



TOWN OF NORTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF MEETING OCTOBER 5, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The October 5, 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 W. Kimball, Jr., Chairman; Mr. Michael Flaherty; Mr. Robert S. Salvo, Jr., Clerk; and Mrs. Mary T. Steele were present. Absent: Mr. Bradford K. Bramwell, Vice-Chair. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was absent.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. LICENSES AND PERMITS

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Offices will be closed on Monday, October 9, 2017, in Observance of Columbus Day.

IV. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduction of Candidates of Political Parties for Senator in General Court.....for the Bristol & Norfolk District - Special State Election October 17, 2017:

Paul Feeney
Joseph Shortsleeve
Jacob Ventura

Mr. Kimball stated the candidates are allowed to speak for ten minutes and there will be no questions.

Paul Feeney:

Mr. Feeney thanked the Board for the opportunity to be present this evening. He indicated he was born in Jamaica Plain and is a current resident of Foxboro and resided for the last 13 years and serves on the Board of Selectmen in Foxboro; he was elected in 2007. He said there needs to be careful fiscal planning and management and was sympathetic to the work the Selectmen do. Mr. Feeney stated he campaigned this past summer and there is a lot of pride in the town of Norton. Like any community, there are ups and downs. He believed Norton is on the right path and it is a testament to the work conducted by the Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen members, etc.

Mr. Feeney communicated his wife owns a home daycare; is a successful small business owner and understands the importance of owning a small business. Mr. Feeney stated he is a blue collar worker by trade; a technician for Verizon and did not attend college. He worked his way up to the technician job and built a nice middle-class life. It is important to have careers for people, especially for those who are not planning to attend college immediately. He served as the First Chief of Staff to Senator Jim Timilty and took a leave of absence from his job at that time to do this. He learned the districts well. Senator Timilty always put the people first which he feels is exactly what should be expected of a state senator. The priority is the right resources for the State and resources for public education. Norton should not continue to look to increase funding for schools themselves.

Mr. Feeney addressed the opioid issue which is in every town. A better job needs to be done in this area, not just for first responders, but for longer-term treatment beds, and having insurance allow for more than a five day hospital stay. The Town of Norton deserves a partner in state government. He believed, too often, Beacon Hill forgets about the Bristol district. The Town needs a partner that stands up for the community. He is a firm believer that a community's state rep needs to be available to you all hours of the day and night and he will provide his cell phone number as he believes it is important to be available and accessible.

Mr. Feeney stated this is the first meeting of this kind that they have done and he appreciated it and thanked the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Kimball, and the Town Manager for this opportunity. He looked forward to working with the Town in the future.

Joe Shortsleeve:

Mr. Shortsleeve stated he was delighted to be here this evening. He has been knocking on many doors in town, etc. He indicated he attended Holy Cross College in Worcester and after that he made the decision to go into television news, which he was in for 35 years, and left in 2014 and joined a downtown media consulting firm. Mr. Shortsleeve said he found himself missing what he did on the I-team/WBZ TV, where they fought for the taxpayer.

Mr. Shortsleeve stated he knew Senator Jim Timilty and he was one of the good guys and was very helpful. When he moved to the town of Medfield, he moved into Senator Timilty's district. When Senator Timilty announced he was leaving it was clarity, and he would only consider state senate. As a journalist he was always independent.

Mr. Shortsleeve stated he is the candidate that most resembles Jim Timilty. He said this evening is not the time to talk about differences between him and the other candidates but the differences are stark. He is socially liberal and fiscally conservative. He is the moderate voice in the middle; he would not be going to Beacon Hill to make friends; he will represent the people. Mr. Shortsleeve said he was not working for a party, but working for the people of the district. At age 60, he is the best listener at this age.

Mr. Shortsleeve referenced Ch70 school funding and said it needed to be looked at, as well as the Chapter 40B law, especially the required percentages, etc. He noted there will be a debate next week on Tuesday evening in Medfield and on Wednesday evening in Norton. He said he was delighted to be running and that he is not a politician, but up until then, he considers himself a journalist.

