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Select Board
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2023

I. **Call to Order by Chair**

The October 19, 2023 meeting of the Norton Select Board was held at the Norton Media Center, 184 West Main Street, Norton, MA 02766 as well as remotely (Web: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83225589285>; Phone: 646-558 8656; Webinar ID: 832 2558 9285), and was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mr. Kevin Snyder, Chair. Member(s) present: Mr. Steven Hornsby, Mr. Alec Rich, III, Ms. Megan Artz and Ms. Denise Luciano. Also in attendance: Mr. Michael D. Yunits, Town Manager.

II. **Appointments/Resignations/Retirements**

1. Appointment of Jarod A. Fucci as a Full-Time Civil Service Police Officer to the Norton Police Department.

MOTION was made by Mr. Hornsby to appoint Jarod Fucci as a Full-Time Civil Service Police Officer effective December 4, 2023. Seconded by Ms. Artz. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Appointment of Brian P. Sullivan as a Full-Time Civil Service Police Officer to the Norton Police Department.

MOTION was made by Mr. Hornsby to appoint Brian P. Sullivan as a Full-Time Civil Service Police Officer with an effective date of February 26, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Rich. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

3. Vote to Modify Appointment of Emily Anderson from Alternate Recreation Commission Member (2025) to Permanent Recreation Commission Member (2024).

MOTION was made by Mr. Rich to modify the appointment of Emily Anderson from an Alternate Recreation Commission Member (2025) to a Permanent Recreation Commission Member (2024). Seconded by Mr. Hornsby. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

4. Appointment of Josh Glaser as an Alternate Member of the Recreation Commission.

MOTION was made by Mr. Rich to appoint Josh Glaser as an Alternate Member of the Recreation Commission. Seconded by Mr. Hornsby. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

5. Discussion on Bristol County Advisory Board Representative Appointment.

Mr. Yunits advised that at this time, Mr. Michael Toole is the Representative for the Bristol County Advisory Board and they recently reached out to see if anything has changed. Mr. Yunits informed the Board that he did speak with Mr. Toole, who expressed that he would be willing to

stay on as the Representative. He stated that the Bristol County Advisory Board meets quarterly in at night. Mr. Yunits explained that this board reviews the county's fiscal budget. Ms. Luciano volunteered to fill this position.

MOTION was made by Mr. Hornsby to nominate Ms. Luciano as the Representative of the Bristol County Advisory Board. Seconded by Ms. Artz. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

6. Appointment of GATRA Advisory Board Representative.

Mr. Yunits advised that the GATRA Advisory Board meets during the day and meet more on a monthly basis versus a quarterly schedule. He informed the Board that he believed Mr. Toole was the Representative for this as well. Mr. Rich volunteered to serve in this role.

MOTION was made by Mr. Snyder to appoint Mr. Rich as the GATRA Advisory Board Representative. Seconded by Ms. Luciano. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. **Minutes**

Approve Minutes, including but not limited to: September 28, 2023 (Open and Executive Session) and October 5, 2023 (Open and Executive Session).

MOTION was made by Mr. Rich to approve the minutes of September 28, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Hornsby. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Rich to approve the executive session minutes of October 5, 2023 (open and executive). Seconded by Mr. Hornsby. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Hornsby to approve the executive session minutes for September 28th. Seconded by Mr. Rich. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

IV. **Licenses and Permits**

There were no licenses or permits to discuss and/or vote on at this meeting.

V. **Announcements**

1. The Desfosses/Petersen Food Drive Scheduled for Saturday, October 21st.

Mr. Rich read the following announcement:

The Annual Desfosses/Petersen Memorial Food Drive is scheduled for Saturday, October 21st. Please place your bag(s) of donated food and paper supplies at your mailbox on Saturday, October 21st at 10:00 A.M. and they will pick up the generous donations and bring them to the Cupboard of Kindness. Please reach out to Roger Marson at (508) 339-3341.

2. Friends of Borderland and MSG Trent Memorial 2023 Haunted Hayride – Friday, October 20th and Saturday, October 21st from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. at Borderland State Park.

The Friends of Borderland & MSG Memorial presents the 2023 Haunted Hayride at Borderland State Park located at 259 Massapoag Avenue, North Easton, MA on Friday, October 20th and

Saturday, October 21st from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Tickets are \$10 and they are also looking for volunteers. You can contact NortonGSC@gmail.com for more information.

