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**Select Board
Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2021**

I. Call to Order by Chair

The July 8, 2021 meeting of the Norton Select Board was held remotely (Web: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6391519600>; Phone: 646-558 8656; Meeting ID: 639 151 9600), and was called to order at 6:33 P.M., by Mr. John Conway, Chair. Member(s) present: Mr. Michael Toole, Ms. Christine Deveau, and Ms. Renee Deley. Also in attendance: Mr. Michael D. Yunits, Town Manager and Attorney Lauren Goldberg of KP-Law.

II. Executive Session

1. To discuss strategy with respect to litigation, i.e. Bella Music, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3).

DECLARATION BY THE CHAIR:

I declare, under General Laws Chapter 30A, §21(a)(3), that the purpose of the executive session will be to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, i.e. Bella Music, 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 by Ms. Deveau at 6:34 P.M. for the Board to go into executive session under G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3) for the purposes and reasons declared by the Chair and with the Board to return to open session thereafter. Seconded by Ms. Deley. Vote: Ms. Deley – Yes; Ms. Deveau – Yes; Mr. Toole – Yes; and Mr. Conway – Yes. MOTION CARRIES.

III. Public Comment

The Board returned from executive session at 7:13 P.M. Mr. Toole had to leave the Select Board meeting from executive session.

Mr. Rob Welsh said he saw the Bella Music topic on the agenda for executive session and asked for an update. Mr. Conway replied that they are working towards a resolution.

Mr. Matt McCue brought up the right of first refusal on Newland Street, which Mr. Conway acknowledged receipt of this matter shortly before the meeting and will be addressing this topic later in the meeting under “New Business.”

IV. Appointments/Resignations/Retirements

There were no appointments, resignations, or retirements to discuss at this time.

V. Licenses and Permits

1. Vote to Approve the One-Day All Alcohol Liquor License to Gretchen Conway for a Private Event at the Everett Leonard Park from 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M on Saturday, September 4, 2021.

MOTION was made by Ms. Deley to approve the One-Day All Alcohol Liquor License to Gretchen Conway for a private event at the Everett Leonard Park from 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M on Saturday, September 4, 2021. Seconded by Ms. Deveau. Vote: Ms. Deley – Yes; Ms. Deveau – Yes; and Mr. Conway – Yes. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Vote to Approve the One-Day All Alcohol Liquor License to Breanne Ragusa for a Private Event at the Everett Leonard Park from 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M on Saturday, July 24, 2021.

MOTION was made by Ms. Deley to approve the One-Day All Alcohol Liquor License to Breanne Ragusa for a private event at the Everett Leonard Park from 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M on Saturday, July 24, 2021. Seconded by Ms. Deveau. Vote: Ms. Deley – Yes; Ms. Deveau – Yes; and Mr. Conway – Yes. MOTION CARRIES.

3. Vote to Approve the One-Day Beer and Wine Liquor License to Bob and Heidi Medas for a Private Event at 98A Burt Street, Norton, MA 02766 from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M on Friday, July 9, 2021.

MOTION was made by Ms. Deley to approve the One-Day Beer and Wine Liquor License to Bob and Heidi Medas for a private event at 98A Burt Street, Norton, MA 02766 from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M on Friday, July 9, 2021. Seconded by Ms. Deveau. Vote: Ms. Deley – Yes; Ms. Deveau – Yes; and Mr. Conway – Yes. MOTION CARRIES.

4. Vote to Approve the One-Day Beer and Wine Liquor License to Bob and Heidi Medas for a Private Event at 98A Burt Street, Norton, MA 02766 from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M on Saturday, July 10, 2021.

MOTION was made by Ms. Deley to approve the One-Day Beer and Wine Liquor License to Bob and Heidi Medas for a private event at 98A Burt Street, Norton, MA 02766 from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M on Saturday, July 10, 2021. Seconded by Ms. Deveau. Vote: Ms. Deley – Yes; Ms. Deveau – Yes; and Mr. Conway – Yes. MOTION CARRIES.

5. Vote to Approve the One-Day Beer and Wine Liquor License to Bob and Heidi Medas for a Private Event at 98A Burt Street, Norton, MA 02766 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M on Saturday, August 28, 2021.