Jacob Ventura:

Mr. Ventura thanked the Board of Selectmen/Chairman for having him in this evening. He is the Republican nominee and is running for state senate to make government run for him. He was born and raised in Dartmouth and learned the value of hard work from his parents and grandparents. He is of Cape Verdean, Portuguese, and Native American diversity. He received his finance degree from U-Mass Dartmouth, and also possesses a law degree and was admitted to the bar. Mr. Ventura indicated he has clerked in a Massachusetts law firm. He joined Representative Steven Howitt when he was first elected in 2011, and manages his office/district as well as Beacon Hill. He works with police, fire, dpw departments, etc., as well as Rep Jay Barrows and Senator Timilty. He also endorsed Charlie Baker. One of his first memories in the town of Norton was the Veteran's Day Parade.

Some of the accomplishments was the \$21 million from MSBA for high school renovations, matching grants, Plain Street Bridge project, Route 140 traffic study, Route 123 to Route 495 to municipal center for sidewalk, and improvements to roadways. Also, another accomplishment was securing funding for the Town Common/fence. He has knocked on many doors over the last several months. He saw the brown water at a few houses and it is one of his priorities to ensure this water treatment facility is up and running as soon as possible. He has also worked with the Secretary of State to make that happen. He also worked on regional dispatch and the Taunton mail issues. Being a legislative aid, it really is a "jack of all trades" (behind the scenes). The work he is most proud of is the work he has done in this Town. He referenced 2012, Hurricane Sandy, which then turned into Tropical Storm Sandy, and he was involved with National Grid for many hours. He also has handled medicine emergencies, ramps for veterans and securing them funding for housing, assisting a mother of a disabled child with special education.

Mr. Ventura thanked the Board for having him in this evening and he looked forward to working with them and the people at home, and looked forward to their vote on October 17.

Mr. Kimball stated October 17 is a very important date. All three candidates are solid people and encouraged residents to come out to vote. He thanked these three candidates for coming out this evening.

2. Review and vote to approve and sign the Complete Streets Policy

MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to approve and sign the Complete Streets Policy. Second by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review and/or vote on Articles for the October 23, 2017 Fall Annual Town Meeting

Article 1 - Mr. Kimball referenced "Unpaid Bills" under Article 1; asking this to be re-voted. \$4,298.51 is new total. This relates to the assessor's office/geographics and Berry's Insurance and the Planning Board.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to support Article 1. Second by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 2 - Separation Notice

Mr. Kimball stated this relates to separation in assessor's office, fire department, and highway department (sick time, vacation buyback, etc., for three positions). \$83,340.00 is total. He noted they were notified earlier today of a highway department retirement.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to support Article 2. Second by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 3 - This Article is still in negotiations.

Article 4 - Hold off on this Article at this time.

Articles 5 and 6 - No action at this time/no recommendations

Article 7 - Working on capital improvements and having a meeting regarding this next week to finalize.

Article 8 - No action.

Article 9 - OPED and recommendation to support this Article.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to support Article 9. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 10 - Five year certification supplement; Assessors are now mandated by DOR (Department of Revenue).

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to support Article 10. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Camp Edith Read was discussed.

Article 14 - Mr. Kimball referenced the Town Common fence repair/replacement project which is currently in process. They are also accepting donations also. He referenced 16 new parking spaces on Library Square.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to support Article 14. Second by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 15 - Mr. Kimball stated because of requirement of Mass Historical and artifacts removal, as well as building redesign, they are asking for \$345,000 more out of Water Surplus Account.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to support Article 15. Second by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 16 - Water lines replacement. It is an outside firm that is performing this work.

MOTION was made Mrs. Steele to support Article 16. Second by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 17 - No action.

Article 18

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to support Article 18. Second by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 19 - To rescind betterments; trying to make it easier for residents.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to support Article 19. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 20 - Hold off on this Article at this time.

Article 21 - This Article was already recommended.

Article 22 - Hazardous Waste Day. This is held each year. Amount is \$10,000.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to support Article 22. Second by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 23 - Water Pollution Abatement Trust. These are the admin fees to help them with the program.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to support Article 23. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

At the next Board of Selectmen meeting, they will finalize most of these Articles. The Board has one more meeting prior to Town Meeting.