3. Goat City Pub Fundraiser for the Norton Historical Society on Monday, October 23rd.

The Goat City Pub Fundraiser for the Norton Historical Society is on Monday, October 23rd. 20% of your ticket is donated to the Historical Society. Mr. Hornsby advised that this is for take-out and dining-in and is the same night as the Fall Town Meeting. He suggested getting your food beforehand and present these tickets.

4. 30th Annual Chartley Halloween Parade Scheduled from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M on Sunday, October 29, 2023.

Mr. Rich mentioned that the Norton Veterans' Council and veterans of the VFW will be having a float this year. Any and all veterans regardless of error are welcome to participate. If you are a veteran and would like to participate, but need transportation, please contact the Veterans' Agent at (508) 285-0274 or Roger Marsan at (508) 339-3341. Transportation can be provided to and from the parade. The Town would love to thank you for your service.

5. Veterans' Day Parade Scheduled from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M on Saturday, November 11, 2023.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremonies will be held inside the Henri A. Yelle Elementary School's gymnasium.

VI. Business

A. New Business

1. 7:15 P.M. - Public hearing on the application of Fleetfirst, Inc. for a Class II Used Car Dealer's License to Buy and Sell Second-Hand Motor Vehicles, at 92 A East Main Street, Norton, MA 02766.

MOTION was made by Mr. Snyder to open the public hearing at 7:15 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Hornsby. Vote: Ms. Luciano – Yes; Ms. Artz – Yes; Mr. Rich – Yes; Mr. Hornsby – Yes; and Mr. Snyder – Yes. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Yunits explained that the building has been vacant for quite some time. He pointed out that he is referencing the location to the left side of the property.

Mr. Joe Correnti of Fleetfirst, Inc. stated that the lot is being divided into two. He advised that there is already a business operating on the right side of the property and when he was applying for the dealer's license, under the Town's guidance, they suggested that he apply for a separate license [rather than transfer the existing Class II license of the adjacent business]. Mr. Correnti advised that he had the property resurveyed and spoke to the Fire Department and Town Manager as well to make sure that everything was agreeable.

Mr. Rich asked Mr. Correnti if he would be in direct competition with the owner of Midway next door and he replied that he wouldn't be at all. Mr. Rich clarified that it is the same type of license he is applying for, which he confirmed, but Mr. Correnti clarified that they are actually a very complimentary business because he is relying on Midway to be Fleetfirst's certified mechanic and he also doesn't plan to do any garage work and would like to stick with just doing sales.

Ms. Artz asked how many vehicles he planned to have on the lot at one time. Mr. Correnti answered that his main inventory is small commercial vehicles and approximately 90% of what he does now is paratransit vehicles for a lot of the non-emergency medical transport. He stated that this is basically what his business has evolved into. Mr. Rich asked if he holds any other licenses anywhere else and Mr. Correnti replied that he does hold a license with the Town of Braintree. He explained that his current lease in Braintree is coming to an end, so he will be moving everything to the Norton location if the license is approved.

Mr. Yunits asked if any of the vehicles will be parked out front or if they will all be out back and Mr. Correnti answered that the vehicles would be in the back. The Town Manager looked for confirmation that the front parking would just be for customers and Mr. Correnti stated that the front parking would be for customers and employees. Mr. Correnti added that it would be mostly by appointment only hours and hardly anything for weekend hours. Mr. Yunits questioned what Mr. Correnti was proposing for the Select Board to vote to have as the number of vehicles allowed on the property for sale at any one time. Mr. Correnti stated that he believed 25 vehicles would be a reasonable number.

At this time, Mr. Snyder welcomed anyone from the public that would like to speak to this application. In result, Ms. Helen Phillips who lives across the street from the proposed location advised that she didn't understand what exactly the proposed licensee would be doing for business at this location and asked what the hours of operation would be. Mr. Snyder answered that he will be selling commercial vehicles and the vehicles will be parked at the back of the property with a total number of 25 vehicles. Ms. Phillips asked what the hours of operation would be and Mr. Correnti answered that it would be 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, Saturday would be by appointment only, and Sundays they would be closed. Ms. Phillips asked if he would be having deliveries at night and Mr. Correnti answered that he would not. She then asked which gate the delivery of vehicles would go through and Mr. Correnti explained that they would use the gate between the two buildings. Ms. Phillips emphasized that they don't have any objections as long as it will be quiet over there.

