

# TOWN OF NORTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MUNICIPAL CENTER,
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# BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF MEETING MAY 18, 2017

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The May 18, 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. <u>ROLL CALL:</u> Mr. Robert K. Kimball, Jr., Chairman; Mr. Bradford K. Bramwell, Vice-Chair; and Mrs. Mary T. Steele, were present. Absent: Mr. Robert S. Salvo, Jr., Clerk. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was also present.

## B. Pledge of Allegiance

## II. <u>LICENSES AND PERMITS</u>

 HEARING - Petition of National Grid to relocate one Joint Owned Pole (642) approximately 20' East of existing location. Reconductoring South Worcester Street to Dean Street, Norton, MA 02766

The rep from National Grid stated this Pole 642 is proposed to be moved because pole feeds a customer and will also relieve some pole tension.

Mr. Kimball asked if anyone in audience wanted to speak in favor or not in favor of this? No one from the audience responded.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to close the Public Hearing. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve the Petition of National Grid to relocate one Joint Owned Pole (642) approximately 20' East of existing location. Reconductoring South Worcester Street to Dean Street, Norton, MA 02766. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. <u>HEARING</u> - Petition of National Grid to relocate one Joint Owned Pole (652) and anchor with 10' lead approximately 7' behind existing location, South Worcester Street, Norton, MA 02766

Mr. Kimball inquired if anyone in the audience wanted to speak in favor or not in favor of this? No one from the audience responded to this inquiry.

The rep from National Grid said pole sits on edge of corner and they are trying to move it off the road.

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MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve HEARING - Petition of National Grid to relocate one Joint Owned Pole (652) and anchor with 10' lead approximately 7' behind existing location, South Worcester Street, Norton, MA 02766. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

3. <u>HEARING</u> - Application of Raffaele Bruzzese d/b/a Fisherman's Three to transfer the Common Victualer License to Expose, Keep for Sale and to Sell Wines and Malt Beverages To Be Drunk On the Premises, 411 Old Colony Road, Norton, MA 02766, to a Common Victualer License to Expose, Keep for Sale, and to Sell All Kinds of Alcoholic Beverages To Be Drunk On the Premises, same address

Mr. Bruzzese stated other restaurants serve all kinds of alcoholic beverages and he would like to do the same. His restaurant is small and serves fish, hot dogs, burgers, etc., and he is open for lunch and dinner.

Mr. Yunits said he received all green cards/certified mail receipts and one person had inquired about this, but had no issue with it, they just wanted to be aware what was happening.

Mr. Kimball said this restaurant now serves only beer and wine.

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4. Application of Jamie Derosier for a one-day All Alcohol License, to be utilized at Everett Leonard Park, Saturday, June 17, 2017, 12:00 - 3:00 P.M., for a private party

Mr. Bramwell indicated this has been signed off by the Fire and Police Departments and noted alcohol will be dispensed.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve the Application of Jamie Derosier for a one-day All Alcohol License, to be utilized at Everett Leonard Park, Saturday, June 17, 2017, 12:00 - 3:00 P.M., for a private party. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

## III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

On May 20, 2017, there will be a Gold Star Committee Run/bbq with funds to be designated to go to the Master Sgt. Trent Memorial. People are welcome to also just attend the bbq.

The Chartley Garden Club Plant Sale will be held on May 20, 2017 from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the Old Schoolhouse, 18 West Main Street, Norton.

"America's National Parks and Senior Pass Program" Presentation and Lifetime Senior Pass Sale on May 31, 2017 at 1 P.M. at the Norton Senior Center, 55 West Main Street, Norton, MA. Ranger Sparkle will give an informative talk on our national park system and give seniors the opportunity to purchase a lifetime pass for only \$10.00. Register at the Norton Senior Center at 508-285-0235.

#### IV. BUSINESS

#### A. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. <u>Dedication of the 2016 Town Report to Lee Tarantino presented to Lee's Wife Pat Tarantino and Family</u>

Mr. Kimball said Mr. Lee Tarantino recently passed away and he was active in the Town of Norton, was the former Chairman of the Finance Committee, involved with the Friends of Norton Senior Center, and involved in scouting, affiliated with the DAV, and was the Parade Marshall in the last Veteran's Day Parade.

Mr. Kimball noted that Pat, Lee's wife, was present this evening along with her two sons and their families. Mr. Kimball presented Pat with the 2016 Town Report dedicated to Lee.

#### 2. Fire Chief Paul J. Schleicher Re:

- Ambulance Billing Rates
- Ambulance Company Contract
- Michael Wilson, EMTP Director of EMS RE: Proclamation

Chief Schleicher stated The Norton Fire Department is now a safe haven to drop off an infant . Also, by statute, the Police Department is a safe haven as well. There is now signage displayed indicating it is a safe haven.

Chief Schleicher said the Fire Department sent off the Town's special olympians to their competition with lights and sirens; it was a nice send off and escort. He congratulated all of the special olympians!

<u>Ambulance Billing Rates</u> - Increase of \$100 was discussed and recommendation was to go to bundling rate and stay with Comstar top 50 average rates. Many neighboring towns are higher in rates compared to the Town of Norton.

Mr. Kimball inquired about the possibility of someone having no insurance coverage.

Chief Schleicher explained if someone is not insured, they may fill out a "hardship form".

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve recommendation of Fire Chief to go with Comstar top 50 rates. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

<u>Ambulance Company Contract</u> - Discussion ensued on agreement needed to be worked out with Comstar.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to authorize the Town Manager to work out an agreement with Comstar for billing. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Chief Schleicher thanked the men and women of the Norton Fire Department; he was proud to be their Chief.

