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**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2019**

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I. Call to Order by Chairman

The June 27, 2019 meeting of the Norton Board of Selectmen was held in the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room and was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mr. Bradford K. Bramwell, Chairman. Member(s) present: Mr. Michael Flaherty, Mr. John Conway, and Ms. Mary T. Steele. Also in attendance: Michael D. Yunits, Town Manager.

II. Licenses and Permits

1. Application by Macilla Szabo for a One Day Beer and Wine License for a Private Event at Everett Leonard Park on June 29, 2019 from 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
2. Application by Geoffrey Winslow for a One Day Beer and Wine License for a Private Event at Everett Leonard Park on July 6, 2019 from 12:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
3. Application by Christina Precourt for a One Day All Alcohol Liquor License for a Private Event at Everett Leonard Park on July 13, 2019 from 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
4. Application by Christina Precourt for a One Day Beer and Wine License for a Private Event at Everett Leonard Park on September 7, 2019 from 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
5. Application by Eleanor Johnson for a One Day Beer and Wine License for a Private Event at Everett Leonard Park on August 17, 2019 from 3:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to approve all five of the One Day Beer and Wine/All Alcohol Liquor Licenses to be used at the Everett Leonard Park. Seconded by Ms. Steele; Vote: Ms. Steele – Yes; Mr. Conway – Yes; Mr. Flaherty – Yes; and Mr. Bramwell – Yes. MOTION CARRIES.

6. Application of Patricia Belden for the Susan G. Komen's Impact Ride, to be held on Saturday, September 28, 2019. Start off time 7:30 A.M. - Approximately 1:30 P.M.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to approve the application of Patricia Belden for the Susan G. Komen's Impact Ride to be held on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 7:30 A.M. to approximately 1:30 P.M. Seconded by Ms. Steele; Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. Announcements

1. Wheaton College Presents Norton's Own Symphony Under the Stars Thursday, August 8, 2019 from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in the President's Garden. Great Woods Symphony Orchestra performs a concert of classical and pops favorites. Rain location will be in the Weber Theatre. Canned goods will be collected before the start of the event for the Cupboard of Kindness Food Pantry for those who wish to make a donation.

2. 4th Annual “Battle of East Main Street” Softball Game: Wheaton College vs. Norton’s Fire and Police Departments Tuesday, July 9th at 5:00 P.M., Clark Softball Field. During the game, there will be a “pass the hat” collection for donations to support Norton’s Fire and Police Departments.

IV. **Appointments/Resignations/Retirements**

- a. Appointment of Janice Roberge as the Principal Account Clerk in the Treasurer/Collector’s Department.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to appoint Janice Roberge as the Principal Account Clerk in the Treasurer/Collector’s Department. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- b. Appointment of Michael Wilson to the Permanent Captain Position in the Norton Fire Department.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to appoint Michael Wilson to the Permanent Captain Position in the Norton Fire Department. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- c. Appointment of Christopher Ferreira to the Permanent Lieutenant Position in the Norton Fire Department.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to appoint Christopher Ferreira to the Permanent Lieutenant Position in the Norton Fire Department. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Chief Schleicher asked that the August 22, 2019 Board of Selectmen meeting be held at the Norton Media Center. He added that they will have more appointments pending approval at the end of July.

- d. Appointment of Part-Time Recording Secretary for the Water/Sewer Department.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to appoint Kevin Bernardo as the Part-Time Recording Secretary for the Water/Sewer Department. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- e. Request of Ralph Stefanelli for Appointment as an Alternate Member to Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD).

Mr. Flaherty stated that he thought there was another appointment made by the Planning Board that perhaps is not active, which would be a voting member as opposed to the alternate. Mr. Flaherty asked Mr. Yunits if he was correct with his understanding that currently the Town is only getting one vote rather than the two they are eligible for. Mr. Yunits answered no [not that he is aware of] and that they have a Planning Board representative, JTBG representative, and the Town representative (which is Sandra Ollerhead).