MOTION was made by Mr. Hornsby to close the public hearing at 7:23 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Rich. Vote: Ms. Luciano – Yes; Ms. Artz – Yes; Mr. Rich – Yes; Mr. Hornsby – Yes; and Mr. Snyder – Yes. MOTION CARRIES.

During the below motion, Mr. Yunits requested that they include in their vote that there be no more than 25 vehicles and that the hours of operation are 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday and Saturday by appointment only.

MOTION was made by Mr. Hornsby to approve the application of Fleetfirst, Inc. for a Class II Used Car Dealer's License to Buy and Sell Second-Hand Motor Vehicles, at 92 A East Main Street, Norton and that there will be no more than 25 vehicles and that the hours of operation are 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday and Saturday by appointment only. Seconded by Mr. Rich. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. 7:30 P.M. – Joint Meeting with the Norton Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to Appoint Elizabeth Dahl to the Norton Housing Authority Board of Commissioners in Place of Charles Francis Reynolds Term (Expires 04/01/2024).

Ms. Missie Saulsby, Executive Director of the North Housing Authority, advised that two of their active four members were present for the meeting: Ms. Joanne Collins and Mr. Ralph Stefanelli.

MOTION was made by Mr. Stefanelli to call the Norton Housing Authority Board of Commissioners' meeting to order at 7:27 P.M. for the intention of having a vote of a new member to fill a vacancy. Seconded by Ms. Collins. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Ms. Saulsby advised that they did speak with Ms. Elizabeth Dahl to ask her why she would want to join the Norton Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and they found out that one of Ms. Dahl's grandmothers was one of the original Board members. Ms. Saulsby explained that their hope is the Select Board will vote to appoint Elizabeth Dahl in place of Charles Francis Reynolds' term, which is set to expire in April of 2024 and that is when she would have to run to be elected to this position.

MOTION was made by Mr. Hornsby to appoint Elizabeth Dahl to the Norton Housing Authority Board of Commissioners in Place of Charles Francis Reynolds Term whose term expires April 1, 2024. Seconded by Ms. Luciano. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

The Norton Housing Authority Board of Commissioners adjourned their meeting at 7:30 P.M.

3. Discussion on Request Exercise Right of First Refusal of Recreational Use Chapter 61A, Regarding Lots A, B, C, D on "Plan of Land on Crane Street and Pine Street in Norton Massachusetts" and Lot 9-12 on Assessor's Map No. 29 on Crane Street.

Mr. Yunits advised that the Town received this request on October 10th and by law, the Select Board has 120 days to exercise its right of first refusal or let the owner know that the Town doesn't wish to do so. He advised that hopefully it doesn't take them the full 120 days, but he did send this to all departments, but he hasn't heard back from everyone yet. Mr. Yunits mentioned that he also sent it to the Land Preservation Society to see if they had any interest in purchasing the property. He requested that the Board put this on a future agenda to give him time to hear back from everyone. The Town Manager advised that the price of the property is \$950,000 and right now the proposal is to build five single-family homes on the property.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Francis Riley of 174 Pine Street explained to the Board that he is the trustee of his mother's property. He asked that the Board to let them know as soon as they can about their decision so the builder can start pulling permits and doing whatever else he needs to do if the Town isn't interested in buying the property.

4. Update on Host Community Agreement (HCA) Negotiations.

Mr. Yunits advised that he didn't have much for an update that differed from the update he gave at their last meeting. He stated that Attorney Amy Kwesell answered one of the issues that had been raised and there was one other issue she was still checking into. He mentioned that she was experiencing some computer issues and wasn't ready yet, so hopefully they will have that all ironed out in the month of November.

Mr. Hornsby voiced concerns where the Board met last week and there was one outstanding issue left and that same issue is still not resolved. He expressed that his opinion is that this should have been settled months ago and further stated that he didn't see why at their next meeting this couldn't be ready to be voted on. Mr. Hornsby asked if this was unreasonable and Mr. Yunits explained that it depends on how the issue that she is reviewing gets revised because it has to go to the proponent, who also have to have time to review it with their attorney. Mr. Yunits advised that he will push this with Attorney Kwesell and let her know that it is the intent of the Select Board to vote on this at their November 2nd meeting. Mr. Rich agreed with Mr. Hornsby that a month should have been more than enough time for KP Law to get back to the Board on this one issue.

