

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
JUNE 4, 2015**

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

The June 4, 2015, Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mr. Bramwell, Chairman, at 7:00 P.M., held in the First Floor Conference Room.

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES**

A. Approve bills Warrant #73, dated June 4, 2015, in the amount of \$84,648.96

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bills Warrant #73, dated June 4, 2015, in the amount of \$84,648.96. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

B. Approve Minutes –

There were no Minutes reviewed/approved.

**III. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

1. Application of Debra White, Winslow Farm Animal Awareness, Inc., 37 Eddy Street, Norton, MA 02766 for a One-Day Live Entertainment License (Band), to be held June 14, 2015, 12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Ms. White said this is an annual music benefit.

Mr. Kimball said parking should be in a designated lot with no parking on opposite side of street.

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**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**V. BUSINESS**

**A. NEW BUSINESS**

1. 7:05 P.M. – Dennis Hanno, President, Wheaton College, Re: Update on the College

Mr. Hanno thanked the Board of Selectmen for having him in this evening. He said he enjoyed Norton and found it to be a great small town where people work together. He noted Wheaton College had a great commencement ceremony and said they were planning major renovations to their dining on campus. They are expecting just under 1600 students in the Fall. He referenced and explained Explo, which is a summer program. “Wheaton College In the Community” is a publication they generate from the College.

Mr. Hanno said the College pays \$110,000 in property taxes and referenced the joint project around the pumping station. He said the College contributes locally and is a good example to their students. He said there are also a lot of programs which are run on campus for the Norton schools (NICE). He said the College is doing well and pleased to be a member of the community and is open to ways to work with the Town.

Mr. Bramwell commented it was wonderful to see Wheaton involved in the local parades.

Mr. Kimball said the Board will probably ask Mr. Hanno to attend another Board of Selectmen meeting in January and try to make this a bi-annual event.

Mr. Hanno stated he was joined by Brian Douglas, Vice-President of Finance, who was in audience.

Mr. Hanno also noted that the Town Manager, Mr. Yunits, has been always available and is great to work with, and wanted to thank Mr. Yunits for this.

2.Campanelli Thorndike Norton LLC Re:

. 274 East Main Street 40B Regulatory Agreement review and consideration

. Drainage License review and consideration

Mr. David Eastridge of Thorndike Development was present.

Mr. Eastridge noted this is a fairly standard document. It is a modification of the standard state agreement that expires after 30 years and provides a definition of “affordable” and explained this further. He believed town counsel had reviewed this and it has been reviewed by their counsel as well.

Mr. Kimball referenced the added students to the Norton Public Schools due to this project.

Mr. Eastridge responded they plan to give that particular number to the superintendent of schools regarding student numbers.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the 274 East Main Street 40B Regulatory Agreement. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Drainage License review and consideration:

“Norton Multi-family apartment community” by Campanelli Thorndike Norton LLC, dated April 10, 2014 was displayed to the Board.

Mr. Eastridge spoke of installation and maintenance of a drainage structure. Three catch basins are to be installed in the road. This allows them to meet their requirements under ConCom and Zoning Board of Appeals conditions. It is different for a public entity to maintain drainage in a public way; it gives Town the ability, not the obligation, to maintain this drainage. If an emergency arose, the Town could clean up the catch basin and submit bill to owner of the property. This had gone back and forth between their attorneys and town counsel.

Mr. Yunits responded, yes, they did receive the license agreement that was finalized this afternoon and town counsel sent it over, and recommended that the Board of Selectmen support it. Instead of the Highway Department maintaining this drainage, the developers will maintain it.

Mr. Yunits referenced the requirements for bonds during construction, and insurance requirements.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the Drainage License as approved by Town Counsel. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Mr. Bramwell said they heard from public safety and residents regarding their concern about closing of Route 123. The Board prefers to have one lane open at all times for public safety convenience and the public.

Mr. Eastridge stated he understood it is the Board's role to listen to comments, etc., and make adjustments.

