

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2014**

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

The September 25, 2014, Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mr. Bramwell, Acting-Chairman, at 7:00 p.m., held in the First Floor Selectmen's Conference Room.

A. ROLL CALL: Mr. Bramwell, Vice-Chair; Mr. Timothy R. Giblin, Clerk; Mr. Robert W. Kimball, Jr., and Mr. Robert S. Salvo, Sr. were present. Absent: Mrs. Mary T. Steele, Chairman. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was also present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

- A. Approve bills Warrant #19, dated September 25, 2014, in the amount of \$987,476.33

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve bills Warrant #19, dated September 25, 2014, in the amount of \$987,476.33. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

- B. Approve Minutes –  
No Minutes were reviewed/approved.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. Application of Chris Vinson, for one-day beer and wine license to be utilized at Wheaton College/Tent near Soccer Fields, Saturday, October 18, 2014, 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M., for private event

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve Application of Chris Vinson, for one-day beer and wine license to be utilized at Wheaton College/Tent near Soccer Fields, Saturday, October 18, 2014, 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M., for private event, with stipulation that Norton Police Detail(s) be required. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. 7:05 P.M. – Norton Cultural Council Re: Update

It was explained who the Cultural Council; they help provide culturally based programs to the community.

Cultural Council members introduced themselves and their responsibilities. It was noted they have a \$6,000 budget. There will be an annual event held in May 2015 at the Norton Public Library.

The Cultural Council will email the information to Mr. Giblin, per his inquiry, as to how the public can make a donation to this Council.

2. Laurie Pleshar Re: Interview for appointment to the Norton Cultural Council

Ms. Pleshar thanked the Board for their consideration and noted she has been a resident of Norton for many years. She has been a musician and a teacher for many years and stated it would be wonderful to bring cultural events to the Town and get more involved.

Mr. Kimball stated the Board appreciated her interest in her interest in volunteering.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Appoint Laurie Pleshar to the Norton Cultural Council. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

3. Michael E. Young Re: Interview for appointment to the Norton Commission on Disability

Mr. Young resides at 120 West Main Street.

Mr. Kimball said the Commission has not been very active in recent years; it was good to see someone stepping forward. At one point, it was a very active group ensuring businesses comply with ADA, etc. The Building Inspector is also part of this Commission.

Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Yunits to provide a copy of what this Commission is delegated to do and what Committee is about which is basically keeping Town in compliance.

Mr. Salvo said this is a very important part of the Town government to ensure construction/renovation projects are being ADA compliant, etc.

Mr. Kimball believed this was a three year term and has approximately three members.

Mr. Giblin thanked Mr. Young for coming forward.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to appoint Mr. Michael E. Young to the Norton Commission on Disability. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

4. Ross Perry, SRPEDD Re: Energy Aggregation Article

Mr. Perry explained this was to lower cost of the electricity bill and this requires a Town Meeting vote. It was designed as an opt-out process (residents can opt out at any time). A consultant will handle all of the work (the outreach, the public education, etc.), and he further explained the program. There is a draft space on the warrant for this. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kimball said National Grid was his current server, but appears to be providing a better rate from an alternative company. A group effort (the masses) will make this work and makes a difference in the rate.

Advertising was discussed (mailers, can be broadcast on cable channels, Town Meeting, etc.). Mr. Perry stated they can have a representative attend Town Meeting to explain, etc.

Mr. Salvo said it would be beneficial to teach people how to read and understand their bills and the various charges, etc. Discussion ensued.

5. Request of Skip Denault, Upper School Principal, New Testament Christian School, for flashing school zone traffic lights to be installed on Route 140 and installation of a 20 mph school zone traffic light

Mr. Denault stated he appreciated the Board allowing them to appear before them and hearing their request. He has been the principal for just over a year, but has been with the school for many years in a different capacity. He asked if they have a legal school zone as they are looking for safety of their students/staff and advise the public of the speed limit in that area.

It was noted that section of Route 140 is a state highway so any signs/school zones needs to go through Mass Highway. As a Board, they can write a letter requesting a school zone to Mass Highway and support this request.

Mr. Denault also inquired about a possible entrance/exit on Woodard Street which is the Town's road.

Mr. Kimball responded they could ask Mass Highway District V and Town could partner with District V. It was possible they could utilize Chapter 90 funding.

Mr. Bramwell suggested a school warning sign on Woodard Street would be helpful too.

Mr. Yunits stated the safety officer can take a look at it, etc.

Mr. Kimball agreed with Mr. Yunits and suggested to have safety officer look at Taunton Avenue also .

Discussion on having a school flashing zone with a crosswalk.