5. Update on the Traffic Safety Committee, Including, But Limited To:

a) Speed Limit for East Main Street;

Mr. Hornsby explained that at the last Traffic Safety Committee meeting, they met with Aiden from Wheaton College and he expressed a concern of the college about the speed limit and cars going back and forth between Wheaton College on East Main Street. Aiden had pointed out that the speed limits along East Main Street varies; for example, if you are heading east bound down East Main Street, there is a 40-mph speed limit right before the Pine Street intersection, but then heading in the other direction across the street, there is a 30-mph speed limit. Mr. Hornsby informed the Board that the Traffic Safety Committee voted unanimously to make this a 30-mph zone from the Town Common all the way down to I-495.

Mr. Yunits replied that they could have done that if at the August of 2021 Town Meeting had accepted G.L. Chapter 90, Section 17C that would allow the Town to set speed limits however it saw fit, but it was rejected at town meeting. In result of that, the Town Manager explained that now in order to change the speed limit, the Town would have to do a study, so an engineer would need to be hired to do a study. Mr. Yunits pointed out that as crazy as it sounds, the speed is determined by how fast the cars are going on the road. Mr. Hornsby advised that he will work with the Traffic Safety Committee on this.

Police Chief, Brian Clark, expressed his opinion that it wouldn't be a bad idea to get another speed calming device to put in front of the area of the Norton Public Library, specifically between the Norton Public Library and Elm Street to get people's attention. Ms. Luciano clarified that he was suggesting one of the flashing speed limit signs, which he confirmed. Mr. Hornsby advised that the Traffic Safety Committee did discuss this option, but the cost of each of these signs is around \$7,000. Mr. Hornsby mentioned that this option was discussed with Wheaton College and the financing of it.

Mr. George Hast of 381 South Worcester Street mentioned that the State has put down traffic counting strips, one on Woodard Street and two on South Worcester Street. Mr. Hornsby added that SRPEDD put these down for a week to count the truck traffic going through this area, which should help justify installing "No Truck" signs on South Worcester Street. Ms. Artz mentioned how much of a nightmare it is trying to get in and out of the High School. Mr. Hornsby said he was going to bring it up at the next Traffic Safety Committee meeting and was going to discuss this.

b) No Parking Signs on Plain Street Near the L.G. Nourse Elementary School.

Mr. Hornsby explained that there have been a lot of concerns raised about the traffic on Plain Street near the L.G. Nourse Elementary School. He informed the Board that the suggestion that was voted by the Traffic Safety Committee was to put "No Parking" signs on Plain Street. Mr. Hornsby explained that it is the side where the solar farm is and up to the LGN where it is an accident waiting to happen. Mr. Snyder suggested discussing this topic at their November 13th joint meeting with the School Committee and Finance Committee meeting.

B. Old Business

1. Discussion and/or Vote on the Naming of the Senior/Community Support Center.

Ms. Ruth Schneider, Chair of the Council on Aging (COA), was present to speak to this topic. Ms. Schneider explained that the mission of the Council on Aging is to enhance the lives of the Norton older residents by identifying their needs and developing programs, activities, community

involvement, and resources to provide older residents with the tools to be independent, productive, and enrich their lives. She explained that at the COA's August meeting, the board voted unanimously to name their new and long overdue facility "The Nelson Senior Community Center." Ms. Schneider advised that this decision was supported by data collected from a survey conducted by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. In result of that survey, 58% of the seniors surveyed answered that they wanted the building to be named the Norton Senior Center compared to 28% who wanted it to be called the Community Center. She pointed out that there are over 4,800 Norton residents over the age of 60 years old. Ms. Schneider expressed that naming the building a community center is very misleading and heavily emphasized that they are a senior center. She stated that the COA respectfully urges the Select Board to reconsider keeping the name "Nelson Senior Community Center" or even to compromise with them and simply call it the "Nelson Center." She expressed that the COA also hopes to see the Board at the COA's November 9th meeting. Ms. Schneider pointed out that at the May Town Meeting of 2021, the residents of the Town voted for a new senior/community support center.

In response, Ms. Luciano stated that naming the building the "Nelson Senior Center" would be exclusionary to the community because at the time, when they were going to the Town for funding of the building, there was a lot of talk of having access for some of the community organizations that could hold meetings there. She emphasized that she wants to make sure they aren't misrepresenting what they said when they were getting the funding to what we are saying now. Ms. Schneider replied that there has been talk of groups such as the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts using the building in the evening, which she said is definitely a possibility, but emphasized that during the day, it is to be used as a senior center for exercise and their programs. She made it clear that during the day, right now, the Senior Center is occupied every day with their senior programs to the point where they have hired the VFW for their bingo and two exercise classes because they have outgrown their space. Ms. Artz pointed out and clarified Ms. Luciano's concern that the name that the COA proposed is the "Nelson Senior Community Center" so the word "community" is still included in the name, which Ms. Schneider confirmed. Ms. Luciano explained that with the COA's proposed name, it sounds more like the senior community is welcome where Mr. Snyder had suggested last meeting the "Nelson Senior & Community Center." Ms. Schneider said that was acceptable and they would love that.

