

**TOWN OF NORTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2015**

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator William A. Gouveia at 7:02 PM at the Norton Middle School Auditorium. He led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator thanked Danielle Sicard, Town Clerk for her service to the Town of Norton as this would be her last meeting as the Clerk in Norton.

The Moderator recognized Michael Yunits, Town Manager who spoke about the Community Aggregation Program and informed residents that the mailing they recently received was not a scam even though the return address was not from Norton. He also encouraged residents to take a look at the website that is listed on the documents they have received.

The Moderator recognized the State Representatives in attendance: Jay Barrows & Steve Howitt.

The Moderator asked School Superintendent, Joe Baeta to recognize the Norton High School Soccer Team for their accomplishment as the State Champions. Representatives Barrows and Howitt presented a citation to the team from themselves and Senator Timility.

The Moderator reviewed some pre-meeting rules:

- I ask everyone to please find a seat for this meeting.
- If you are not a registered voter in the Town of Norton, you are welcome to visit but you must sit in the appropriate section. If you are registered voter, please sit anywhere else, because your vote will not be counted if you are sitting in the non-voting section.
- If you wish to address this meeting, you must do so only after being recognized by the Moderator. There is a microphone located in the back and one in the front. When speaking, please identify yourself by name and address for the record. Please try and keep your remarks brief and to the point, and confine them only to the matter under consideration at the time.
- All speakers at this meeting will be treated with courtesy by the Moderator and everyone else in the room. No speaker will be allowed to use the meeting for personal attacks on any individual. All remarks will be directed towards the Moderator, and although questions to be asked of individuals will be allowed, cross-examination type discussions from the floor will not be allowed.
- In recognizing people to speak, the Moderator will call upon those who have not yet spoken on a topic before recognizing those who have already spoken. The Moderator will recognize motions to move the question, but if in the Moderators opinion there are still people waiting to speak who may add to the discussion, the Moderator will exercise his authority to not accept a motion to move the question under those circumstances.
- If a standing vote is required, you will be instructed to stand at your seats until your vote is counted. If a ballot vote is required, you will be given instructions by the Moderator as to how to proceed.

- If you wish to make an amendment to any motion, you must do so in writing and present it to the Moderator.
- I remind you all that no motion to reconsider any article will be accepted by the Moderator until at least three articles following the article being reconsidered have been acted upon by this meeting. If the article is one of the last three on the warrant, I will accept any motions to reconsider them prior to adjourning.
- There may be requests this evening to allow non-voters to speak on certain articles. This must be done by a Motion voted upon by this meeting. While it is the right and the decision of the meeting to allow or not allow non-residents to speak, please keep in mind they may have information to add to the discussion.

The Town Clerk read the call and return of service as written in the warrant.

ARTICLE 1 (Requires 9/10Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$138.34 from Free Cash for the unpaid bill for which obligation was incurred in the prior fiscal year as recommended by the Finance Committee under Article 1 of the December 9, 2015, Special Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 1 as printed in the Warrant:

\$	138.34	Fire Department	EMS Billing Solutions
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DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 2 (Requires 2/3Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to appropriate \$1,000,000.00 for the purpose of financing the repair, replacement, and/or upgrading of septic systems and/or making household connections to sanitary sewer systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws, and as funding therefor that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust Community Septic Management Program offered through the Clean Water Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C or any other enabling authority; and in connection therewith the Board of Selectmen is authorized to enter into a loan and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any other federal or state aid available therefor.

DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 3 (Requires Majority Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to approve Article 3 as written in the December 9, 2015, Special Town Meeting Warrant, thereby approving, confirming, and authorizing, pursuant to G.L. c.40, §59, and M.G.L. c.23A, §3E and §3F, all of the actions set forth therein.

ARTICLE 3 as printed in the Warrant:

- a) approve a Tax Increment Financing Agreement between the Town, ALNYLAM U.S., INC., & its affiliates and 20 Commerce LLC, in the form substantially as on file with the Town Clerk, as may be amended by agreement of all parties, for property located on Commerce Way, which property is as described in more detail in such TIF Agreement which TIF Agreement provides for real estate tax exemptions at the exemption rate schedule set forth therein; and further
- b) authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute the TIF Agreement, and approve submission to the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council (“EACC”) of the TIF Agreement and “Local Incentive Only Application” for EACC approval, and any necessary documents relating thereto, all relating to the project as described in the TIF Agreement, and to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to obtain EACC approval, implement those documents and carry out the purpose of this vote;

DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MODERATOR

The Special Town Meeting was declared Adjourned at 7:35 PM.

ATTEST:

Danielle M. Sicard
Town Clerk