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to appoint Ralph Stefanelli as the Alternate Member to Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District

(SRPEDD). Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: 3 – Yes; 1 – No (Conway). MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Stefanelli asked Mr. Conway why he voted against his appointment. Mr. Conway explained that he is having a difficult time recommending someone for a position that represents the community at large when they were harshly reprimanded by the State for campaign finance issues. He added that it also had to do with how forcefully direct Mr. Stefanelli was with the Inspector from the Office of Campaign and Political Finance. Mr. Stefanelli replied that that was a private matter and accused Mr. Conway of being in favor of a “kangaroo court”.

V. Business

A. New Business

i. 7:15 P.M. – Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid to install pull box over existing conduits for drainage, minimize ice build-up in conduits at riser Pole 1958-71, and improve reliability for neighborhood.

Elmrin Galvin, Design Engineer for National Grid, came before the Selectmen to explain what National Grid would like to do. Mr. Galvin started by explaining the plans for the pull box regarding Pole 1958-71. He stated that they had an outage at that rise pole leading into that development, so in order to have proper drainage at the bottom of the pole where the underground conduits come up, they are installing a pull box there and filling it with stone. That way, when there is rain or snow the stones will disperse the moisture and make sure there is no damage to those lines.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to approve the Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid to install pull box over existing conduits for drainage, minimize ice build-up in conduits at riser Pole 1958-71, and improve reliability for neighborhood. Seconded by Mr. Conway. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon d/b/a Verizon New England, Inc. to install Smith Street Pole 2052-84 and installing pole and anchor to remove a tree guy supporting existing Smith Street Pole 2052.

Mr. Galvin explained that for this pole, the Town requested to have some tree removal done and it turned out that National Grid has a tree guy anchor in the tree so, they were asked to remove the tree guy anchor. However, in order to maintain stability on the pole lines, National Grid had to install a stub pole so that the pole would be the support instead of the tree guy.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to approve the Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon d/b/a Verizon New England, Inc. to install Smith Street Pole 2052-84 and installing pole and anchor to remove a tree guy supporting existing Smith Street Pole 2052. Seconded by Mr. Conway. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Yunits mentioned he went to the National Grid Southeast Region Safety Hearing where Officer Cameron was recognized for his actions regarding the tragic event that happened about 5 weeks ago with the National Grid worker. Another thing they mentioned

was that in this region about 400 dead oak trees have been taken down this year due to gypsy moths.

ii. Town Center Study Plan Presentation.

Mr. DiGiuseppe thanked the Selectmen for having him this evening and for their support on the Norton Village Center. He explained that the goals of the project are as to create opportunities for different transportation options to address safety concerns, improve the look of the area to create a sense of place, understand future development potential to guide investments, and set a clear vision with action agenda. Mr. DiGiuseppe mentioned they did a public survey to address issues and develop draft concepts of what people would like to see. He emphasized that people would like a more walkable and bikeable concept at Library Square. He explained that the Library Square Intersection survey included the following alternatives:

Alternative A – No change.

Alternative B – Shift Taunton Avenue. Mr. DiGiuseppe stated that if drivers are currently waiting 10 minutes in traffic to get from Town Hall to the traffic light, by shifting Taunton Avenue it would take off about 4 to 5 minutes of traffic.

Alternative C – Shift Mansfield Avenue. Aligning Mansfield Avenue to Taunton Avenue. This option could result in the Town gaining land that could become a park while also gaining access roads and parking for places like the library.

Alternative D – Pinwheel. It is similar to a roundabout.

Mr. DiGiuseppe explained that the next steps included getting engineered conceptual designs, developing preliminary cost estimates, performing traffic analyses of alternatives, developing a permitting checklist of each concept, and perform the MEPA/NEPA process.

