founder's Day, the Halloween Parade, the Festival of Lights/Holiday Lighting. It is a sad day for her to see so many resignations, but she understood where they were coming from. She extended her heartfelt thanks to the individuals who served on this Commission as they put in a lot of time and many hours for the last several years.

Mr. Kimball said one event they worked very hard on was Founder's Day. Unless someone can step forward to coordinate this effort, he was not sure if there is time to pull that off and the Town may have to forget about Founder's Day and he is aware this Board of Selectmen has no time to do it. If anyone is part of an organization and wants to salvage and organized Founder's Day, there are some donations in hand and some contacts available to work with. At this point they are in cancellation mode. Food vendors were involved in this process, etc. One thing he did want to see happen was the Halloween Parade. He was proud they have had Founder's Day since 2011, so this would have been the sixth year for that event. If it does not happen in June 2017, he was hoping next year it will happen with more volunteers, etc.

Mr. Yunits stated the Parks and Recreation Director is still on until June 30, 2017. They are advertising for a new director because she is resigning as of June 30, 2017. Mr. Yunits stated he was surprised to learn the fireworks company was called to cancel.

Mrs. Steele said she was not surprised; this Commission was clear about this from the beginning. With Bonnie, the Recreation Director, resigning June 30, if anything happens to that pool, and the Town needs to close it we will never open it again. Lots of donations were provided to the Town and a lot of work on that facility.

Mr. Kimball said the the pool was put in by Texas Instruments and donated to the Town.

Mr. Salvo stated he rebuilt that pool in the 1990's because it was caving in and it was able to be re-salvaged.

Mr. Kimball stated they need to stay focused on it to have it up and running. There has been no full-time person in charge of that department for years now. They need to thank the Rec Commission for what they have done and for their efforts relating to the pool, Founders Day, the Halloween Parade, and other programs. The Town will now need to pick up the pieces.

Mr. Kimball stated to the Parks and Rec Commission's defense, they were very clear during the override process and continued assistance to Town, they would need to step aside as members have young families and other commitments due to time constraints.

V. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Salvo asked Mr. Yunits about the status of the Plain Street Bridge?

Mr. Yunits responded he was told it would be open this month. He will check on this; he is aware Mr. Silver checks with them often.

Mr. Salvo said Route 106 was shut down for several weeks and deadline was met (3 week deadline). This is a state job, not a town job, so it is not the Town's fault.
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Mr. Yunits said the Police Department to be accredited again this week and it is a lot of work to make that happen.

Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Yunits to have the Chief of Police in to provide the Board with an update. Congratulations to the Police Department!
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Mr. Salvo wanted to add he just received a message that Station 5 at Barrowsville is also used for emergency management per the Board's discussion earlier in the meeting.
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Mr. Salvo asked Mr. Yunits if he could communicate to the cleaning company to not have the vacuums used during the Board's meetings due to the noise, etc.
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Mr. Kimball said there is an expectation that there may be a larger turnout than normal at Monday's Town Meeting, so suggestion to move Town Meeting from auditorium to gymnasium at Norton High School on Monday, May 8, 2017, at 7 P.M.

It was noted there was a posted Selectmen's meeting for Monday, May 9, 2017, at 6 P.M., prior to Town Meeting.

VI. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

A. Approve bills Warrant #66, dated May 4, 2017, in the amount of \$1,348,294.57

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Approve bills Warrant #66, dated May 4, 2017, in the amount of \$1,348,294.57. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. **MOTION CARRIES.**

B. Approve Minutes - March 9, 2017

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated March 9, 2017, as written. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. **MOTION CARRIES.**

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA - MAY 18, 2017

- 7:05 P.M. - National Grid Pole Hearing - South Worcester Street (P642)
- 7:10 P.M. - National Grid Pole Hearing - South Worcester Street (P652)
- 7:15 P.M. - Hearing - CVAA - Raffaele Bruzzese d/b/a Fisherman's Three, 411 Old Colony Road

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with union personnel

IX. ADJOURNMENT

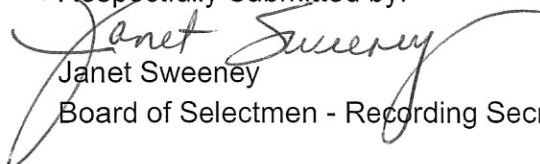
DECLARATION BY THE CHAIRMAN:

I declare, under General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21A(a)(3), that the purpose of the executive session will be to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with union personnel, because a discussion of this strategy in open session could compromise the purpose of the executive session and with the Board to not return to open session at the conclusion of the executive session.


MOTION BY MEMBER:

MOTION was made at 8:17 P.M. by Mr. Bramwell to move that the Board go into executive session under G.L. c.30A, Section 21(a)(3) for the purposes and reasons declared by the Chairman and with the Board to not return to open session thereafter. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: All in Favor of Motion. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

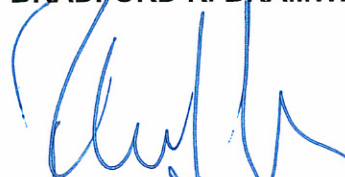

Janet Sweeney
Board of Selectmen - Recording Secretary

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ROBERT W. KIMBALL, JR., CHAIRMAN

BRADFORD K. BRAMWELL, VICE-CHAIR

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ROBERT S. SALVO, SR., CLERK

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MARY T. STEELE

Dated: 10/5/17

Documents Presented at Board of Selectmen's Meeting of May 4, 2017

- Application of Edward J. Brault for Memorial Day Parade, to be held Monday, May 29, 2017, 10:00 A.M. - Approximately 11:15 A.M.
- SENA-A Contract
- May 8, 2017 Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting Articles
- Draft Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated March 9, 2017