

**TOWN OF NORTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 6, 2011**

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator William A. Gouveia at 7:00 PM at the Norton High School Gymnasium. He then recessed the meeting for 15 minutes. At 7:15 PM the Moderator called the meeting to order and then recessed the meeting for 15 minutes. At 7:30 PM the Moderator called the meeting to order and then again recessed for 15 minutes. At 7:30 PM the Moderator called the meeting to order again and recessed for another 15 minutes. At 7:45 PM the Moderator called the meeting to order and recessed the meeting for 30 minutes. At 8:20 PM the Moderator recessed the meeting for 5 minutes and assured the audience that the meeting would start after this recess. At 8:25 PM the Moderator called the meeting to order. He introduced Sarah Tenglin and Tim Brown who sang the National Anthem.

The Moderator recognized Fire Chief Gomes who reviewed fire safety and emergency exits.

The Moderator made the following announcements:

Now, as you can tell, this is not our normal Town Meeting format. First, let me note this meeting is actually taking place in five different sites this evening. I will be running the meeting with the assistance of four assistant moderators I have appointed to help keep things flowing smoothly. I want to assure all voters that regardless of which site they are at this evening, they will be afforded full opportunity to participate in this meeting equally.

I would like to check in on our meeting sites and introduce our assistant moderators. First, in the high school auditorium we have Assistant Moderator Ken Cabral. In the high school cafeteria we have Assistant Moderator Walter Eykel. Over at the Yelle School gymnasium, we have Assistant Moderator Ralph Stefanelli. And last but not least, in the Yelle School Cafeteria we have Assistant Moderator Chris DeLeo. Thank you gentlemen for volunteering your time this evening.

Now I would like to go over a few rules for this evening's meeting:

1. I ask everyone to please find a seat for this meeting. Standing in the back and on the sides creates problems both on a noise level and in counting standing votes. There are plenty of seats, please find one.
2. If you are not a registered voter in the Town of Norton, you are welcome to visit but must sit in the area of each meeting site designated for non-voters. Please see your Moderator if you do not know where that is.
3. If you wish to address this meeting, you must do so only after being recognized by the Moderator. That is a bit more challenging this time. Voters in this room can be recognized by getting up and coming to one of the microphones located on the floor. I will endeavor to recognize you in turn. Voters at the other locations can be recognized the same way, by advancing to one of the microphones located at your site and getting the attention of your assistant moderator. Your assistant Moderator will advise me by radio when there is someone waiting to speak, and I will actually call upon you myself through your Moderator. So please be patient as we work with this system. 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. Tonight is not the night for long political diatribes, and I promise you the Moderator will keep all speakers on point.
4. 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. Please remember that all your remarks and questions should be directed to the Moderator, and while I will allow questions to be asked of individuals, I will not allow cross-examination type discussions from the floor.
5. In recognizing people to speak, I will endeavor to call upon those who have not yet spoken on a topic before recognizing those who have already spoken. I will recognize motions to move the question, but if in my opinion there are still people waiting to speak who may add to the discussion, I will exercise my authority to not accept a motion to move the question under those circumstances.
6. If you wish to make an amendment to any motion, you must do so in writing and present it to the moderator. Please prepare your amendment in writing and bring it to the Moderator at your site when you make your motion to amend.
7. Since there are only two articles on the warrant this evening, the usual rule about not allowing reconsideration until three articles have followed is not in effect.

8. 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. Some have knowledge important to the matter at hand. All non-voters must approach the moderator if they wish to speak.
9. Voting tonight will be a bit different from our normal procedure. Because of the nature of the two articles, I have exercised my authority as Moderator and declared both articles will require ballot votes. You received ballots when you checked in this evening, and you had your hand stamped. When it is time to vote on the articles themselves, the Town Clerk and her staff will instruct you how to proceed. You will be marking your ballots when told, and then will be instructed in sections to proceed to the ballot boxes and insert your ballots just like you at regular elections. All ballots tonight will be counted via the electronic system just as they are at elections, under the auspices of the Town Clerk's office and the Board of Registrars. I ask that you please adhere to their instructions when given so this process takes as little time as possible.

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

ARTICLE 1 (Requires 2/3 Majority Vote)

Motion was made by Thomas DeLuca, Chairman of the Finance Committee that the Town appropriate the sum of \$33,990,231.00 to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for the purpose of renovating, constructing improvements, remodeling, reconstructing, making extraordinary repairs to and expanding Norton High School, located at 66 West Main Street, Norton, (the "Project") which Project shall include but not be limited to expansion of the building envelope, roof repairs, acquisition and installation of new windows, and construction and installation of new science labs, as well as additional design services, contract administration, professional and other costs incidental and related thereto as may be necessary, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program and construction of a pump station and connection to the sewer system at said Norton High School, including but not limited to costs for planning, design, construction, furnishing and equipping of said pump station and sewer connection, as well as all other costs incidental and related thereto; and to meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, §§7 or 8 or any other enabling authority and issue bonds and notes therefor; provided, however, that the appropriation made hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½). The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 64.42 percent (%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and provided further that the funds appropriated hereunder shall not be expended unless and until the Town has been awarded a grant for the project by the MSBA Board of Directors for the Project as described herein on or before September 15, 2011, at a reimbursement rate of 64.42 percent for eligible, approved Project costs as determined by the MSBA.

Record of the Votes:

NO 170
YES 1482

DECLARED VOTED BY 2/3 BY THE MODERATOR

Article 2 (Requires 2/3 Vote)

Motion was made by Thomas DeLuca, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town appropriate the sum of \$751,520.00 to pay costs of reconstruction, refurbishing and making of extraordinary repairs to the Norton High School bleachers and track, located at 66 West Main Street, including but not limited to costs for planning, design, construction, furnishing and equipping said bleachers and track, as well as all other costs incidental and related thereto; and to meet this appropriation, to authorize the use of \$101,520.00 already received as gifts and grants for such purposes, and further, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow \$650,000.00 and issue bonds and notes therefor, pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7 or any other enabling authority; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C, (Proposition 2½); and further that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any additional gifts or grants received for such purposes prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized hereunder.

Record of the Votes:

NO	77
YES	1334

DECLARED VOTED BY 2/3 BY THE MODERATOR

A Motion was made by Sheri Cohen to adjourn and was seconded by Paul Helmrich.

The Annual Town Meeting was declared Adjourned at 11:39 PM.

ATTEST:

Danielle M. Sicard
Town Clerk