It was discussed there was a request in 1998 and the Town deferred to State and State deferred to Town, etc. The intent was to look for the best solution to keep the area safe whether it be flashing lights, etc. There is no bus service; only drop off and pick up by parents. Mr. Denault said they had two students he was aware of who traveled to/from school on bicycles, and some students drive their own

vehicles to/from school once they reach high school age. It was noted school zone is 20 m.p.h. when school is in session.

Mr. Giblin agreed with sending a letter and suggested to send a copy to their state reps as well.

Mr. Kimball agreed to contact the state reps would be beneficial.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to send a letter of support, as discussed above, to Mass Highway, Senator Timilty and state reps to ask for their assistance in this effort. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

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Mr. Yunits indicated there was a resident from Epoch asking for a traffic light in that area (across from Roche Bros. Plaza). Realignment of road was discussed. It was discussed a letter should be sent out to state reps and Senator Timilty regarding this.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to send letter to state reps and Senator Timilty regarding the need for a traffic light near Epoch/Roche Bros. Plaza. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

1. Review and/or vote October 20, 2014 Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Mr. Yunits discussed some of the Warrant Articles.

It was explained Articles 19 and Article 20 were removed from the Warrant.

Article 1:

Article 1 was explained by Mr. Yunits.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to support Article 1. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Article 7:

Mr. Kimball stated, as a representative from the Capital Improvements Committee, that Committee supported these requests. He explained the School Department trying to purchase 200 technology carts and also some expenses for Fire Dept. and Police Dept. It was noted this is a one time buy for administration/teachers/professionals and once done/once purchased this first time, then it will be required school will need to buy their own in future on the school's budget. If there is older/extra

equipment it can be declared surplus. He encouraged Superintendent of Schools and School Committee to offer it to another school. Also, he noted the Highway Dept. possesses an old sweeper truck which is rusted out and Mr. Silver, Highway Superintendent, wants to take body off and keep chassis and create a vehicle to haul.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to support Article 7. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous.  
MOTION CARRIES.**

Article 8:

This Article was explained by Town Manager.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to support Article 8. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous.  
MOTION CARRIES.**

Article 9:

Article 9 was explained by Town Manager.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to support Article 9. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous.  
MOTION CARRIES.**

Article 10 and 11

Mr. Yunits stated they are awaiting on some clarification of Articles 10 and 11. Town Counsel will clarify.

Article 12:

Mr. Yunits explained Article 12 – OPEB.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to support Article 12. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous.  
MOTION CARRIES.**

Article 13:

Mr. Yunits indicated he was not certain if this Article will be ready by Fall Town Meeting.

Articles 14 and 15

These Articles were explained and will be on next week's agenda for further discussion, etc.

Articles 16 and 17:

Mr. Yunits stated he is waiting for clarification from State regarding these Articles.

Article 18:

Article 18 was explained.

Articles 19, 20, 21 and 22:

Mr. Yunits said he was waiting for an answer from Town Counsel to see if agreements can be in place or can have Board of Selectmen negotiate these agreements. It is not a tax break; it is a tax agreement on the solar panels. Wheaton will also pay a property tax where they are leasing to a developer.

Mr. Salvo asked about the solar panels on South Shore Millworks.

Mr. Yunits responded he will check into it with Assessors Office to see how they are handling that one. The others are leased by a developer and situation may not be the same but he will check into it.

Article 23:

Mr. Yunits explained Article 23.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to support Article 23. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Article 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28

Mr. Yunits said the above Articles will be on the Board's agenda next week.

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Mr. Kimball referenced Country Club Way and asked Mr. Yunits to ensure there is a sign off by National Grid on those particular lights.

Mr. Salvo asked about the cart path/crossing on Country Club Way and was concerned it was a liability.

Mr. Bramwell said there is also a crossing on Oak Street also.

Mr. Kimball said this was a valid point and this should be looked into.

Mr. Bramwell said it would be beneficial if Mr. Yunits could look into this.

**B. OLD BUSINESS**

**C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Nothing was discussed.

**D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

**VI. SELECTMENS REPORT AND MAIL**

Nothing was discussed.

**VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

1. 7:10 and 7:15 P.M. Hearings – National Grid Pole Locations: Fairlee Lane and Holmes Street respectively
2. 7:30 P.M. – Joint meeting with Water/Sewer Commissioners Re: Update

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Adjourn at 8:45 P.M. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet A. Sweeney  
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

**Documents Distributed/Reviewed at September 25, 2014, Board of Selectmen Meeting**

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**BRADFORD K. BRAMWELL, VICE-CHAIR**

**TIMOTHY R. GIBLIN, CLERK**

**ROBERT W. KIMBALL, JR.**

**ROBERT S. SALVO, SR.**

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_