# Michael Wilson, EMTP - Director of EMS RE: Proclamation -

Mr. Wilson noted this Proclamation is effective 5/21/17 - 5/27/17 and is a token of appreciation usually given once per year.

Mr. Bramwell read Proclamation aloud.

Mr. Kimball asked Chief Schleicher to convey the Board of Selectmen's appreciation to the Fire Department for their dedication and hard work.

Mr. Wilson also thanked the Selectmen for their support of the Fire Department for equipment requests, etc.

3. <u>Dustin J. DeNunzio Re: Turtle Crossing project update, 129 Newland Street</u>
Mr. DeNunzio stated he was the manager of 129 Newland Street (Turtle Crossing) and referenced an agreement entered into with prior owners and now their partnership together has been terminated amicably. He was hoping to get a letter of support to continue the project and with the general plan permitted by ConCom. A rendering was shown of project and is a plan of the actually permitted project. He stated he will go before ZBA in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Kimball said previously a letter not supporting it was sent. He had concerns with sewerage issues and with Canoe River. The Board of Selectmen originally supported it because then additional housing was needed at that time.

Mr. Yunits stated now the Town is below 8.

Mr. Bramwell said it appears to be 174 units and a mix of one and two bedrooms.

Mr. DeNunzio said an agreement with Water & Sewer was finalized (to tie into Town sewerage is intent).

Mr. Yunits said the Zoning Board has continued this until June 6, 2017.

Mrs. Steele asked if this does move forward; what is the timeframe?

Mr. DeNunzio responded he would push forward as soon as possible and from beginning to end he would say it would be under two years. He was not planning to do this in phases. It is relatively simple construction and the goal is to not drag it out as it would not be a benefit to him as a developer.

Mr. Kimball noted two year extensions are an issue. If they move ahead with this one and this development, it would put the Town over to 10.5%. Sewerage needs to be Town sewerage.

Mr. DeNunzio stated they would pursue that in the manner it was already being pursued.

Mr. Kimball indicated there were some issues already at this location and it would be beneficial to bring the right people to Town to work on it.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to authorize the Town Manager to send a letter of support to ZBA regarding Turtle Crossing and to suggest recommendations as discussed as long as project does not change in scope. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

# 4. <u>Discussion - Vacancy on the Board of Assessors</u>

Mr. Yunits stated if anyone was interested in serving on this Board, they should send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen and then a joint meeting with Board of Assessors would occur. This person would need to go to school as well.

5. Request of Cemetery Dept., vote to declare 2005 Chevy Truck saleable surplus
MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve the Request of Cemetery Dept., to vote to
declare 2005 Chevy Truck saleable surplus. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous.
MOTION CARRIES.

#### B. OLD BUSINESS

#### C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

• Update - Street Lights

Mr. Yunits said he would have an estimate of cost from National Grid in June regarding purchase of lights.

# D. <u>APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS</u>

- 1. Resignation of Bonnie Yezukevich, Recreation Coordinator, effective June 30, 2017
- 2. Resignation of Sara Lyons, Parks and Recreation Commission, effective May 1, 2017
- Reappointment of Ralph Stefanelli to SRPEDD Commission as the Town of Norton
   Board
   of Selectmen Representative, for the period May 24, 2017 through May 23, 2018
- 4. Resignation of the Town of Norton's Representative Denis J. Feely to the Southeastern Regional School District Committee

Mr. Kimball stated they would hold off on the "Appointments/Resignations" at this meeting as it would be beneficial to do all at the same time, and they will also hold off on the SRPEDD Rep reappointment at this time, also. There is a long list of reappointments to be made and they will handle all of that at the next meeting.

Mr. Kimball said interested residents should send the Board of Selectmen a letter of interest to 70 East Main Street.

# V. <u>SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL</u>

#### VI. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

A. Approve bi-weekly payroll, for the period ended May 6, 2017, Warrant #67, dated May 11, 2017, in the amount of \$1,190,028.91

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Approve bi-weekly payroll, for the period ended May 6, 2017, Warrant #67, dated May 11, 2017, in the amount of \$1,190,028.91. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. Approve bills warrant #68, dated May 11, 2017, in the amount of \$931,857.80; bills Warrant #66, dated May 4, 2017, in the amount of \$1,348,294.57

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to Approve bills warrant #68, dated May 11, 2017, in the amount of \$931,857.80; bills Warrant #66, dated May 4, 2017, in the amount of \$1,348,294.57. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Approve bills Warrant #69, dated May 18, 2017, in the amount of \$219,331.30 MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Approve bills Warrant #69, dated May 18, 2017, in the amount of \$219,331.30. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.
- D. Approve Minutes March 16, 2017

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes, dated March 16, 2017, as written. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

# VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA - JUNE 1, 2017

- 1. Application of Wheaton College for a change of manager to its Common Victualer Beer and Wine License
- 2. Chief of Police Brian M. Clark Re: Opioid Grant Funding and discussion on the 1st Annual Report of NOPE (Norton Opioid Prevention and Education)
- 3. Appointments

#### VIII. <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>

## IX. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Adjourn at 8:00 P.M. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet Sweney



Janet Sweeney Board of Selectmen - Recording Secretary

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ROBERT W. KIMBALL, JR., CHAIRMAN

BRADFORD K. BRAMWELL, VICE-CHAIR

ROBERT S. SALVO, SR., CLERK

MARY T. STEELE

Dated: 0 5 17

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- Application of Jamie Derosier for a one-day All Alcohol License, to be utilized at Everett Leonard Park, Saturday, June 17, 2017, 12:00 3:00 P.M., for a private party
- Comstar Agreement
- Draft Board of Selectmen Minutes, dated March 16, 2017