



TOWN OF NORTON
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 23, 2018
7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

- A. Roll Call: Robert Kimball, Brad Bramwell, Michael Flaherty, Mary Steele, Michael Yunits
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. LICENSES AND PERMITS

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Bramwell read the announcement regarding Blood Drive at L.J.'s Car Wash on Saturday August 25th from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Mr. Kimball read the Day of Remembrance Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 11 from 5:30 AM – 10:30 AM at Fenway Park, Gate D, 4 Jersey St., Boston

Mr. Kimball read a list of vacancies on Town Boards and Commissions and encouraged people to apply.

IV. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

Request of Michael Wilson, EMTP – Director of EMS, Norton Fire Department, to vote to declare two Zoll X Series Cardiac Monitors, with all of the Accessories as Surplus Equipment. Michael Wilson – We got approval to update our monitors through Capital. The trade in value is less than we believe we can receive on line. We need you to declare the old ones surplus so we can sell them.

Mr. Kimball – I have experience with these. Can you explain what they do?

Mr. Wilson – These monitors provide information to the hospital on the way there when time is so important. When we get to Good Samaritan the doctor is hopping in back of the ambulance.

Mr. Kimball – Will this require much training?

Mr. Wilson – Not much really. We had Zoll before so they are very similar.

Mr. Bramwell – I can never say enough about the service I received for my wife. I knew she was going to get the best care available.

Motion by Mr. Bramwell

Second by Ms. Steele

Vote – Unanimous

Mr. Wilson – I also thank the Board for what you sent me when my father passed away.

PROCLAMATION – September 2018 Library Card Sign Up read by Mr. Bramwell

Water/Sewer Commissioners RE: Water Quality Update

Superintendent Bernie Marshall spoke on DEP Update that required notice regarding the high level of manganese. We take 12 samples per month and 5 well samples, because of the high manganese we have to report this publically on a quarterly basis and notice will be issued that water not be used for infants and baby formula.

Mr. Kimball – This will be until new plant is built?

Mr. Marshall – Yes. Reservoir Street temporary service is in place. Will have water main work completed by Halloween. I have articles on the October warrant for water main replacements to continue to improve quality.

Mr. Kimball asked about the Ice Piging Program.

Mr. Marshall – I have that in my Capital Plan for next year. He explained what Ice Piging is.

Mr. Kimball – I am pretty confident that whatever you need to spend the town will support you.

Mr. Marshall – Weston & Sampson has done a Hydraulic Study Model for us and developed a unidirectional flushing program that takes a section at a time. They are now working on a Master Plan.

Mr. Kimball – Where do you have 100-year-old pipes?

Mr. Marshall – Right out front here.

Mr. Kimball – Once the new plant is up and running what do you expect the readings to be for iron and manganese.

Mr. Marshall - Once the new plant is up, we expect to have almost 0 iron and manganese.

Vote to authorize Board of Selectmen Chairman Robert W. Kimball, Jr. to sign letter to the Department of Housing and Community Development with respect to the CDBG Disaster Recovery Final Quarterly Review and Certification.

Motion by Mr. Bramwell

Second by Ms. Steele

Vote – Unanimous

Vote to authorized Town Manager, Michael D. Yunits to sign the First Amendment to the Electric Service Agreement

This is our Energy Aggregation Contract for the town. The company stated that they did not know about an item that would increase our cost quite a bit. Our lawyers spoke with theirs to compromise on the rate.

Motion by Mr. Bramwell

Second by Ms. Steele

Vote – Unanimous

B. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion regarding new construction on Route 140

Robert Kimball – We need sidewalks and traffic signals on Route 140 by Reservoir. We should also look at the off-ramp from 495 North. We should ask our representatives to look at the ramp issue as part of the Route 140 Study. Mike, can you put letter together for the State Representatives and the Town of Mansfield?

Mr. Bramwell - At our meeting in Mansfield we stayed away from the issue. We should at least get information on why it shouldn't be discussed.

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Fall Town Meeting Warrant is closed as of today. Normal items are on the warrant like unpaid bills, FY19 operating budget amendments, FY19 water operating budget, and FY19 sewer operating budget just to name a few.

Mr. Kimball – what are the two petitions?

Mr. Yunits – personnel employment contracts for all departments and procurement contracts greater than \$5,000 for all Departments.

Mr. Yunits - Like to thank Whole Foods Market for training of their Ammonia System and they donated approx \$5,000 worth of Ammonia HazMat Meters.

Police Department is now equipped with Narcan and 75% of the department has been trained on its use as of today.

Tweave Mill Complex Auction of the building on September 18th at 11:00 A.M.

D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

Request of Edward J. Smith for appointment to the Water Bodies

Edward Smith explained his qualifications and requests to be on the Water Bodies Committee. He stated that this drew his attention and how he felt he could contribute.

Mr. Kimball – explained that we are in discussion with Fish and Game on construction of a boat ramp on 140.

Mr. Bramwell – It is good to have someone who has direct contact with the reservoir and knows the history.

Motion by Mr. Flaherty

Second by Ms. Steele

Vote – Unanimous to appoint

Request of Robyn Lovering, Alternate on the Council on Aging, to be considered for appointment as a permanent member.

