



TOWN OF NORTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 7, 2018
7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

- A. Roll Call – Robert Kimball, Mr. Bramwell, Robert Salvo, Mary Steele, Michael Flaherty, and Michael Yunits
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. Application of Courtney Alexson for a one-day Beer and Wine license to be utilized at Everett Leonard Park, Saturday, June 23, 2018, 12:00 Noon – 3:00 P.M., for a private party
Motion to approve by Mr. Bramwell
Second by Mr. Flaherty
Vote - unanimous
2. Application of Jenn Howard for a one-day Beer and Wine license to be utilized at Everett Leonard Park, Saturday, June 30, 2018, 4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M., for a private party
Motion to approve by Mr. Bramwell
Second by Mr. Flaherty
Vote - unanimous
3. Request of Tricia Belden for permit for Susan G. Komen's Impact Ride, a one day cycling fundraising event to pass through Norton, Saturday, September 29, 2018
Motion to approve and to wave all Application Fees by Mr. Bramwell
Second by Mr. Flaherty
Vote - unanimous
4. Application of 336 Toth, LLC d/b/a Norton Tavern on the Hill, 336 Old Colony Road, for the following licenses:
 - Common Victualler
 - Live Entertainment
 - Jukebox
 - (1) Video Game

(1) Coin-Operated Pool Table

Mr. Kimball stated this business has already been approved for an all alcohol license. They did not mention the items above at the time. The live entertainment in inside is OK per this request.

Mr. Salvo asked if there has been any further information as to whether an outdoor patio has been requested for this site.

Mr. Kimball stated that this would change their footprint and would need to come back for this request.

Motion to approve the items listed above by Mr. Bramwell

Second by Mr. Flaherty

Vote - unanimous

5. Application of Suzanne Titus for a one-day Beer and Wine license to be utilized at Everett Leonard Park, Sunday, August 26, 2018, 12:00 Noon – 5:00 P.M., for a private party

Motion to approve by Mr. Bramwell

Second by Mr. Flaherty

Vote - unanimous

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Parks & Recreation Commission Re: Founder's Day, June 16, 2018, 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M., at the Henri A. Yelle School

Suzanne Titus spoke re: the festivities as of today.

Food: BBQ from Fork and Bib, Alberto's, the Dark House, Del's Lemonade, Fried dough, Pop Warner more for everyone's taste.

Entertainment: Singers, DJ, Pie Eating contests, many other activities and rides to be planned.

Raffle will be held

Gold Star Committee Booth

Conservation Committee Booth

Village Revitalization Committee Booth

Big thank you to all our sponsors.

Chateau and Alberto's are sponsoring a fundraiser event where portion of the meal cost will go to the Founder's Day Fund.

Also, the school is having a red and white day for \$1 per person.

N E Rodeo allowed the Founder's Day Committee to have a 50/50 raffle.

Volunteers are needed and can contact the committee.

2. Mr. Bramwell stated that the Town Manager will be holding a Budget Preparation Presentation at Town Hall on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 6:00 at to explain the Budget process for this town from the beginning to town meeting for the public. Town manager, Town Accountant, Fin Com Chair will be attending. Different aspects such as the department wish lists, how the budget estimates are made, definition of free cash, 2 ½ increments, new growth, local receipts, fixed and shared expenses, etc.

3. Mr. Salvo - Chartley pond cleanup will be held on June 30, 9-noon. Volunteers can come bring gloves and loose clothes.

4. Founder Day, June 16, Fireworks will be held also.

5. Wheaton College – Symphony Under the Stars, Friday, July 20th at 8 PM, in the President Garden behind the president's house.

6. Norton Village Center Vision Planning meeting at Yelle on Thursday, June 14, 6:30.

IV. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. 7:15 P.M. – Joint Meeting with Planning Board to appoint member to fill vacancy on the Planning Board

Present: Joe Fernandes, Tim Griffin – Although this is not a quorum, they will listen to each applicant tonight in no particular order; but the decision will not be made until the Planning Board has a chance to review.

There are 9 applicants for the 2 positions.

- Oren N Sigal presented his background and experience to developers.

Mr. Kimball asked if you are appointed will you run in a year.

Oren – Yes

Ms Steele stated she is pleasantly surprised at the number of candidate. If you are not appointed would you be willing to service on another Board?

Oren – Zoning Board of Appeal

Mr. Bramwell stated living in Red Mill you are used to it now, but if you were on the Planning Board then is there something you would have done differently.

Oren – More over site would have been good. As far as Planning & Design it was well done in my opinion.

- Michael Toole spoke of the exciting time with the developments coming up Leonard St. Industrial, expansion of Wheaton Dorms. Looking to get more involved with the town organizations. Presented his background and work experiences.

Mr. Kimball asked if you are appointed will you run in a year.

Michael – Yes but would like to feel it out.

Mr. Bramwell – not sure where you are located in your development.

Michael – I live off Newcomb St. currently and want to make sure the Leonard St. Project will be done right and will impact many.

Mr. Fernandes asked if you support someone's Property Rights how do you balance that with decision you make on the Planning Board.