Mr. DiGiuseppe mentioned they have come up with a proposed VCC [Village Commercial Center]. He stated that they need to discuss uses based on what people want there and what they don't want there. Mr. DiGiuseppe added that in to achieve these improvements, the Town will need to adjust its specific standards like removing the limit of 33% lot coverage for buildings, reduce minimum lot size (current 18,000 square feet), and eliminate scaling of lot size for multi-family. He emphasized that frontage and parking are very important and suggested changing their approach by eliminating minimum parking requirements of office/retail (currently 5 per 1000 sq. ft.), eliminate loading requirements, and require a parking analysis.

Mr. Flaherty asked what the time-frame is to start moving in this direction and get to this point. Mr. DiGiuseppe answered that he hopes to fulfill these plans within a 10-20 year period. He added that he is hopeful to get this at the fall town meeting (if not then the following year). Ultimately, he stated they need to get the bylaw, the new district, and get the rezoning done at the same time so that can people can have a visual concept. Mr. DiGiuseppe added that sewer is going into this area this summer and pointed out the importance of getting ahead of this.

Mr. Kimball emphasized that at this point, the Board of Selectmen need to decide what direction the Town needs to go in. He pointed out that the sewer project is a major influence on this. Mr. Kimball explained that when they did the East Main Street, the

Town needed money for engineering and plans all in advance. He stated that options B, C, and D all involve taking land and paying for it. Mr. Kimball recommended enlisting State Senators and Representatives emphasizing that this is a regional issue not just a town issue because towns like Attleboro, Mansfield, Taunton, and Easton are passing through here. Mr. Kimball mentioned that option B is probably the most expensive because the Town would have to take 3 or 4 properties and option C goes over the new well that was just installed as part of the Town Revitalization, but would probably be the most cost effective option. He added that option C would also increase green space and create parking for the library. Mr. Kimball reminded the Selectmen that this is going to cost the Town money no matter what option is chosen.

Chairman, Bradford K. Bramwell, read the following prepared motion:

The Board of Selectmen has reviewed the Norton Village Center plan dated June 11th and we find the plans provide a viable path forward and commit to working with the staff towards its implementation. We also recognize that this plan will be a valuable resource for the upcoming update to the Master Plan, and therefore the Chair would entertain a motion that the Board officially endorses this plan and considers it to be part of our work plan moving forward.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty that the Board officially endorses this plan and considers it to be part of their work plan moving forward. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

iii. Review and/or Vote to Sign PILOT Agreement between the Town of Norton and NextGrid Patriots, LLC.

Mr. Haskell of Solar Design Associates, the engineering firm representing NextGrid Partners, came before the Selectmen to explain that they are proposing a photovoltaic system on 54 Plain Street.

Mr. Yunits explained that the PILOT Agreement was put together by NextGrid working with the Assessor's Department and that the Assessors has brought forward the PILOT recommending \$20,000 a year for 20 years or \$400,000. He added that this was approved at town meeting authorizing the Selectmen to sign.

Ms. Steele asked the Town Manager if the issues involving the playground at the L.G. Nourse Elementary School were resolved, which Mr. Yunits answered he was unsure. Mr. Bramwell added that last he heard was that to put language in the PILOT Agreement dictating the building of a playground is illegal and essentially extortion. Mr. Yunits informed Ms. Steele that he discussed this with Dr. Baeta advising him to put in a request for a capital improvement and apply to get the \$20,000 that way.

Mr. Conway referenced a previous meeting where there was discussion about a lump sum payment of \$370,000 versus \$20,000 a year for the next 20 years. He asked the Town Manager if they recommendation is still to do the \$20,000 over the next 20 years, which Mr. Yunits confirmed.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to approve the PILOT Agreement between the Town of Norton and NextGrid Patriots, LLC. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

iv. Municipal Vulnerability Planning Training Presentation by the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Bill Napolitano stated that the objective of MVP is to help the town consider and prioritize actions to improve its climate resilience. He explained that the top hazards and vulnerabilities are flooding, high wind, drought/fire/extreme temperatures, and changing seasonality. He mentioned that as far as flooding goes, some examples are Richardson Avenue and southwest through Walker Street and throughout Route 123. Mr. Napolitano mentioned that they then further broke down these four hazards by infrastructure, environment, and society. He mentioned improving the Senior Center could alleviate the Town's need for more emergency shelters if it is made more resilient with a backup generator along with the flooding in the park lot being mitigated. Societal concerns included policy suggestions, vulnerable buildings, and capacity changes to the Town. Mr. Napolitano stated that the current strengths included the recent changes to zoning bylaws to encourage Low Impact Development (LID). He advised that the top three recommendations to improve resilience were multi-hazard mitigation planning, communications, and stormwater management; bylaw review was a fourth option.