MOTION was made by Ms. Deley to approve the One-Day Beer and Wine Liquor License to Bob and Heidi Medas for a private event at 98A Burt Street, Norton, MA 02766 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M on Saturday, August 28, 2021. Seconded by Ms.

Deveau. Vote: Ms. Deley – Yes; Ms. Deveau – Yes; and Mr. Conway – Yes. MOTION CARRIES.

VI. Announcements

1. Friends of the Norton Public Library Book Sale postponed to July 23rd from 10:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M. at the Norton Library Park. Registration for summer reading has started at the Library. The Friends purchased gift cards from Norton businesses for prizes when people check out items, and they have a packed calendar for all ages. The July calendar

2. Norton Veterans' Council Cornhole Tournament.

The tournament will be held Saturday, July 24, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. with a rain date of Sunday, July 25th at the Norton VFW located at 38 Summer Street, Norton, MA. There will be a 32 team double elimination tournament with cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place. Registration/warm-up begins at 12:00 P.M. It is \$50 per 2-person team and is open to non-members (must be 18+ to compete). For more information or to register, contact sharon_rice@comcast.net or call 508-951-3986. Registration includes a cookout and live music from December's Children at 4:00 P.M. Payment can be made via VENMO to @Sharon-Rice-66 or mail registration and check payable to: Norton Veteran's Council, c/o Veterans' Office, 70 E. Main Street, Norton, MA 02766. There will be an indoor and outdoor cash bar. Admission for the cookout and music only is \$10. Please bring your lawn chairs.

3. Ice Cream in the Park.

The Norton Police Department and Norton Parks & Recreation present Ice Cream in the Park plus join in the NPD vs. kids kickball game on Wednesday, July 21st from 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. at the Everett Leonard Park. Ice cream will be generously provided by New England Ice Cream.

4. Concerts in the Park.

2021 Concerts in the Park Series at Everett Leonard Park, 6 Parker Street, Norton, MA:

July 9: Anderson-Gram

July 16: Radio Honey

July 23: The Unlikely Strummers

July 30: Sam Bellavance

August 6: Old Exit 11

August 13: Crossroads

Thanks in part to a grant from the Norton Cultural Council.

5. NHS Cheerleading Night at Swamp Donkeys.

Norton High School Cheerleading Night at Swamp Donkeys on Wednesday, July 14th from 2:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. at 113 Mansfield Avenue, Norton, MA (next to Jasmine Gardens Restaurant). 20% of the sales for the day will be going to Norton High School Cheerleaders.

Mr. Conway noted that Swamp Donkeys has also been doing a small fundraiser for Aubree Derosier and was able to raise \$230.

VII. Business

A. New Business

1. Notice of Non-Exercise of Right of First Refusal Regarding Lots 24-29 Newland Street.

Mr. Yunits explained that this matter could be taken up as unanticipated new business. This land was in Chapter 61A and the Select Board voted to not exercise the Town's right to purchase. The Town Manager explained that the purchaser of the properties needs the Board to sign the three Notices of Waivers.

MOTION was made by Ms. Deley to authorize the signing of the Notices of Non-Exercise of Right of First Refusal pertaining to the properties of discussion. Seconded by Ms. Deveau. Vote: Ms. Deley – Yes; Ms. Deveau – Yes; and Mr. Conway – Yes. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Ms. Deley to approve having the Chair of the Board, Jack Conway, sign on behalf of the Board the Notices of Non-Exercise of Right of First Refusal for the Newland properties. Seconded by Ms. Deveau. Vote: Ms. Deley – Yes; Ms. Deveau – Yes; and Mr. Conway – Yes. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Discussion and/or Vote to Set Fall Annual Town Meeting

MOTION was made by Ms. Deley to set the date for the Annual Fall Town Meeting to Monday, October 25th at 7:00 P.M. at the Norton High School auditorium with a secondary date of Wednesday, October 27th also at 7:00 P.M. at the Norton High School auditorium. Seconded by Ms. Deveau. Vote: Ms. Deley – Yes; Ms. Deveau – Yes; and Mr. Conway – Yes. MOTION CARRIES.

Ms. Deley stated that she didn't think they had to set the location now and expressed a concern with being stuck if they set it now. After further discussion, the Board agreed to keep the meeting location at the Norton High School auditorium.

