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**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2018**

I. 7:15 P.M. Call to Order

The January 25, 2018 meeting of the Norton Board of Selectmen was held in the Board of Selectman's Meeting Room and was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mr. Bob Kimball, Chairman. Member(s) present: Mr. Brad Bramwell, Mr. Bob Salvo, Ms. Mary Steele and Mr. Mike Flaherty. Also in attendance: Mr. Mike Yunits, Town Manager

II. Licenses and Permits

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to transfer the Common Victualle License held by Tsang's, Inc. d/b/a Tsang's Restaurant, 113 Mansfield Avenue, Norton, MA 02766, to Zhang & Chen, Inc. d/b/a Jasmine's Garden, same address at 7:03 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES

III. Announcement

Mr. Kimball polled members of the Board. There were no announcements.

IV. Business

A. New Business

- i. Jennifer Carlino, Conservation Director, came before the Board and led a discussion regarding the Land Disposition Policy. She described the basis of the policy; emphasizing the importance of preserving protected land even if this entails converting existing land to protected use. The discussion came about due to the owner of a land on Leonard Street requesting to develop the land. Ms. Carlino then presented the State Policy – *EEA Article 97 Land Disposition Policy* and went on to describe the no net loss policy with dispositions and exceptions. This requires avoidance and alternative analysis and depends on the property and national resource protection that are currently on the property, as well as value of property. The proposed land must be equivalent. The Conservation Committee will review the proposal and must have an unanimous vote to move forward. A positive review of the executive office of Environmental Affairs is also needed to move forward. Ms. Carlino stated the policy specifies if a municipality takes protected land off protection status, that municipality will be less likely to receive future grants. Mr. Kimball thanked Ms. Carlino for appearing at this meeting. Ms. Steele requested the proposal be brought to the Board at a future date.

- ii. Grant award updates –\$261,000 was awarded to the Town for the Chartley Pond Dam wall repairs.
- iii. Camp Edith Reade Update – Negotiations with the Girl Scouts are still on-going. Mr. Yunits stated the requested amount is much higher than the property is worth. Asking for more money than what it is worth. Mr. Kimball suggested to stand with the current offer.
- iv. Vote to deem surplus
MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to deem surplus the 2010 Ford Expedition VIN 1FMJU1G59AEB64895 (126,642 miles) and Four (4) Cannondale Police Bicycles, white, no shocks, Bike # 2, 4, 5, & 6 at 7:29 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES
- v. Discussion – KP Law is pursuing Opioid Litigation on behalf of the MA municipalities. A representative was unable to attend this meeting and will attend the February 8, 2018 meeting to explain further.

B. Old Business

- i. Water & Sewer sprinkler fee update – Mr. Yunits met with the Superintendent of Schools met to discuss these fees. It was determined the Town Departments (Library, School and Town) are subject to paying them. If an entity uses a sprinkler that uses water, maintenance of that system is required to provide that water when needed.

C. Town Manager's Report

- i. Energy Aggregation Update – Mr. Yunits stated this bill will now come from Public Power, LLC.
- ii. Complete Streets Kickoff Meeting Update – today was this kickoff meeting. SERPEDD is working with the Town to develop priorities. The Town has the opportunity to apply for grants up to \$400K to make pedestrians safer when going to school. The Town can also apply for further grants if appropriate. The next meeting will be held at the end of March.
- iii. Grant Award Update – A grant in the amount of \$45K was awarded for study of the Norton center. The Town is working with Wheaton College, GATRA and SERPEDD for conception lay-outs in the downtown area. Some preliminary ideas include roundabouts in the center and an additional sidewalk near the president's house to create bike lanes.
- iv. Planning Board Articles for town Meeting – The Planning Board met this past Tuesday and proposed four articles for Town Meeting. These articles include: (i) Keeping of poultry to allow under 12 hens (no roosters) on residential properties of conforming dimensional standards; (ii) allow marijuana establishments as classified in the draft law by Special Permit/Site Plan Review in industrial zones, outside the required buffer to childcare facilities and schools; (iii) In such case, the previous article fails, an extension to the existing moratorium on recreational marijuana establishments and (iv) acceptance of the codified zoning bylaw. Mr. Kimball stated in regards to the zoning for marijuana, the regulations are still changing and process is moving very quickly. These articles need to be presented in this specific order to ensure something gets passed.

- v. Health Insurance Update- Mr. Yunits stated the Cadillac tax doesn't go into effect until 2022. There is a meeting scheduled for February 5, 2018 to discuss insurance benefits.

- D. **Appointments/Resignations/Retirements** - There are no new appointments. Nomination papers are available for Town elections. There are a number of vacancies on the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, the Housing Authority, School Committee, and the Water and Sewer Commission. The last day to obtain nomination papers is March 2, 2018. Mr. Kimball will check positions open on the Housing Authority.

Mr. Kimball stated he is active in the process of updating the cemetery and will reach out to the Commissioners to begin. He is also involved with researching alternative exits for the High School to determine how to create another egress for emergencies. Mr. Kimball also talked to the Mayor of Taunton regarding how they acquired wells and extra water available and stated he will work with the Water and Sewer Commission.

V. **Warrants and Minutes**

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to approve the bi-weekly payroll warrant PR15, for the period ended January 13, 2018, dated January 18, 2018, in the amount of \$1,439,695.10 at 8:01 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to approve invoice warrant AP29, dated January 18, 2018, in the amount of \$136,879.46 at 8:01 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to approve invoice warrant AP30, dated January 25, 2018, in the amount of \$571,122.12 at 8:02 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES

VI. **Next Meeting's agenda**

For the February 8, 2018 meeting, K&P Law will be in attendance to discuss opioid litigation effort. Ms. Steele requested to have members of the Park & Recreation Department come before the Board for a meet and greet.

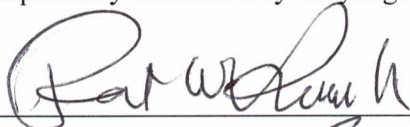
VII. **Executive Session**

There was no need for an executive session.

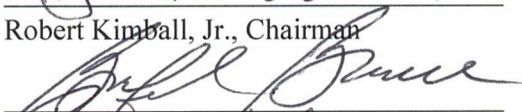
VIII. **Adjournment**

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES

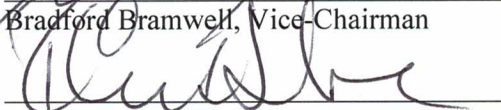
Respectfully Submitted by: Kayleigh Correia, Recording Secretary



Robert Kimball, Jr., Chairman



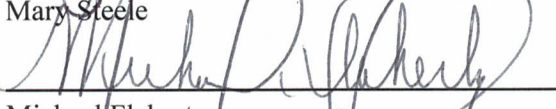
Bradford Bramwell, Vice-Chairman



Robert Salvo, Sr., Clerk



Mary Steele



Michael Flaherty

Minutes Approved by Committee on:

February 8, 2018