Mr. Bramwell said a lot of our apprehension and concern is from the viewpoint of public safety. The Board of Selectmen has the role of being road superintendents, and if something were to happen it is putting the Town in a liability situation. The Board was agreeable to a five day process and then timeframe increased (initially five days of road closure to 2 ½ weeks).

Mr. Eastridge responded he will take this under consideration and come back to the Board.

It was noted there was meeting space secured for a public meeting on June 29 at 6:30 P.M. in the Norton Library.

Mr. Eastridge said in terms of logistics with possibly adjusting the plan that they have and gathering appropriate feedback, he said he should try to get on agenda if the Board is meeting in two weeks or so. He will talk with the site contractor and others and get in touch with Mr. Yunits, as well.

Mr. Eastridge communicated they had originally allowed for public safety to be able to get through the roadway.

Mrs. Steele commented a concrete plan is missing and locked gate/barrels, etc., was a concern.

Mr. Kimball said there is the Xfinity Center in the area and other events that may have an impact on traffic. These side streets are not developed for extra traffic as they are very narrow, etc. The main concern is a public safety issue. Also, there is a need to discuss telephone poles with National Grid. It will probably involve less police details. The Board is aware and accepts the fact that it will take more than 2 ½ weeks if road is left open.

Mr. Bramwell said talking with residents at the Norton Public Library meeting will mean a lot.

Mr. Eastridge said he will take this up with public safety again and incorporate something.

Mr. Jim Conway, a resident of 283 East Main Street, said he took it upon himself with some of his associations from Kingsbury Hill and gathered over 100 signatures of people who are concerned. He noted Bernie and Phyls had no knowledge of this and they dispatch 30 trucks a day to Route 495. It is an economical impact and will be substantial. He also visited four food establishments and they are looking at a severe economic impact. A construction lane is of paramount importance to the local people and does not want that to affect local businesses. The local people are very concerned. Also, if there is a fire at Red Mill Village that would be a problem with ladder truck trying to travel through the area, etc.

The owner of Mangia Pizzeria said they are in favor of the project, however, their big issue is that they need access toward Taunton Industrial Park or it will put them out of business; their lunch business is huge. Also, a ten minute delivery could turn into a 30 minute delivery. They need this access.

Mrs. Steele said this is such a large project and the reason the Board wanted them to come back this evening was to come back with a plan. There will be less stress on the Board of Selectmen if there are happier residents.

Mr. Bramwell noted they have mentioned Bernie and Phyls in past meetings.

Mr. Eastridge said they are planning a more formal presentation so communication hasn't gone out to many people.

### 3. Discussion on Town Constable positions

Mr. Bramwell said the Board had previously discussed this and the potential plan.

Mr. Kimball said over a period of time, constables were down to five and that is magic number today. Anyone interested in applying needs to submit an application/resume and letter of interest, including the reason for applying, a statement of moral and character, and to be signed by several citizens.

Mr. Yunits commented these are three year appointments.

Mrs. Steele departed meeting at 7:55 P.M.

## **B.OLD BUSINESS**

1. 7:20 P.M. – Mark Sweeney, Jay Creeden, and Chris Barrows Re: Update – Founder's Day, June 20, Rain Date, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Mr. Sweeney noted that Founder's Day will be held June 20 behind H.A. Yelle School from 5 P.M. to 9 P.M., with fireworks at 8:10 P.M. This is the Town's fifth Founder's Day event. It was noted this is not sponsored by the Town; sponsors assist for this event, such as, but not limited to, Horizon Beverage, Bramwell Realty, LJ's Car Wash, etc. Some businesses that will be present will be Dell's Lemonade, Mangia Pizzeria, Berry Smoothie, Dale's Pig Roast, etc. There is also supposed to be a person from Belchertown who has a carnival truck with fried dough, candy apples, etc.

