



TOWN OF NORTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
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**Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 2019**

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**I. Call to Order by Chairman**

The October 3, 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. Michael Flaherty, Vice-Chairman. Member(s) present: Mr. John Conway, Ms. Mary Steele, and Ms. Renee Deley. Also in attendance: Michael D. Yunits, Town Manager.

**II. Appointments/Resignations/Retirements**

- a. Vote to Appoint Sosie Megerdichian as Part-Time Account Clerk for the Norton Senior Center – Council on Aging Department.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Conway to appoint Sosie Megerdichian as Part-Time Account Clerk for the Norton Senior Center – Council on Aging Department. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

- b. Vote to Appoint Janice Roberge to the Recreation Commission as an Alternate Board Member.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Conway to appoint Janice Roberge to the Recreation Commission as an Alternate Board Member. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

- c. Vote to Amend Council on Aging Appointments by Exchanging Positions as follows:

1. Carol McLaughlin from Permanent Council on Aging Member (2021) to Alternate Council on Aging Member (2022); and,
2. Sharyn Stedman from Alternate Council on Aging Member (2022) to Permanent Council on Aging Member (2021).

**MOTION was made by Ms. Steele to amend the Council on Aging appointments for Carol McLaughlin going from a Permanent Council to an Alternate Council and Sharyn Stedman moving from an Alternate Council to a Permanent Council both to expire in 2021 and 2022. Seconded by Mr. Conway. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

- d. Vote to Appoint Janine Kuntz to Cultural Council.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Conway to appoint Janine Kuntz to Cultural Council. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

### III. Licenses and Permits

1. Application of Norton Gold Star Committee for a Halloween Hay Ride in conjunction with Norton VFW 8049 on Saturday, October 26, 2019, with a rain date of Sunday, October 27, 2019, from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

*The Board of Selectmen did not need to make any amendments to the permit voted on at the September 19, 2019 meeting, so no further action was needed.*

2. Application of Gary T. Cameron, Sr., for the Veteran's Day Parade Permit to be held on Monday, November 11, 2019, from 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Conway to approve the application of Gary T. Cameron, Sr., for the Veteran's Day Parade Permit to be held on Monday, November 11, 2019, from 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

3. Application of Norton Parks and Recreation for a parade/motorcade permit for the Halloween Parade to be held on Sunday, October 27, 2019, from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M.

*The Board of Selectmen did not need to make any amendments to the permit voted on at the September 19, 2019 meeting, so no further action was needed.*

### IV. Announcements

1. Mr. Conway announced that there will be an informational session to discuss the town meeting warrant articles seeking funds for the demolition of the property formerly known as Reed & Barton located on Elm Street. The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at the Norton Public Library located at 68 East Main Street. Featured speakers include Mr. Chris Carmichael, Building Commissioner, and Mr. Paul DiGiuseppe, Planning and Economic Development Director.

2. Mr. Conway read a notice informing residents that hunting is allowed at the town forest and conservation property with applicable licenses and in accordance with all laws, with the exception of Johnson Acres on North Washington Street. Motorized vehicle use is not allowed. Please take all necessary precautions while enjoying town land, such as wearing bright orange hats and clothing if you hike during fall turkey and deer hunting season. For your information, the 2019 deer hunting archery season is October 7<sup>th</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>; shotgun December 2<sup>nd</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup>; and primitive firearms December 16<sup>th</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Turkey hunting season is October 21<sup>st</sup> to November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Special conditions apply, so please contact the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Hunting hours are a half an hour before sunrise to a half an hour after sunset (no hunting on Sundays).