3. Discussion of Warrant Articles for the August 9, 2021 Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Yunits advised that there are three articles:

1) Prior Year Bills;

2) TIF: Yale Appliance, Inc.; and

3. Fundamental Speed Law – M.G.L. Chapter 90, Sections 17-18.

Mr. Conway asked if they can only decrease the speed not increase it. Mr. Yunits replied that this was a good question and he was unsure of what the answer was. Ms. Deley asked to have

this figured out and to have this topic on the next agenda for further discussion. The Board agreed to review the warrant articles and vote on them at their next meeting.

4. Review and/or Vote to Accept the Grant to the Norton Conservation Commission from the Norton Cable Access Board of Directors in the amount of \$2,500.00.

MOTION was made by Ms. Deley to accept the grant to the Norton Conservation Commission from the Norton Cable Access Board of Directors in the amount of \$2,500. Seconded by Ms. Deveau. Vote: Ms. Deley – Yes; Ms. Deveau – Yes; and Mr. Conway – Yes. MOTION CARRIES.

5. Vote to Purchase, Execute Acceptance of Deed and other Documents, and Authorize Treasurer to Borrow, re. 78 East Main Street, Norton, MA 02766.

MOTION was made by Ms. Deley pursuant to the vote taken under Article 1 of the May 8, 2021 Special Town Meeting, to purchase property located at 78 East Main Street, Norton, for general municipal purposes and to execute, and to authorize the Town Manager to execute, on behalf of the Select Board, any and all acceptances, affidavits, settlement statements and other documents necessary or incidental to accomplishing the foregoing acquisition, and, further, to authorize the Treasurer to borrow \$1,250,000 pursuant to said vote to fund the purchase of said property. Seconded by Ms. Deveau. Vote: Ms. Deley – Yes; Ms. Deveau – Yes; and Mr. Conway – Yes. MOTION CARRIES.

6. Vote to Purchase, Execute Acceptance of Deed and other Documents, and Authorize Treasurer to Borrow, re. 116-120 Mansfield Avenue, Norton, MA 02766.

MOTION was made by Ms. Deley pursuant to the vote taken under Article 1 of the May 8, 2021 Special Town Meeting, to purchase property located at 116-120 Mansfield Avenue, Norton, for general municipal purposes and to execute, and to authorize the Town Manager to execute, on behalf of the Select Board, any and all acceptances, affidavits, settlement statements and other documents necessary or incidental to accomplishing the foregoing acquisition, and, further, to authorize the Treasurer to borrow \$800,000 pursuant to said vote to fund the purchase of said property. Seconded by Ms. Deveau. Vote: Ms. Deley – Yes; Ms. Deveau – Yes; and Mr. Conway – Yes. MOTION CARRIES.

B. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

C. Town Manager's Report

There were no reports to be made at this time by the Town Manager.

VIII. Select Board's Report and Mail

There was no Select Board's report or mail to discuss.

IX. **Meeting Minutes**

There were no minutes approved at this meeting.

X. **Warrants**

Report of Chair, Mr. Conway, on the following Payroll and Invoice Warrants:

A. Payroll Warrant PR21-27 for the week ended June 26, 2021, Warrant dated June 29, 2021, in the amount of \$601,472.20.

B. Invoice Warrant AP21-53 dated June 29, 2021, in the amount of \$399,132.94.

C. Invoice Warrant AP21-54 dated June 30, 2021, in the amount of \$59,295.85.

D. Payroll Warrant PR22-01 dated July 1, 2021, in the amount of \$93,972.83.

E. Invoice Warrant AP22-01 dated July 1, 2021, in the amount of \$1,183,739.24.

F. Invoice Warrant AP22-02 dated July 8, 2021, in the amount of \$5,926,381.76.

XI. **Other Business**

There was no other business to discuss.

XII. **Next Meeting's Agenda** – July 22, 2021.


XIII. **Adjournment.**

MOTION was made by Ms. Deley to adjourn at 7:54 P.M. Seconded by Ms. Deveau.

Vote: Ms. Deley – Yes; Ms. Deveau – Yes; and Mr. Conway – Yes. MOTION CARRIES.

URL Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RxpR_MZ6fpY

Respectfully Submitted by:



Jennifer Reid, Office Administrator

**SELECT BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
JULY 8, 2021**



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