

**TOWN OF NORTON  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
FEBRUARY 24, 2014**

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator William A. Gouveia at 7:00 PM at the Norton Middle School Auditorium. He led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator recognized some distinguished guests:

Jay Barrows, State Representative  
James Timilty, State Senator

The Moderator reviewed some pre-meeting rules:

- If you wish to address this meeting, you must do so only after being recognized by the Moderator. There is a microphone located up front and one located in the center of the room. 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.

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

**ARTICLE 1** (Requires 9/10 Vote)

Motion was made by Michael Flaherty, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to authorize the amount of \$980.00 to be paid from Account No. 001-151-570 (Legal) for the following unpaid bills incurred in a prior fiscal year:

ACCOUNT	DEPARTMENT	VENDOR	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
001-151-570	Legal	Kopelman and Paige, P.C.	Services	\$ 980.00

**DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MODERATOR**

**ARTICLE 2** (Requires Majority Vote)

Motion was made by Michael Flaherty, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town amend its Personnel By-Laws, as on file with the Town Clerk, by amending the Salary Plan ranges from those listed in the column entitled "Current" to those listed in the column entitled "Proposed" as written in the warrant.

**ARTICLE 2 as printed in the Warrant:**

	Current			Proposed		
Office Administrator	\$ 36,764	-	\$ 48,672	\$ 37,499	-	\$ 53,500
Assistant to the Town Manager	\$ 47,268	-	\$ 59,488	\$ 48,213	-	\$ 66,000
Highway Superintendent	\$ 63,024	-	\$ 86,528	\$ 64,284	-	\$ 90,000
Assistant Town Accountant	\$ 42,016	-	\$ 54,080	\$ 42,856	-	\$ 60,000
Water & Sewer Superintendent	\$ 73,528	-	\$ 97,344	\$ 74,999	-	\$ 104,000
Asst. Water & Sewer Superintendent	\$ 30,294	-	\$ 37,878	\$ 30,899	-	\$ 61,000
Information Technology Director	\$ 52,520	-	\$ 75,712	\$ 53,570	-	\$ 80,000
Tax Collector-Treasurer	\$ 63,024	-	\$ 86,528	\$ 64,284	-	\$ 91,500
Public Health Nurse	\$ 21.01	-	\$ 30.28	\$ 21.43	-	\$ 32.25

**DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MODERATOR****ARTICLE 3** (Requires Majority Vote)

Motion was made by Michael Flaherty, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town amend the vote taken under Article 14 of the May 13, 2013, Annual Town Meeting by increasing appropriations for certain line items and to do so, by transferring the additional amount of \$58,456.00 from Free Cash and the amount of \$1,132.00 from Account No. 242-171-100 (Wetland Protection Fund) as written in the warrant.

**ARTICLE 3 as printed in the Warrant:**

Account	Department	Use	Amount
001-123-510	Town Manager	Wages	\$ 1,625.00
001-171-510	Conservation	Wages	\$ 1,132.00
001-423-570	Snow Removal	Expense	\$50,208.00
001-308-560	Bristol County Agricultural High School	Assessment Shortfall	\$ 6,623.00
TOTAL SUPPLEMENTS:			\$ 59,588.00

**DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MODERATOR**

**ARTICLE 4** (Requires Majority Vote)

Motion was made by Michael Flaherty, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to approve Article 4 as written in the Warrant, thereby approving, confirming, and authorizing, pursuant to G.L. c.40, §59, and G.L. c.23A, §3E and §3F, all of the actions set forth therein as written in the warrant.

**ARTICLE 4 as printed in the Warrant:**

- (a) Approve a Tax Increment Financing (“TIF”) Plan and Agreement between the Town, OMNI life science, Inc. (“Company”), and Norton Commerce Center, LLC (“Property Owner”), in the form substantially as on file with the Town Clerk, for property located at 60 Commerce Way, and shown as Assessors Map 24, Parcel 116, which TIF Plan and Agreement provide for real estate tax exemptions over a fifteen (15) year period at the exemption rate schedule set forth therein;
- (b) Confirm the Board of Selectmen’s selection of the location of the project as an Economic Opportunity Area, to be known as the 60 Commerce Way Economic Opportunity Area, and approve the Company’s Local Incentive-Only application; and
- (c) Authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute the TIF Agreement, and approve submission to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council (“EACC”) of the TIF Agreement and Plan and Local Incentive-Only application, all relating to the project as described in the TIF Agreement, and any necessary documents relating thereto, and to take such other actions as are necessary or appropriate to obtain approval of the TIF Plan and Agreement, Local Incentive-Only application, Economic Opportunity Area, and related submissions and to take such other actions as necessary or appropriate to implement those documents.

**A MOTION** was made by Paul Helmreich to allow Dave LaSalle from OMNI Life Science Inc . to address Town Meeting in regards to Article 4. Motion was seconded. **MOTION APPROVED**

**DECLARED VOTED BY MAJORITY BY THE MODERATOR**

**ARTICLE 5** (Requires Majority Vote)

Motion was made by Michael Flaherty, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote, pursuant to G.L. c.40, §59, and G.L. c.23A, §3F, to approve Article 5 as written in the Warrant, thereby approving, confirming, and authorizing all of the actions set forth therein as written printed in the warrant.

**ARTICLE 5 as printed in the Warrant:**

- (a) Approve a Tax Increment Financing (“TIF”) Plan and Agreement between the Town, Penske Truck Leasing Co., L.P. (“Company”), and Norton Commerce Center, LLC (“Property Owner”) in the form substantially as on file with the Town Clerk, for property located at 40 Commerce Way, and shown as Assessors Map 25, Parcel 86, and some portion of Assessors Map 25, Parcel 84-01; which TIF Plan and Agreement provide for real estate tax exemptions over an eleven (11) year period at the exemption rate schedule set forth therein;

- (b) Confirm the Board of Selectmen's selection of the location of the project as an Economic Opportunity Area ("EOA"), to be known as the 40 Commerce Way Economic Opportunity Area, and approve the Company's Local Incentive-Only application; and
- (c) Authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute the TIF Agreement, and approve submission to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council of the TIF Agreement and Plan and Local Incentive-Only application, all relating to the project as described in the TIF Agreement, and any necessary documents relating thereto, and to take such other actions as are necessary or appropriate to obtain approval of the TIF Plan and Agreement, Local Incentive-Only application, Economic Opportunity Area, and related submissions and to take such other actions as necessary or appropriate to implement those documents.

**DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MODERATOR**

**ARTICLE 6** (Requires 2/3 VOTE)

Motion was made by Michael Flaherty, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to approve Article 6 as written in the February 24, 2014, Special Town Meeting Warrant.

**ARTICLE 6 as printed in the Warrant:**

Vote to amend the vote taken under Article 10 of the October 29, 2012, Town Meeting, which authorized the acquisition of the Erickson property, located on Bay Road and containing 21.188 acres, more or less, as described more particularly in said vote, appropriated the sum of \$225,000 therefor and authorized a borrowing for such purposes, and further, conditioned expenditure of the funds upon the allotment or receipt of grant of funds from the state in an amount no less than \$142,128.00, and on receipt of gifts or grants of no less than \$82,872.02, to instead provide that the expenditure of such funds is conditioned only upon the allotment of or receipt of state grant funds, and further that the borrowing authorization approved under said Article 10 and this article shall be reduced by any grants or gifts received prior to said borrowing, or take any other action relative thereto.

**DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MODERATOR**

The Special Town Meeting was declared Adjourned at 7:26 PM.

ATTEST:

Danielle M. Sicard  
Town Clerk