Norton/Mansfield/Easton Regional Vulnerability Concerns resulted in over twenty concerns, which were reported to Jennifer Carlino. Ms. Carlino has reviewed the submitted report of concerns and will be submitting it to the State. Mr. Napolitano expressed that hopefully they will be all set up by the fall.

v. Update from Dave Lennon of the Water Bodies Committee.

Mr. Lennon informed the Selectmen that Lake Winnecunnet and the Reservoir have seen a lot of improvement. He pointed out that Chartley Pond didn't get a lot of treatment and that Barrowsville Pond will be getting treatment due to the water chestnuts. Mr. Lennon asked Mr. Yunits if he got any word from Solitude on treatment.

Mr. Yunits responded that one of their concerns with the Reservoir is the variable-leaf milfoil, but everything else looks good. He further pointed out that the Reservoir is pretty clear, which Mr. Lennon agreed. The Town Manager mentioned that in the cove of the Reservoir there are some water chestnuts to clear out, but is for the most part clear.

Mr. Lennon stated that native plants are growing back in place of invasive plants. He emphasized that moving forward, they are going to have to look at prevention, such as plastering signs at points of entrance and exit. Mr. Lennon remarked that one of the problems that needs to be address is signage and looking at alternatives to the laminated signs currently being used since they keep getting ripped down. He suggested the use of stamps on visitors' boats to ensure that users have received the notices being posted at the entrances and exits. Mr. Lennon asked that the Board of Selectmen work with the Conservation Commission about getting signs up. Mr. Yunits replied that Mr. Keith Silver, Highway Superintendent, is working on making the metal signs and that Ms. Carlino, Conservation Agent, is already working on signs as well.

Mr. Bramwell suggested working towards developing a bylaw that anyone using the water bodies have a sticker [issued by the Town] on their boats, so they know they are informed of the rules. Mr. Yunits stated that one thing that came up with this process is the CPA (Community Preservation Act) again. He reminded residents that they are looking for volunteers to look into the pros and cons of having a CPA, but no one has come forward.

The Town Manager added that if the Town had a CPA, they could use the grant money they would be eligible for to fund future pond cleanups.

Ms. Steele said that at the time of approving the water bodies cleanup that it would be hundreds of thousands of dollars and that they had to have preventative measures put into the vote. Mr. Yunits replied that town meeting will need to appropriate funds for future years. Mr. Yunits added that they could have a line item in the budget, appropriate a certain amount, and at the end of the year if it is not spent that the remaining funds go back into the general fund. The other option is creating an article because article money can be carried over year to year. Ms. Steele emphasized that the metal signs that can be staked into the ground are an absolute necessity and needs to happen immediately.

Ms. Steele pointed out that one thing the Town doesn't put a lot of thought into is policing the water bodies. Mr. Lennon replied that he had spoken with an environmental police officer, and one thing they don't do is enforce town bylaws and ultimately recommended calling dispatch. He stated that he has spoken with Chief Clark in the past about this, but they run too thin to manage the lakes. Ms. Steele posed the question as to why the Town can't have visitors pay to have a sticker on their boats for revenue and provide some kind of funding for a police officer on a jet ski to police the water bodies. She asked the water bodies committee to come up with ideas for funding for an officer on a jet ski that would be a part-time employee since it is seasonal position.