3. Mr. Christian Zahner, Board of Health Agent, announced that Hazardous Waste Day this year will be held at the Highway Department. This will be from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

### V. Business

#### A. New Business

- i. *Vote to Approve and Sign the Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 1702 dated July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020.*

**MOTION was made by Ms. Steele to approve and sign the Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 1702 dated July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020. Seconded by Ms. Deley. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

*Mr. Yunits explained that this was necessary due to the new water treatment plant because they had to add two new positions to the contract: primary water treatment operator and secondary water treatment operator. He added that the position for "meter reader" is now "meter reader/laborer".*

*ii. Vote to Sign the Memorandum of Agreement with AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 1702 dated July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023.*

**MOTION was made by Mr. Conway to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 1702 dated July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

*iii. Vote on General Obligation Bond Issue.*

The following vote was read into the record:

"I, the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Norton, Massachusetts (the "Town"), certify that at a meeting of the board held October 3, 2019, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following votes were unanimously passed, all of which appear upon the official record of the board in my custody:

Voted: that we hereby determine, in accordance with G.L. c.70B, that the amount of the cost of the elementary school window and door projects authorized by vote of the Town passed on May 14, 2018 (Article 7) not being paid by the school facilities grant is \$3,776,781 and we hereby approve of the issuance of notes and bonds in such amount under said G.L. c.70B.

Further Voted: that the sale of the \$7,365,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2019 Bonds of the Town dated October 15, 2019 (the "Bonds"), to BOK Financial Securities, Inc. at the price of \$7,833,937.27 and accrued interest, if any, is hereby approved and confirmed. The Bonds shall be payable on October 15 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates, as follows:

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated September 25, 2019, and a final Official Statement dated October 2, 2019 (the "Official Statement"), each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Bonds shall be subject to redemption, at the option of the Town, upon such terms and conditions as are set forth in the Official Statement.

Further Voted: that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a continuing disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Bonds for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds from time to time.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures and continuing disclosure procedures in such forms as the Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Bonds and to comply with relevant securities laws.

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

I further certify that the agenda for the meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto, was posted on the bulletin board of the town at least 24 hours before the meeting in compliance with Section 7-8(b) of the Town Charter.

I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the Bonds were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25 as amended.”

**MOTION was made by Mr. Conway to vote on the general obligation bond issue. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

*iv. Discussion of Property at 49 John Scott Boulevard.*

Mr. Robert Shaw of 47 John Scott Boulevard came before the Board of Selectmen to express his concerns/opinions on the use of the property. Mr. Shaw gave a brief history of the transfer/ownership history of the property and expressed his concerns that there is not enough space between where his septic system is and where the well has been installed. He explained that he just found out that the building permit for 49 John Scott Boulevard got approved a few months ago. Mr. Shaw informed the Selectmen that he had met with Mr. Yunits and the Board of Health Agent to go over the new plans, but discovered that they were referring to the plans from when the wells were installed. Mr. Shaw claims that they all agreed that the “fitting” was questionable according to the plans and were to have

the engineer review the plans again. Mr. Yunits explained in reference to the plans handed out by Mr. Shaw that the circled radius is according to the GPS coordinates provided when the wells were being installed and that the circled area is showing a one-hundred-foot radius. Mr. Shaw explained that there are some discrepancies with the plans and measurements from the street.

Mr. Flaherty acknowledged Mr. Shaw's concerns, but expressed that the Board of Selectmen isn't the most appropriate board to be bringing this issue to and that there are several other boards that have more jurisdiction. Mr. Shaw responded that according to the law, the wells need to be at least one hundred feet away from his septic system and no variances can be granted. Ms. Steele asked if there was a way to definitively determine if this is being done right. Mr. Yunits answered that the problem the Town is having is that the Town is in possession of signed/stamped and approved engineered plans, so they cannot tell the property owner that they cannot build a house at this location. If the Town does tell the property owner they cannot build, they are just going to take the Town to court and the judge will be asking for a surveyed plan proving that there isn't in fact one hundred feet between the well and the septic system, which they do not have. Mr. Yunits informed the Selectmen that he had already told Mr. Shaw that he can hire a surveyor to come up with plans and challenge this in court, but he feels the Town should be doing this. Mr. Flaherty expressed that again he does not believe the Board of Selectmen is the appropriate board to bring this to. Mr. Yunits stated that so far this matter has been brought to the Board of Health, Conservation Commission, and appealed with DEP.