Michael – you need to look at what is best for the group rather than the individual and make the best decision.

- Alan Bouley – in town since 2009, 2 small children in school and I am on the site committee for JCS. In general contracting and construction since I was 17. In this capacity have been in front of many boards over the years which have shown me the different perspectives of people.

Mr. Kimball asked if you are appointed will you run in a year.

Alan – Yes

Mr. Bramwell asked what the Planning Board may have done right or wrong in the past. Also if there is a particular area you are most interested in.

Alan – I believe Medial Marijuana is a hot button issue. There are more avenues than just zoning areas.

Also, he sees the Leonard St. Industrial as a great opportunity for the town.

Mr. Fernandes asked what things you learned from being on the other side of Planning Boards that will affect how you treat the applicants.

Alan – I could look at things from the applicant's point of view, how it will affect neighbors and of course the builders.

- David Heaney – stated he has been in IT for 7 years, in town 5 years with 2 children. Past 5 years at TJX responsible for Cyber Security Strategic Planning. Also cross team experiences will be very helpful e learning how to actively negotiate what is required as opposed to what is wanted. Price Waterhouse Coopers as an advisory service security practice. The town has a revenue gap and needs to do the right thing for the town as a whole.

Mr. Kimball asked if you are appointed will you run in a year.

David – Yes

Mr. Bramwell – If you were on the Board what might be your personal goal.

David – I am not coming in with a personal agenda. I want to come in with a clean set of eyes and have not set project.

Mr. Flaherty – How will your Six Sigma and Lean Certifications?

David – I feel that these processes can be applied under these conditions as well.

Mr. Flaherty asked if you are not appointed would you serve on another board.

David – I do not currently know what else is available, but definitely want to become more involved.

Ms. Steele – 3 out of 4 of the candidates have stated they would serve on the ZBA; however, the Industrial Development Committee is an important one that has been defunct for a while.

Mr. Fernandes asked- Property rights versus zoning. If someone wants to develop property what trumps?

David – Town as a whole

Mr. Griffin: How would you address issues “this is how it’s always been”?

David – Discussion is often difficult at first and can only explain so much, then you need to go forward and change occurs then.

- Rene Deley – I don’t usually start something and not continue, so yes I would run again. Also background in Emergency Management and interest in other areas. Current job challenges the ‘what if’s’ and feel this is similar to Planning Board. To really understand how the things we plan affect others and the town. I want to be involved at this time. She also has Six Sigma.

Mr. Bramwell – If you were on the Planning Board, how would you make it better?

Rene – couple things: I have real estate license but do not practice, having no experience on a Planning Board will look at things from a fresh place. Thinking about making this a safer community and make Norton a better place.

Mr. Flaherty – How will your risk management background make the board better?
Rene – Yes, constantly doing assessments is part of me, is the decision long term vs. short term, what are the impacts, residential vs. commercial. I think we can do a much better job of communicating and looking at all the options before presentations are made to the town.

Mr. Fernandes – You mentioned that you have been in Norton for 8 years, can you state what has kept you here and if things have improved?

Rene - I'll answer that in 2 parts – what brought me here was the ability to be in a rural community. I like my privacy and enjoy being close to people as well. Town has been enhanced. The fact that the taxes were raised to support schools kept me here.

I would like to see more activities here for families. I often take my children to Mansfield or Easton because there are more activities there.

- Julie Oakley – I have lived in Norton 8 years and have 2 sons at LGN. What separate me is that I am a Trained Planner., Masters in Regional Planning. I have worked in Private and now the Public Sector, currently in State of RI. A lot of projects lined up and Feel that I can add to them, for example Town Center, Leonard St Project are similar to those I have worked with in the past.

Mr. Kimball asked if you are appointed will you run in a year.

Julie –Yes

Mr. Bramwell – going through usually see someone that doesn't fit. I think we need 11 members for the Planning Board. I am impressed by all the people that have shown up.

Joe Fernandes – Nice problem to have. I don't think I have ever seen so much enthusiasm.

Mr. Kimball – The quality of candidates is amazing.

Mr. Salvo – The next meeting we should have a list of other Boards with vacancies.

Tabitha A. mentioned 2 events coming up:

Tuesday the Complete Streets Open House, town hall at 6:30

Thursday the Village Center Walk Through at Yelle School at 6:30

2. Board considerations when appointing or reappointing volunteers to Town Boards

Mr. Yunitz read opinion from Legal – There will be no discussion about a person's character or reputation just their qualifications. Any such discussion will be made in Executive Meeting per 21A1. This is to protect the town from any liability and the individual. The individual will be given at least 48 hours written notice excluding weekends and holidays. They will also be allowed to have counsel present. The individual also has the right to allow public meeting discussion instead of Executive Meeting. Any comments from the public will be addressed to committee and the chair has authority to cease any person speaking in a matter that is harmful per 20G.

David Wren asked to speak to the Board.