A resident of Juniper Lane says she witnesses these issues all of the time specifically regarding jet skis and signage. She stated she has people on boats as early as 5:00 A.M. on Sundays and she has to call the police. She stated that this past weekend there were probably 25 cars out by Juniper Beach and emphasized the need for a boat ramp. She informed the Selectmen that residents on those roads have deeded beach rights and they aren't able to use them because of the boats and jet skis. Mr. Lennon added that there are also fishing tournaments that go on that aren't allowed according to the bylaws.

Mr. Yunits mentioned that in the MVP plan, there is the possibility of seeking grant money to take out the Barrowsville dam. There is \$190,750 accounted for to clean this pond. He stated that the question they have now is if they want to spend this money on a pond that could be dried up. Mr. Yunits stated that to cleanup all of the ponds in town, it will cost \$408,000; with Barrowsville Pond not being treated, it would only cost \$217,000. The Town Manager informed the Selectmen that if the Water Bodies Committee is not in favor of keeping Barrowsville Pond and brought this back to the Board of Selectmen, they Board of Selectmen could take a vote.

Mr. Conway asked if they could address the Juniper Beach boat ramp. Mr. Yunits informed Mr. Conway that they haven't heard back from Fish & Game yet regarding their study. Mr. Conway stated that when they went down there, there were 4 boulders blocking what he believed is a public way and suggested removing them to alleviate traffic on Lazy Lane. Mr. Yunits suggested that a letter be sent to those on that road asking if they want those boulders moved.

vi. M.G.L. c. 61B – Re-Notification of Amendment to the P&S Agreement regarding 19 Leonard Street (Lot 11-66).

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to not exercise their right of first refusal regarding 19 Leonard Street (Lot 11-66). Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

vii. M.G.L. c. 61A – Re-Notification of Amendment to the P&S Agreement regarding 235 East Main Street (Lot 11-32), 0 Leonard Street (Lot 11-22), 0 Leonard Street (Lot 11-25), 0 Leonard Street (Lot 11-25-01).

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to not exercise their right of first refusal regarding 235 East Main Street (Lot 11-32), 0 Leonard Street (Lot 11-22), 0 Leonard Street (Lot 11-25), 0 Leonard Street (Lot 11-25-01). Seconded by Mr. Conway. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

viii. Review and/or Vote to Award SERSG Contract for FY20 DPW Supplies.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to award the SERSG Contract for FY20 DPW Supplies as outlined in the document supplied by SERSG. Seconded by Mr. Conway. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

ix. Review and/or Vote to Award SERSG Contract Re-Bid for FY20 Water and Sewer Treatment Chemicals.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to award the SERSG Contract Bid for FY20 Water and Sewer Treatment Chemicals to NBC Distributors, Fairhaven, MA as indicated on the bid sheet. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

x. Discussion on Purchase of Microsoft Surface Pros for Board of Selectmen Meetings.
Mr. Yunits informed the Selectmen that they got a quote from the Town's consultants. For purchase of equipment and install all of the necessary licenses and programs it would cost \$8,747.94. Mr. Flaherty expressed that he does believe they use a lot of paper for each meeting. Ms. Steele agreed, but thought the price was expensive. She suggested exploring other more affordable options. Mr. Bramwell asked if this would be creating more work. Mr. Yunits replied that it would not and they could even use Dropbox. Mr. Bramwell stated that it was worth pursuing.

xi. Discussion on Town Hall Hours for 4th of July Holiday.
Mr. Bramwell told the Board that Mr. Yunits informed him the previous week that employees were willing to use their vacation/compensation time to have Town Hall closed on Friday, July 5th especially where there will be minimal foot traffic.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to allow the Town Hall to be closed on Friday, July 5th with Town Hall employees using their vacation time. Seconded by Mr. Conway. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

xii. Discussion on Host Community Agreements for Retail Marijuana Establishment.
Mr. Yunits stated that KP-Law provided him with a Host Community Agreement template. He informed the Selectmen that they can take their time to review this because they do not have any applicants/interested parties at this time. Mr. Bramwell clarified that this would be restricted to industrial zoned land. Mr. Conway stated this was correct and added that it would be industrial by special permit. Mr. Bramwell expressed his opinion that the Blue Star Industrial project could be a good place to look at for a possible

location. Mr. Bramwell suggested taking this under advisement and bringing it up for the next Planning Board meeting.