Ms. Pat Zwicker of 9 Clapp Street explained that she is on the COA and also volunteers every week. She stated that the reason they also referred to it as the "Community Support Center" is because they also house Human Services and Human Services serves the entire town. Ms. Luciano expressed that she didn't expect the community's use to supersede the senior center, especially where a lot of the community organizations are in the evening. Ms. Zwicker replied that while she understands that, they will then need people on staff for that center and they only have 3 staff right now, but they are hoping to get more staff. Ms. Zwicker pointed out that they were also hoping to create more evening programs for those seniors who are still working to be able to attend night classes.

Mary Ann Dempsey of 27 Harvey Street asked what the expectations are for the community center aspect of this. Mr. Snyder explained that they still are going to have the primary use of this building be the senior center aspect and they are just trying to be more inclusive and optimize the use of the building because like Ms. Luciano stated, when it came time to try and get approval and funding for the project, that was part of the plan that was told to residents. Ms. Dempsey asked if someone would be coming in to clean and maintain the building after the community use in the evenings. Mr. Snyder responded that this is more of a logistical question that they will figure out and put a policy/procedure in place for. Mr. Yunits pointed out that there are also some seniors that are maybe in their early 60s or 70s and they don't want the name "Senior Center" because of the label and pointed out that this is a new generation of seniors. Ms. Schneider responded that if

there is such a stigma with the term “senior center” why they don’t just call it “The Nelson Center” and that way by the time they open the building to the community-use aspect of it, they will know what they are doing.

MOTION was made by Mr. Hornsby to name the senior community support center the “Nelson Senior & Community Center.” Seconded by Ms. Luciano. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Discussion and/or Vote of Fall Annual Town Meeting Articles.

Mr. Yunits gave the following overview:

Article 3 (Collective Bargaining Agreements): The Finance Committee is recommending that \$94,574 from Free Cash be used to fund the article.

MOTION was made by Mr. Rich to recommend Article 3 (Collective Bargaining Agreements) in the amount of \$94,574. Seconded by Ms. Artz. Vote: Unanimous (4-0). MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Hornsby had stepped away from the meeting at this time and was not part of the above vote.

Article 4 (FY24 Operating Budget Amendments): The Finance Committee recommended this article 10-0 in the amount of \$1,021,357; \$8,205 will come from the Dog Fund for a repair to the Animal Control Officer’s transmission on the van, raise and appropriate \$499,524 which is for the debt-exclusion to pay for the notes for the Nelson Senior & Community Center, new Town Hall, and the athletic complex; and from Free Cash \$513,628. Mr. Yunits noted that at the Spring Town Meeting, they used \$770,000 from Stabilization so the School Department could get funding up front and it was put off for the Police Department and Fire Department, so their budgets were reduced. He explained that out of that \$513,628 it was \$381,400 is for Police and Fire overtime for the most part.

MOTION was made by Mr. Hornsby to approve Article 4 as written. Seconded by Ms. Luciano. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 7 (Capital Improvements Funding): The Finance Committee recommended 9-0 \$1,000,000 from Free Cash be put into the Capital Improvements Fund.

MOTION was made by Mr. Hornsby to approve Article 7 as written. Seconded by Ms. Artz. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 8 (FY24 Capital Plan Amendments): The total cost for the plan is \$1,306,481; \$806,981 is coming out of Capital; \$499,500 from the Ambulance Fund; and \$100,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings.

MOTION was made by Mr. Hornsby to recommend Article 8 as written. Seconded by Mr. Rich. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 17 (Bylaw Amendment, Personnel Bylaws): The Finance Committee voted to recommend this 10-0 and this will involve \$1,400 from Free Cash. This is amending the longevity schedule for the employees that are under the wage and salary plan. This would be in line with what SENA-A has for their longevity.

MOTION was made by Mr. Hornsby to endorse Article 17 as written. Seconded by Ms. Luciano. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 19 (Stabilization): The Finance Committee voted 9-1 to put \$1,000,000 into the Stabilization Fund from Free Cash.