Mr. Conway questioned that since as part of the building process an as-built plan is required if one was provided to show the updated location. Mr. Yunits answered that the plan for the construction of the house shows where the existing well is not a proposed well. The Town Manager stated that he has also told Mr. Shaw that if someone doesn't agree with the Building Inspector's decision on a project that they can appeal with the Zoning Board of Appeals and if the Zoning Board of Appeals agrees with the Building Inspector, then the next step is to go to court. Mr. Shaw also mentioned that there is a tall fence along his property line that he has asked to be removed numerous times with no success. In response, Ms. Steele stated that Mr. Shaw should have already had this addressed and should go back to the Building Inspector with his complaint. Mr. Shaw stated he has twice with no response. In result, Ms. Steele asked that Mr. Yunits get a response from the Building Inspector and it be provided to both Mr. Shaw and the Selectmen, which he agreed to.

## **B. Old Business**

### **1. Review of Planning Board's Non-Binding Recommendations on Zoning Articles.**

Mr. Yunits informed the Selectmen that Mr. David Cohen, who was a petitioner for an article, was present at the meeting. He added that the Planning Board voted to not recommend the article to town meeting. Mr. Yunits asked Mr. Flaherty if Mr. Cohen could speak, which he agreed to. Ms. Deley interjected asking if a member of the Planning Board was present, which Mr. Yunits stated there was not. Ms. Deley asked that this be tabled until the next meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> so that a member of the Planning Board is present, which Mr. Cohen agreed to.

2. Review and/or Vote on October 21, 2019, Special Town Meeting Warrant and Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Mr. Yunits stated that the Selectmen have the recommendations on Zoning Articles that they can review and began with the Special Town Meeting articles and stated that Article 1 they could wait on. Article 2 is to change the name of the “Board of Selectmen” to “Select Board”, which the Finance Committee voted in support of.

**MOTION was made by Ms. Deley to support Article 2 to change the name of the “Board of Selectmen” to “Select Board”. Seconded by Mr. Conway. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Mr. Yunits pointed out that this would change all references to the “Board of Selectmen” to “Select Board” in the Town By-Laws.

Mr. Yunits stated that Article 3 would change the “Board of Selectmen” to “Select Board” everywhere it is referenced in the Town Charter.

**MOTION was made by Ms. Deley to support Article 3 to change the “Board of Selectmen” to “Select Board” everywhere it is referenced in the Town Charter. Seconded by Mr. Conway. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Article 4 is also a Charter amendment to change the “Industrial Development Commission” to the “Economic Development Commission”, which the Finance Committee also voted in support of. Mr. Flaherty expressed his support of this article stating that the reference “industrial” sends the wrong message.

**MOTION was made by Ms. Deley to support Article 4 to change the “Industrial Development Commission” to the “Economic Development Commission”. Seconded by Mr. Conway. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

The Town Manager explained that Article 6, which the Finance Committee also voted to recommend, would use \$140,000 out of Article 12 of the October 2017 Town Meeting that was set aside for the Town Hall/Senior Center project to be used for two purposes. \$70,000 would be used for a conceptual design of a municipal campus using the property adjacent to the current Town Hall for a proposed new Town Hall and/or Senior Center. The remaining \$70,000 will be used for a site-selection study if it is decided that this property will be used for the new Town Hall/Senior Center. Mr. Yunits added that a site-selection study will not be needed if the Town does vote to purchase and use the property adjacent to the current Town Hall.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Conway to recommend Article 6 as written in the warrant. Seconded by Ms. Steele.**

Prior to the vote, Ms. Steele as part of the discussion expressed that she felt that they were moving very fast on this without a lot of information and Mr. Flaherty and Ms. Deley agreed. Mr. Mark Gershman of the Permanent Building Committee came before the Selectmen to explain that they would like to have a master plan done from the library to the police station and use the \$70,000 on that. He explained that if the Town doesn’t purchase the property next

door that \$70,000 would be used for a site-selection study to find parcel(s) of land that would work. Mr. Yunits explained that if the \$70,000 isn't used from Article 12 of the October 2017 Town Meeting that the funds would just go back into this article. Ms. Steele expressed that after these explanations she understood why it is in the Special Town Meeting warrant, but emphasized that she believes the phrasing in the article sounds like it is tying in the property next door. Mr. Yunits stated that as part of the motion at Town Meeting that the article can be amended to say, "appropriates \$140,000 and of this amount \$70,000 will be used to evaluate potential sites for a town hall and senior center, including all incidental and related expenses, and \$70,000 to prepare a conceptual layout and graphical information for the presentation to the public." Ms. Steele asked that they table voting on this article until the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting when they can see the actual language of the motion written out.