Mr. Conway asked if the process would be that an interested party would come in, a Host Community Agreement would be put together, and then it would go to the various committees for approval. Mr. Yunits answered that once a company says they want to get a license for this, a Host Community Agreement would be put together, and if they do need a special permit, they would then have to go through the Planning Board. Mr. Yunits stated that it has taken two years for applicants to get a license through the state, which he was surprised to hear. He added that there isn't anything limiting the number of shops that can be in town.

B. Old Business

1. Town Counsel Opinion on Charter Review Committee.

Mr. Bramwell asked if everyone saw the opinion provided by town counsel stating that they might not have to form a Charter Review Committee especially where an elected Charter Commission is working on the document at the time. Ms. Steele asked that Mr. Yunits get that legal opinion over to Laura Parker, Chairman of the Charter Commission to let her know we don't need to do this.

C. Town Manager's Report

1. Update on Reed & Barton.

Mr. Yunits informed the Selectmen that the Building Commissioner, Mr. Christopher Carmichael, did get the reserve fund transfer of \$49,784.75 for the tearing down and abatement of Building K. Mr. Carmichael stated that this work was going to start the following week, but that got pushed back. He mentioned that they all need develop a master plan with MassDevelopment, SRPEDD, the Attorney General's Office, EPA, and DEP to formulate a plan for remediation.

Mr. Conway asked if the \$49,784.75 figure is for the asbestos abatement and tear down of Building K or just the asbestos abatement. Mr. Carmichael answered that this is for the abatement and DEP will be tearing down the building. Mr. Conway asked what the status was regarding the building on Cross Street. Mr. Carmichael stated that it is still fenced off and again is looking to get everyone to sit down and come up with a plan because until they own it, they cannot get funding.

2. Update on Health Summer Youth Jobs Grant.

Mr. Yunits took this time to acknowledge the great work of the Recreation Commission and the Recreation Director. Because of their hard work, the Town received \$1,900.80 in grant money for the Health Summer Youth Jobs Grant Program to help offset the cost of lifeguards for this summer.

3. Bristol County National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

The Town Manager stated that Bristol County National Health Examination Survey will be going around Bristol County to conduct a survey. Mr. Yunits wanted to inform residents that if someone comes to their home for a survey, the survey the National Center for Health Statistics is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This is part of a major study of the health of persons living in the United States and Bristol County, MA has been randomly selected as one of the survey locations.

4. Council on Aging Generator.

Mr. Yunits stated that the generator has been installed and wanted to thank the State legislatures; the generator was paid through a legislative earmark.

5. SRPEDD Master Plan Drone Shots.

The Town Manager just wanted to make people aware that SRPEDD is part of the Master Plan and they will be doing drone imaging of the Town for the next week.

6. Rail Trail Update

There was a meeting with the Alternative Transportation Committee this week and the engineer of BETA was also present. According to BETA, they are on track for 2021. Mr. Yunits stated that the Design Exception Report was approved by MassDOT last month and added that there will be a public hearing scheduled for an informational meeting run by MassDOT early in August, which will more than likely be held in the library community room. This meeting will be for both Norton and Mansfield. Mr. Yunits stated that at the last Selectmen's meeting there was a discussion about sending letters out regarding why the Rail Trail was extended to 2022. However, the engineers stated that this probably is not the best step. He added that the Alternative Transportation Committee was advised to contact state representatives just informing them of where the Town is in the process and how everything is going. The engineer said that the best step is to continue working with MPO at SRPEDD to keep the project in their vision. The Town Manager stated that the main focus is the title search on the railroad bed. He explained that the attorney for MFN is going back and researching the title in the 1800s when the railroad took title to see if the railroad took title or simply the right to lay track.