I am here because I was frustrated by recent events. I don't expect you to change anything you have done in the past. I came up with some questions and express

my disappointment in past events. Are someone's actions outside of their official role considered? Are there any criteria considered before selection? Are content of letters from other State Agencies considered? If you receive certain letters, are they considered before choosing someone to represent the town? Are we really trying to move forward?

Mr. Kimball – When I look at someone, I don't consider myself judge or jury. We interviewed a number of candidates tonight. They may have something in their past that I don't know about or have a right to know. I don't look to just appoint people that agree with me. People in these committees never see eye to eye on every issue.

Mr. Bramwell – In general, when we are talking about an incumbent; my benefit of the doubt will go to the incumbent if they are attending meetings and doing the job. That's what I took into account.

Mr. Salvo – Both individuals were good. I took into account everything that the person has done over the last 20 years.

Ms. Steele – I think this is the First time a person has come to raise a concern. I appreciate your coming to this board with you concerns. Next time we vote on something we may think about what was said here.

Mr. Silva – I would much rather people call me rather than post on Facebook. I am available.

Mr. Kimball – I have supported some people with questionable backgrounds in the past. We aren't always right. Communication is key.

Mr. Silva – Wish you would come every week.

Mr. Bramwell – one other thing I read on Facebook was concerning the Charter Review. Mr. Gouveia mentioned he was shutdown, I too was shutdown geared toward the same end. I do know what it is like to be in that situation.

3. Notification from Massachusetts State Lottery Commission that an Application for a Keno License has been received by the MSLC from:

Tavern On The Hill
336 Old Colony Road
Norton

Read by Mr. Kimball – no vote needed

4. Discussion – Slattery Property RFP

Mr. Kimball suggesting whether there is any interest in developing the Property perhaps for Solar. Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Flaherty to put on another Board Meeting.

Mr. Yunits – This would be an RFQ. The current Solar Field generates approx. \$300,000 for the town.

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Baker-Polito over \$2 million in Grant Funding to 82 Communities
2. Beth Rossi wanted to announce the Kids Summer Cafes will be held three days a week (Tues., Wed., and Thurs.) at the Norton Glen Playground from 12 – 1 PM
3. Mr. Yunits stating that the Highway Department is limited staff and working very hard to continue addressing streets, etc. in town. Please be patient.
 - o Mr. Kimball mentioned the Tricentennial Park needs a lot of work. Perhaps a possible Eagle Scout Project. The area is growing wild.

D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

1. Reappointment of Dorothy MacQuown, Board of Registrars Democratic Member for a term to expire March 31, 2021

Motion to approve by Mr. Bramwell

Second by Ms Steele

Vote - unanimous

V. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

VI. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

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

- A. Approve Invoice Warrant AP48, dated May 31, 2018, in the amount of \$489,825.22

Motion to approve by Mr. Bramwell

Second by Ms Steele

Vote - unanimous

- B. Approve bi-weekly Payroll Warrant PR25, for the period ended June 2, 2018, dated June 7, 2018, in the amount of \$1,421,082.43

Motion to approve by Mr. Bramwell

Second by Ms Steele

Vote - unanimous

- C. Approve Invoice Warrant AP49, dated June 7, 2018, in the amount of \$230,500.82

Motion to approve by Mr. Bramwell

Second by Ms Steele

Vote - unanimous

- D. Approve Minutes –

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA - June 21, 2018

1. Petition of National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. to install 1 pole on north side of Eddy Street and 1 pole on south side of Eddy Street approximately 39' west of existing pole 2556-50, to support new electric service request at 15 Eddy Street.

2. Potential Joint Meeting with the Planning Meeting.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bramwell

Second by Mr. Flaherty

Vote - unanimous

Prepared by:



Michael D. Yunits

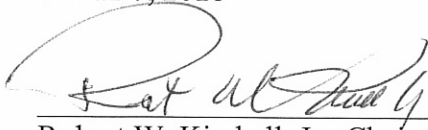
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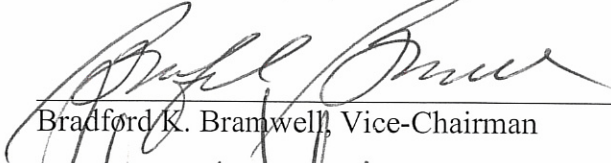
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Please note that it is possible that a vote or votes may be taken by the Board regarding the above agenda items.

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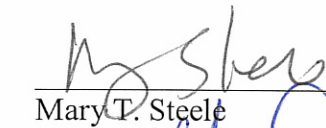
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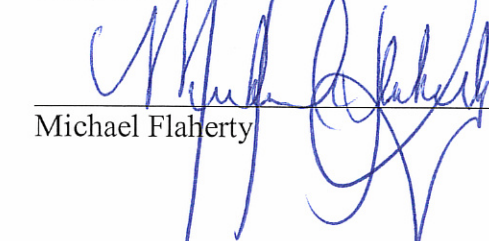
Bradford K. Bramwell, Vice-Chairman



Robert S. Salvo, Sr., Clerk



Mary T. Steele



Michael Flaherty

Minutes Approved by Board on: November 1, 2018