The Selectmen then moved on to review the Fall Annual Town meeting Warrant articles. Mr. Yunits asked that they vote on Articles 10, 13, and 15. Mr. Flaherty suggested also voting on Article 1 (unpaid prior year bills) in the amount of \$675 to Midway Collision; this was a bill to the Building Department for the repair to a vehicle.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Conway to recommend Article 1 in the amount of \$675 to pay unpaid bills from a prior fiscal year. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Article 10 would be to use \$125,000 from free cash for the Rail Trail project. Mr. Yunits stated that they are only at 25% on the project, but he did receive a timeline where the plans would be completed by October of next year. These funds would be to pay for an appraiser, a review appraiser, and for any easements or takings.

**MOTION was made by Ms. Steele to recommend Article 10 as written in the warrant in the amount of \$125,000 from free cash. Seconded by Mr. Conway. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

The Town Manager explained that Article 13 was for the LED streetlight conversion project and the Finance Committee voted to support this. In order to be eligible for grant money from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, the timeline is to have the project completed by May 31, 2020. The Finance Committee recommended \$455,000 for this article. Mr. Yunits added that they would do some short-term borrowing (probably a five-year note). Mr. Flaherty asked Mr. Yunits to clarify why the borrowing is for \$455,000 where on the proposal the cost of the project is \$404,000. Mr. Yunits explained that the Town was expecting to receive two grants, so they are hoping the cost is only somewhere around \$373,000, but they have to authorize for the full amount.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Conway to recommend Article 13 for the LED streetlight conversion project, fixtures, and SMART control system as written in the warrant in the amount of \$455,000 to be borrowed. Seconded by Ms. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Article 15 Mr. Yunits explained is to appropriate money to have the Building Inspector demolish the two buildings abutting Cross Street and to have a site professional onsite. So, \$492,000 for the demolition of the two buildings and \$30,000 for the environmental engineers totaling \$502,000 (which would come from free cash). Ms. Deley asked if this has gone before

the Finance Committee yet, which Mr. Yunits answered it has not. Ms. Deley expressed concerns with this article, so the Board tabled this vote until their October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting when the Building Inspector could be present to ask questions.

Mr. Yunits explained that Article 1 is to change town elections to the fourth Saturday in April. He added that the Finance Committee did not vote on this at the last meeting because the question arose as to whether another Saturday in April could be considered. This is because Patriots Day is always the fourth Monday; so, the third Saturday and fourth Saturday are on either side of the holiday, which would be vacation for a lot of people.

Ms. Deley stated that she thought this would have to be voted on at a town election first, which the first one would be a Tuesday in 2020. Mr. Yunits responded that this was being done in order to make the by-law change to have town elections on the fourth Saturday in April. Mr. Yunits mentioned that he could ask the Town Clerk and town counsel if changing the by-law to be the second Saturday of April would be an issue in order to resolve the issue of residents being away during April vacation. Mr. Flaherty expressed that he didn't have any strong feelings towards this one way or another especially with having early voting. Mr. Yunits added that residents also have the option of an absentee ballot. Ms. Deley expressed that the third Saturday shouldn't be an issue, but Mr. Flaherty pointed out that it is on the beginning side of April vacation and the fourth Saturday falls at the end of April vacation. Ms. Deley pointed out that if this is the case, these residents would have been away and missed the election that would have been on the Tuesday during April vacation anyways. Mr. Flaherty agreed and thought this was a fair point. Mr. Conway suggested having the town election on the first Saturday in April or the first Saturday in May to avoid this issue all together. Mr. Flaherty asked Mr. Yunits if the election needed to be held in April, and Mr. Yunits stated that he would check with town counsel. Mr. Yunits added that he would have more information for the Selectmen at the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### 3. Discussion and/or Vote on Remote Participation.