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

V. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Salvo said the water bodies have improved greatly with the weed issues. Barrowsville and Reservoir are looking great!

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Mr. Kimball wanted to recognize the horrible tragedy in Las Vegas, Nevada, with many lives lost and their hearts go out to all of those folks.
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Chartley Halloween Parade will be held on October 29th at 12 noon.
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The Veteran's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, November 11th with step-off at 10 A.M.; if inclement weather, it will be held inside H. A. Yelle School. There is a bit of a change to the route this year due to construction to intersection of Pine and East Main Streets, and return to Master Sgt. Trent Memorial Park. This year, they will bypass the Town Common. The Parade Marshall will be Retired Norton Fire Chief George Burgess.

VI. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

Report of Chairman Robert W. Kimball, jr. on the following Payroll and Invoice Warrants:

A. Approve bi-weekly Payroll Warrant PR7, for the period ended September 23, 2017, dated September 28, 2017, in the amount of \$1,338,320.50

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to Approve bi-weekly Payroll Warrant PR7, for the period ended September 23, 2017, dated September 28, 2017, in the amount of \$1,338,320.50. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: All In Favor. MOTION CARRIES.

B. Approve Invoice Warrant AP13, dated September 28, 2017, in the amount of \$1,723,913.16

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to Approve Invoice Warrant AP13, dated September 28, 2017, in the amount of \$1,723,913.16. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: All In Favor. MOTION CARRIES.

C. Approve Invoice Warrant AP14, dated October 5, 2017, in the amount of \$559,200.86

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to Approve Invoice Warrant AP14, dated October 5, 2017, in the amount of \$559,200.86. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: All In Favor. MOTION CARRIES.

D. Approve Minutes - May 18, 2017
May 8, 2017
June 1, 2017 Executive Session
May 4, 2017

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes, dated May 18, 2017, as written. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: All In Favor, except for Mr. Flaherty, who abstained. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes, dated May 8, 2017, as written. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: All In Favor, except for Mr. Flaherty, who abstained. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to approve the Board of Selectmen-Executive Session Minutes, dated June 1, 2017, as written. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: All In Favor, except for Mr. Flaherty, who abstained. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes, dated May 4, 2017, as written. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: All In Favor, except for Mr. Flaherty, who abstained. MOTION CARRIES.

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA - October 19, 2017

1. 7:05 P.M. - Joint meeting with Board of Assessors to fill Board's vacancy
2. 7:15 P.M. - National Grid pole petition
3. Appointment of Special Police Officers

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Superior Officers, Norton Police Association, and AFSCME Highway

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 the Superior Officers, Norton Police Association, and AFSCME Highway, 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 8:00 P.M. by Mr. Salvo 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. Flaherty. Vote: All in Favor of Motion. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet Sweeney
Board of Selectmen - Recording Secretary

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ROBERT S. SALVO, SR., CLERK

MICHAEL FLAHERTY

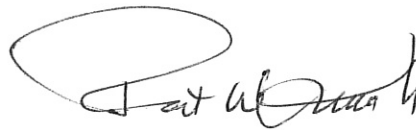
MARY T. STEELE

Dated: _____

Documents Presented at Board of Selectmen's Meeting of October 5, 2017

- Document: "Complete Streets Policy"
- Warrant Articles for October 23, 2017 Fall Annual Town Meeting
- Draft Board of Selectmen Minutes dated May 18, 2017; May 8, 2017; June 1, 2017 Executive Session; and May 4, 2017

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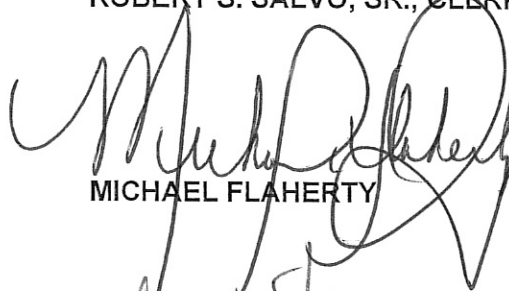


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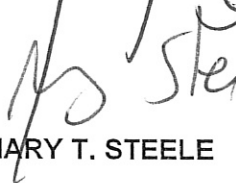
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Dated: 08/23/18