MOTION was made by Mr. Hornsby to endorse Article 19 as written. Seconded by Ms. Artz. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 20 (Placeholder Fire Department – Withdraw from Civil Service): The Finance Committee recommended this article 10-0.

MOTION was made by Mr. Hornsby to endorse Article 20 as written. Seconded by Ms. Artz. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

3. Review and/or Vote on Select Board Code of Conduct.

The Board agreed to table this topic to a future meeting when they had more time to go through it.

4. Update on Select Board's FY23 Town Report and Photo.

Mr. Snyder apologized because he has not reached out to Mr. Yunits or his assistant yet, but he has started to put together a list of milestones of things that has happened during this fiscal year. The Board agreed to do the Town Report photo at their November 2nd meeting.

C. **Town Manager's Report**

1. Bond Rating Update.

Mr. Yunits informed the Board that he got the Town's bond rating from Standard & Poor's and the Town maintained its A++ rating. Mr. Yunits thanked the financial team because one of the reasons Standard & Poor's gave for maintaining this rating was a strong management environment with good financial management policies, conservative budgetary assumptions, reserve policies, and strong institutional framework.

2. Community Electricity Aggregation Program Renewal.

Mr. Yunits advised that notices will be going out because the Community Electricity Aggregation Program's current contract ends in November and the new program would start. He advised that they would not be maintaining the 10.470 cents per kilowatt hour; with the new contract, it now goes up to 15.784 cents per kilowatt hour. Mr. Yunits explained that unless people opt out, they are automatically enrolled, but they can opt in or out at any time.

3. Donations for Migrants.

Mr. Yunits stated that the two churches did a great job (St. Mary's and the Trinitarian) collecting winter clothing mostly for adults, but there is also a need for children's clothing. The Town Manager gave an overview of the clothing that is needed. He advised that someone from the Attleboro Interfaith Collaborative would be coming by tomorrow and they will be providing grocery gift cards to the residents at the Extended Stay.

VII. **Select Board's Report and Mail**

Ms. Artz announced that the Norton High School Football game is tomorrow at 6:30 P.M. in Dover-Sherborn.

IX. **Warrants**

Mr. Hornsby reported that the following Payroll and Invoice Warrants were approved:

- a. Invoice Warrant AP24-15 dated October 12, 2023.
- b. Payroll Warrant PR24-08 for the week ended October 14, 2023, Warrant dated October 19, 2023.
- c. Invoice Warrant AP24-16 dated October 19, 2023.

X. **Other Business**

Other Business: Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance.

1. Halloween Spectacular.

Mr. Snyder mentioned that there is one item that came up yesterday that needs to be discussed by the Board at this meeting. Mr. Rich explained that this is for the Halloween Spectacular that the VFW and Veterans' Council are hosting Friday, October 27th and Saturday, October 28th from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Mr. Rich advised that they are respectfully requesting that the Select Board vote to close Summer Street, which has been customary in the recent years for the dates and times of this event.

MOTION was made by Mr. Rich to close Summer Street for the Haunted Hayride Friday and Saturday October 27th and October 28th from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. pending Police and Fire approval as well. Seconded by Mr. Hornsby. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Director of Planning and Economic Development Vacancy.

Mr. Hornsby brought up the fact that the Director of Planning and Economic Development position has been vacant for quite some time and recommended since there are no prospects in sight that they get someone in part-time. Mr. Yunits advised that they do have a prospect.

XI. **Next Meeting's Agenda** – November 2, 2023 – FY 2024 Tax Classification Hearing.

XII. **Executive Session.**

There was no executive session at this meeting.

XIII. **Adjournment.**

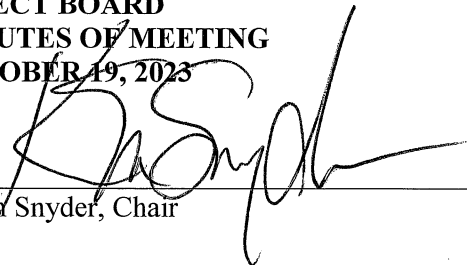
MOTION was made by Mr. Hornsby to adjourn at 8:31 P.M. Seconded by Rich. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

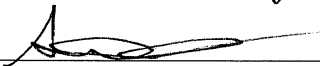
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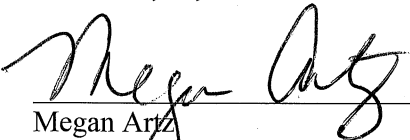

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