Ms. Steele explained that she had more time to look into remote participation and had a statement she would like to read for the record regarding this topic. It read as follows:

“Because I totally understand that there is a desire for remote participation in order to promote the greater participation in government meetings by allowing members to phone in when certain specific circumstances prevent them from being physically present. However, I still have some reservations about approving remote participation for Norton. If we acknowledge the importance of a board and committee members having this privilege of remote participation, we must also acknowledge the importance of people affected by the agenda items to have the same support. However, I do recognize that public remote participation would be impractical and unmanageable in most circumstances. I also believe that there's an immeasurable value to face-to-face interaction and we should be doing all that we need to do to encourage our boards and our committees to engage this way with the public. I believe that when we run for office or we are appointed, we accept the responsibility of being present at these meetings. I do understand that situations arise and I believe the intent of the remote participation is for the general good of the Town. I did take the time to speak with the town managers or assistant town managers of Hopkinton, Northfield, and Lynnfield all of whom approved remote participation programs. They all indicated that the programs have been used



sparingly and that there have been no public complaints or other issues except for technology glitches. I am willing to vote for remote participation under the following circumstances:

1. We vote a remote participation trial period of six months. At the end of the six months, we would review the success and failures of the program and decide how to proceed. During this period, I would like to have a standard agenda item on the last Board of Selectmen meeting of each month that will give us an update of which boards used the program and which members participated remotely. This is so that we can track and make sure that remote participation is useful, but not abused.
2. That we use the State's remote participation law to create our own remote participation policy and that we review this policy prior to voting on whether we're going to participate not. Within our policy, I would like it to include a statement, which I borrowed from the Hopkinton policy and that statement is the expressed desire of the Board of Selectmen that remote participation in meetings be an infrequent event for both individual board and town boards as a whole. Chairs of town boards are encouraged to interpret the rules in a strict fashion and continue to induce all members to attend meetings in person as a general rule due to the inherent benefits of the physical presence in the meeting. Within our policy, I would like the following items to be clearly addressed. Technology: we need to make ensure that the technical equipment needed for remote participation allows virtual members to be heard clearly by the board and the audience (whether in person or by TV). I'd also like it to clearly address how the Chair will handle technical difficulties should they arise. Permissible reasons for remote participation. These are outlined by the State. Things such as personal illness, personal disability, emergency, military service, or significant geographic distance. While remote participation could be used for any of these circumstances, it should be understood that remote participation should be the exception and should not become the norm.
3. And finally, in addition I would also like confirmation that the technology that we currently have is adequate to meet the requirements that the State has put forth as far as everybody being able to hear and if it's not adequate, I would like a cost of what it would cost to the get proper equipment.

Mr. Conway expressed his support of Ms. Steele's statement and that her criteria/wants are completely reasonable. Ms. Deley agreed with Ms. Steele and Mr. Conway and asked that a vote be taken on remote participation with these circumstances being outlined. Mr. Flaherty again expressed that he was in favor of remote participation for other boards, but not for the Selectmen and pointed out that one thing that Ms. Steele brought up that he hadn't thought of was if people who come before the board have the same right to use remote participation. Mr. Flaherty asked that a vote on this be taken at the meeting following the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. He asked Ms. Steele if the State outlines people coming before the board(s) being able to use remote participation and Ms. Steele answered that the State law outlines that only board and committee members can use remote participation. Ms. Steele added that if a vote were to be taken that she thinks the policy should be in front of them. Ms. Steele volunteered to write the policy and send it to the other members and legal counsel for their review. Ms. Deley asked again to have this on the October 17<sup>th</sup> agenda and after discussion the Selectmen agreed to do so the night of town meeting.

Ms. Laura Parker agreed with the stipulations brought up regarding remote participation and just asked that the policy expand upon personal sickness or disability to also include “or somebody who is dependent upon their care”. Ms. Steele stated that she believes that is already outlined under the State policy, but the Chair has some leeway in regards to this. She also asked that the Selectmen vote on this on October 17<sup>th</sup> because she will be out of town on November 4<sup>th</sup> and volunteered to be the “guinea pig” for remote participation. In response, Mr. Conway clarified that she could not act as the Chair remotely, and Ms. Parker stated that Mr. Kevin Schleicher, the Vice-Chairman of the Charter Commission, would act as Chair for that meeting, but would remotely participate if remote participation is voted to be allowable for the Town.