V. Selectmen's Report and Mail

Mr. Flaherty wanted to wish everyone a happy and safe 4th of July. He added that he is very disappointed with the exchange between Mr. Stefanelli as a result of his question to Mr. Conway this evening. Mr. Flaherty expressed that his reaction did not sit well with him and would like to make a motion to reconsider the vote that was taken. Ms. Steele agreed with Mr. Flaherty's sentiments regarding Mr. Stefanelli's behavior.

MOTION was made by Ms. Steele to reconsider the appointment of Ralph Stefanelli as the Alternate Member to SRPEDD. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to approve the appointment of Ralph Stefanelli as the Alternate Member to SRPEDD. Seconded by Ms. Steele.

Mr. Flaherty expressed that when discussing something like this that the individual should be able to be present and suggested tabling this to a future meeting to be fair to Mr. Stefanelli.

Vote to table this to a future meeting: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

VI. Meeting Minutes

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to approve the Minutes of June 13, 2019. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to approve the Minutes of June 13, 2019 (Executive Session). Seconded by Mr. Conway. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

VIII. **Warrants**

Report of Chairman, Bradford K. Bramwell, on the following Payroll and Invoice Warrants:

- A. Approve Payroll Warrant PR19-26, for the week ended June 15, 2019, Warrant dated June 20, 2019, in the amount of \$4,196,484.26.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to approve Payroll Warrant PR19-26, for the week ended June 15, 2019, Warrant dated June 20, 2019, in the amount of \$4,196,484.26. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Approve Invoice Warrant AP19-51, dated June 20, 2019, in the amount of \$802,749.00.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to approve Invoice Warrant AP19-51, dated June 20, 2019, in the amount of \$802,749.00. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Approve Invoice Warrant AP19-51-123, dated June 21, 2019, in the amount of \$102,400.00.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to approve Invoice Warrant AP19-51-123, dated June 21, 2019, in the amount of \$102,400.00. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Approve Invoice Warrant AP19-52, dated June 27, 2019, in the amount of \$193,031.07.

MOTION was made by Mr. Flaherty to approve Invoice Warrant AP19-52, dated June 27, 2019, in the amount of \$193,031.07. Seconded by Mr. Conway. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

IX. **Other Business**

There was no other business to discuss.

X. **Next Meeting's Agenda**

XI. **Executive Session**

Executive Session under G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation regarding NextSun Energy, LLC v. Fernandes, et. al. (Town of Norton Planning Board); Land Court No. 19 MISC. 000230-RBF. Votes may be taken.

XII. **Adjournment**

Declaration by Chairman, Bradford K. Bramwell:

I declare, under General Laws Chapter 30A, §21(b)(3) and (4), that the purpose of the executive session will be to discuss strategy with respect to litigation regarding NextSun Energy, LLC v. Fernandes, et. al. (Town of Norton Planning Board); Land Court No. 19 MISC. 000230-RBF, because a discussion of the 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 was made at 9:38 P.M. by Mr. Flaherty that the Board go into executive session under G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3) for the purposes and reasons declared by the Chairman and with the Board to not return to open session thereafter. Seconded by Mr. Conway. Vote: Ms. Steele – Yes; Mr. Conway – Yes; Mr. Flaherty – Yes; and Mr. Bramwell - Yes.
MOTION CARRIES.

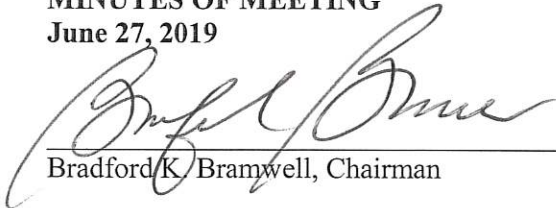
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Respectfully Submitted by:




Jennifer Reid, Office Administrator

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Bradford K. Bramwell, Chairman

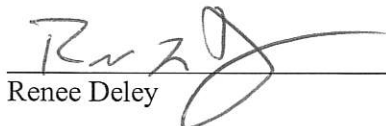
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