Motion by Mr. Bramwell

Second by Ms. Steele

Vote – Unanimous to appoint

Request of MaryAnn Dempsey for appointment on the Council on Aging

MaryAnn Dempsey explained her qualifications and why she wants to be on the Council on Aging. She mentioned she has volunteered for a year at the Senior Center, and that her and Beth had been working together. She stated how she has helped with donations and computers. Ms. Dempsey added that she has seen other towns and their Senior Centers are like Country Clubs and then she comes back to Norton's. She stated that last year she also did the First Senior Christmas Drive.

Mr. Kimball – Our younger population is decreasing and our senior population is growing. They can use someone like you. Can you come back when you are starting your Senior Christmas program?

MaryAnn Dempsey - Yes

Motion by Mr. Bramwell

Second by Ms. Steele

Vote – Unanimous to appoint

Recommendation of Kathleen Eno, Chairman, on behalf of the Norton Council on Aging, to have Dinah O'Brien represent them, as Temporary Permanent Building Committee Member, for the duration of the new Senior Center Project.

Motion by Mr. Bramwell
Second by Mr. Flaherty
Vote – Unanimous to appoint

Appointment of Full-Time Assessor's Technician effective September 5, 2018 - Felicia Noonan
Mr. Bramwell read the appointment letter

Motion by Mr. Bramwell
Second by Ms. Steele
Vote – Unanimous to appoint

Appointment of Office Administrator effective September 5, 2018 - Jennifer Reid

Motion by Mr. Bramwell
Second by Ms. Steele
Vote – Unanimous to appoint

Appointment of Water/Sewer Full-Time Technician effective August 27, 2018 - John Harrop

Motion by Mr. Bramwell
Second by Ms. Steele
Vote – Unanimous to appoint

V. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Flaherty commended Norton Police and State Police for a coordinated arrest in his neighborhood.

Mr. Kimball – I did come up with 4 parcels that might be suitable for the Veterans Housing. I asked the Tax Collector and the Town Manager to review parcels with department heads for their recommendations and/or concerns.

VI WARRANTS AND MINUTES

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

Approve Payroll Warrant PR19-04, for the week ended August 11, 2018, Warrant dated August 16, 2018, in the amount of \$608,412.34.

Motion by Mr. Bramwell
Second by Ms. Steele
Vote – Unanimous

Approve Invoice Warrant AP19-07, dated August 16, 2018, in the amount of \$340,055.62.

Motion by Mr. Bramwell
Second by Ms. Steele
Vote – Unanimous

Approve Invoice Warrant AP 19-08 dated August 23, 2018, in the amount of \$564,214.55.

Motion by Mr. Bramwell

Second by Ms. Steele

Vote – Unanimous

Approve Minutes – September 7, 2017

Motion by Mr. Bramwell

Second by Mr. Flaherty

Vote - Unanimous

Approve Minutes – October 6, 2017

Motion by Ms. Steele

Second by Mr. Flaherty

Vote – 3-0-1 (Brad Bramwell)

Approve Minutes – October 6, 2017 Executive Session

Motion by Ms. Steele

Second by Mr. Flaherty

Vote – 3-0-1 (Mr. Bramwell)

VI. NEXT MEETING’S AGENDA - September 6, 2018

7:15 P.M. Hearing - Application of Kevins LLC for a Class I License to be utilized at
187 West Main Street

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Vote taken to move into Executive Session - To discuss negotiations
– Norton Police Association

Motion read by Ms. Steele

Second by Mr. Flaherty

Roll Call Vote – Mr. Kimball-yes

Mr. Bramwell- yes

Ms. Steele-yes, Michael Flaherty, Michael Yunits

3-0-1 (Bradford Bramwell)

Chairman reconvened meeting. Returned to Open Session 8:25.

Michael Yunits explained the purpose of the memorandum of agreement was to establish one flat rate for all details. This will allow contractors to know what the rate is and will be clear. Currently, the rate is based on the officer’s rate; so, a new officer will cost less than a more experienced officer. This causes much confusion for the contractors as well as our billing people.

Motion by Mary Steele

Second by Michael Flaherty

Roll Call Vote – Michael Flaherty – yes

Mary Steele – yes

Bradford Bramwell – abstain

Robert Kimball - yes

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mary Steele

Second by Michael Flaherty

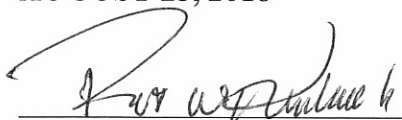
Vote – Unanimous

Prepared by:



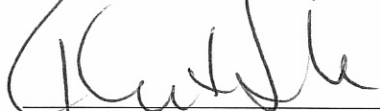
Michael D. Yunits
Town Manager

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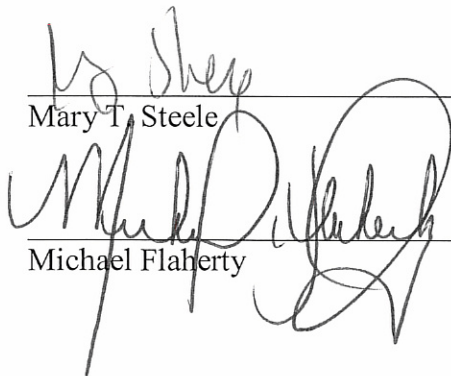
Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Chairman

Bradford K. Bramwell, Vice-Chairman



Robert S. Salvo, Sr., Clerk

Mary T. Steele



Michael Flaherty

Minutes Approved by Board on: November 29, 2018