Mr. Creeden said there would be four Act 2 bands, a duet, blues and pop music. There will be various vendors and games for youth and others. There will also be a blueberry pie eating contest, as well as antique cars. The Facebook page of Norton Parks and Rec Commission is where people can get all the info. If weather does not cooperate, the rain date will be June 27. The fundraiser will also be taking place again this year with the golf ball drop in honor of Master Sgt. Trent. It is also free admission and people should bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Mr. Bramwell said where it is on school grounds, there is no alcohol or tobacco allowed.

#### **C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mangia Pizzeria is planning to apply for a beer and wine license and will be on next agenda.

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Energy Aggregation Status: a conference call took place a week and a half ago and still on track to go out to bid in September.

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Mr. Yunits said he had a meeting today regarding Plain Street Bridge with State Representative Jay Barrows, Mass DOT, Jennifer Carlino (Conservation Commission Agent) and will be on schedule to advertise and road planned to be closed down.

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Congratulations were extended to the Norton Boys and Girls Track Team; both teams were State Champions!

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Tomorrow will be the Tree Warden, Mike Tierney's, last day of work for the Town; he will be missed and his work for the Town was appreciated.

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Mr. Yunits said he was approached by another company to do signage along the highway and he is drafting the same agreement as done with previous company, and advised applicant of the process to appear before Board of Selectmen.

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They need to have a joint meeting with Planning Board, as the previously scheduled meeting was canceled. Need to reach out again regarding the addition of another member to serve on the Planning Board.

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Mr. Yunits said Ray Cord indicated the sign outside the Town Hall/Fire Department will be able to be changed from inside instead of outside for changing of letters, etc.

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Mr. Yunits referenced the Rail Trail and provided update to the Board. It appears the Town will need to generate the money for the engineering design. Jennifer Carlino, Conservation Commission Agent, continues to research grants.

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It was noted there is a CDL license job opportunity with the Town of Norton and job description is posted in Town Hall and also on the Town's website.

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It was noted the Commonwealth is searching for 14,600 of leased space. Mr. Kimball said they should pass this along to the IDC.

Mr. Yunits said he relayed this information to Condyne as well.

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It was noted a dance studio is being proposed at the former Old Colony Rest Home on Route 123.

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Mr. Salvo said he would like to discuss deterring the tractor trailers traveling on South Washington Street as it is becoming a real issue. This is not the place for them and they are going to the industrial park; need to get some ideas on who they can send letters to regarding this.

Mr. Kimball said South Washington Street connects to the industrial park and this involves two towns. Taunton would need to restrict this also and it has not happened. The Board can look into it.

Mr. Yunits said Horizon Beverage may fund a traffic signal at Myles Standish Blvd., and that may encourage trucks to travel that route.

**VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL**

A Blood drive to be held at Sturdy Memorial Hospital on June 11 from 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

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Fundraiser - Ball drop for Master Sgt. Trent is \$10/chance. Tickets can be purchased at Town Hall or Tom's Barbershop. All proceeds to benefit Master Sgt. Trent Memorial Fund.

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Anthony Kolodziejczyk, a junior at Norton High School applied to West Point and his father also attended West Point. Anthony is very mature, very bright, and very focused. Request is for the Board of Selectmen to submit letters to the state senators and local representatives, and to write a letter to these senators and congressmen to ask for their support on his behalf. Mr. Kimball spoke to Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Baeta also. How nice it is to have everyone behind this young man and to provide support.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve draft letter to be sent to Senator and Congressmen as discussed above. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

Rail Trail Committee Members Re: Norton Rail Trail Construction Funding for 2019.

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Mr. Kimball said he believed Mr. Giblin wanted to discuss the Town Charter at some point also.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining



**IX.     ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Adjourn at 8:20 P.M. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous.  
MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet Sweeney  
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

**Documents Distributed/Reviewed at June 4, 2015, Board of Selectmen Meeting**

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. Campanelli Thorndike “Drawing/Map” of area of 274 East Main Street, Norton, MA

. Campanelli Thorndike – Drainage License Agreement

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**TIMOTHY R. GIBLIN, VICE-CHAIR**

**ROBERT W. KIMBALL, JR., CLERK**

**ROBERT S. SALVO, SR.**

**MARY T. STEELE**

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