#### 4. Discussion on Permanent Building Committee’s Presentation from September 19, 2019, Meeting Regarding 68 East Main Street.

This discussion was covered under “Review and/or Vote on October 21, 2019, Special Town meeting Warrant and Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant” when discussing Article 6.

### C. Town Manager’s Report

1. Mr. Yunits informed the Selectmen that Building K at the Reed & Barton site, which is along Elm Street, was demolished this week and soil removal will start next week.

#### 2. Report on Visit to Solar Therapeutics.

Mr. Yunits mentioned that he and Mr. Paul DiGiuseppe, the Director of Planning and Economic Development, went to visit Solar Therapeutics, which is a marijuana facility in Somerset. They also have a store and a grow operation. Mr. Yunits added that he was shocked by the amount of infrastructure they have for a grow operation; they have their own power plant natural gas-fired, two huge generators, ventilation equipment, and solar panels). He added that they also have a store in Seekonk, so he contacted the town manager and asked for a copy of their agreement. Mr. Yunits stated that Solar Therapeutics has expressed an interest in opening another store in Norton.

### V. Selectmen’s Report and Mail

1. Mr. Conway clarified with Mr. Yunits that he received his e-mail regarding a similar topic, which Mr. Yunits confirmed. Mr. Conway stated that he had sent it to Ms. Deley as well, which she also confirmed.

2. Ms. Deley mentioned that she was approached by a resident asking about getting a senior discount as part of the agreement with Comcast for the Town. Mr. Yunits answered that he believes there is already a senior discount in place with the most recent agreement with Comcast, but he would contact Comcast and find out.

3. Mr. Flaherty brought up that the Selectmen are scheduled to meet on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 P.M. He stated that he will be cancelling that meeting and they will either meet the following week if something is pressing, but if it can wait then wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting (November 14<sup>th</sup>).

VI. **Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Deley mentioned that she had revisions she would like made to the June 27, 2019 (Executive Session); August 29, 2019; September 5, 2019; September 19, 2019; and September 19, 2019 (Executive Session) Minutes. Mr. Flaherty told Ms. Deley to send the revisions to Mr. Yunits and he will review them. Ms. Deley asked Mr. Yunits to send the Word version of the Minutes so she could “redline” the revisions she would like in the documents.

VIII. **Warrants**

Report of Vice-Chairman, Michael Flaherty, that the following Payroll and Invoice Warrants had had approved:

A. Payroll Warrant PR20-07, for the week ended September 21, 2019, Warrant dated September 26, 2019, in the amount of \$1,469,195.49.

B. Invoice Warrant AP20-13, dated September 26, 2019, in the amount of \$2,779,305.88.

C. Invoice Warrant AP20-14, dated October 3, 2019, in the amount of \$298,186.96.

IX. **Other Business**

There was no other business to discuss.

X. **Next Meeting's Agenda** – October 17, 2019: Review and/or vote of Town Meeting Articles and discussion and/or vote on remote participation.

XI. **Executive Session**

There was no need for an executive session.

XII. **Adjournment**

**MOTION was made by Mr. Conway to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 8:44 P.M. Seconded by Ms. Deley. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

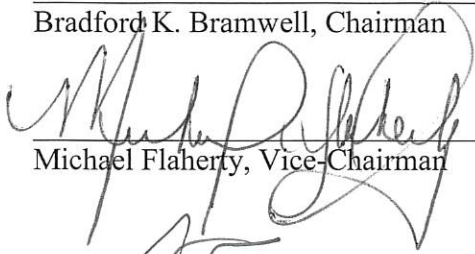
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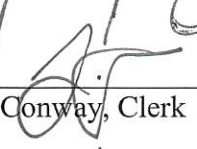
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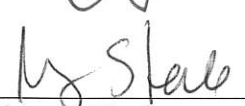
  
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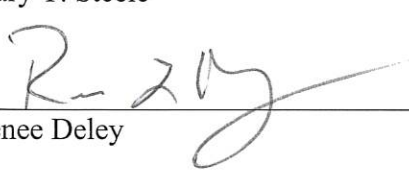
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