



TOWN OF NORTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

The November 5, 2015, Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mr. Bradford Bramwell, Chairman, at 7:00 P.M., held in the First Floor Conference Room.

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

A. Approve bills Warrant #28, dated November 5, 2015, in the amount of \$1,705,561.33

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bills Warrant #28, dated November 5, 2015, in the amount of \$1,705,561.33. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. Approve Minutes – May 7, 2015
May 21, 2015
July 9, 2015

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated May 7, 2015, as written. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated May 21, 2015, as written. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated July 9, 2015, as written. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Offices will be closed Wednesday, November 11, 2015, in Observance of Veterans' Day. Parade will step off at 10:00 A.M. from the Henri A. Yelle Elementary School Parking Lot.

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Southeastern Regional High School will hold an Open House on Saturday, November 14, 2015, from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

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Friends of the Library are holding a Fall book Sale from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. on Friday, November 6th and from 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on Saturday, November 7th.

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. 7:05 P.M. – Norton Cable Access – Discussion Re: Sound Quality on public access television, in particular the Fall Annual Town Meeting

Jason Benjamin and Charlene Fisk were present.

Mr. Bramwell said the cable sound for Fall Town Meeting and sound equipment in the High School itself may be the problem.

Mr. Kimball believed it was an internal issue.

Mr. Benjamin stated that the room itself has challenges acoustically. Also the public-address (PA) system needs to be utilized properly; the school department needs to ensure someone from the school is present to use the PA system properly. There is not usually an issue at the

Middle School where people know how to use the system. From his perspective, as soon as that is addressed it will be corrected. If people cannot hear it in the room, it won't be broadcasted either. He reiterated someone competently running that audio board is important.

Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Benjamin to please work with the School Committee to ensure system will work in the building; to form a partnership with the School Committee.

Ms. Fisk commented when people in audience speak, they need to speak into microphone before they start speaking.

Mr. Bramwell said not everyone at Town Meeting was difficult to hear; some people were but others were not.

Mr. Benjamin suggested to possibly move to another venue if other issues cannot be addressed.

Mrs. Steele asked if there was a course being offered currently at the High School relating to this?

Mr. Benjamin responded yes.

Mrs. Steele said possibly someone (a student) from the High School could run it when needed while also obtaining volunteer hours. She felt it should be a joint effort by Cable Access and the High School. She believed the resources were there and thought it would be pretty simple to resolve.

Mr. Benjamin said it is important to identify the actual issue; but felt switching the venue to the Norton Middle School may be best.

Mr. Bramwell said he did not care to change the venue, especially if equipment is there. It sounds like there was a lot of work done and acoustical panels placed when the remodeling of the High School occurred.

Mr. Benjamin said it was important to identify what the source of this issue is.

Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Yunits if he would please work with the Superintendent of Schools and Cable Access (Charlene) and look into this. Possibly someone who installed equipment can come back to teach the Town how to utilize it.

Mr. Bramwell responded he believed someone was trained on equipment.

Mr. Benjamin said they were able to get the fibre optic installed and fulfilled their commitment to the Board of Selectmen.

2. Vote to appoint Catherine VanDyne, Town of Norton Treasurer/Collector, as Tax Title Custodian pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 77B

Mr. Yunits said this appointment is required since the Town has properties they wish to auction off and this role is needed.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to appoint Catherine VanDyne, Town of Norton Treasurer/Collector, as Tax Title Custodian pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 77B. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

3. Vote to appoint Town Manager Michael D. Yunits as the Town of Norton Chief Procurement Officer as defined by the provisions of M.G.L. c.30B, Section 2

Mr. Yunits said this was done previously, but they are updating all their files.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to appoint Town Manager Michael D. Yunits as the Town of Norton Chief Procurement Officer as defined by the provisions of M.G.L. c.30B, Section 2. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

4. Discuss and/or vote to set Special Town Meeting

Mr. Yunits stated he has been working with a pharmaceutical company from Cambridge and they want to move forward and build in Norton. This is a \$200M investment in Norton in the Commerce Center and this company is seeking a TIF. In order to have this TIF into the State for their December 19 meeting, they would need to have a Special Town Meeting on December 9th. He respectfully requested the Board set that date and open the Warrant this evening and warrant to close on November 18 at 4 P.M. The venue would have to be the Norton Middle School because the Norton High School is having a college fair on that particular evening.

Mr. Yunits described company and said this would be a manufacturing facility and it is high tech. It would be located directly across from Horizon Beverage and would be hiring 200 new employees and there are also higher end jobs (scientists/chemists). It would be excellent to have them in the Town of Norton and a great opportunity. The Town of Norton was in the running with a couple of other places they were looking at. The TIF is a reasonable TIF; the first year is 50 percent so the Town would get growth in that first year.

Mr. Yunits said he was proposing the company meet with the Board of Selectmen on November 19.

Mr. Yunits said they have been meeting with this company since the summer and they did make their decision that they want Norton as their location, so if TIF goes through, they will come to Norton. He said Condyne has already drawn up the conceptual plans.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to set Special Town Meeting for December 9 at 7 P.M., to be held at the Norton Middle School, with Warrant Opening today, November 5, 2015, with Warrant to Close on November 18 at 4:00 P.M. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

5. Town Hall Holiday Hours

Mr. Yunits said the Town Hall will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2015, in observance of Veterans' Day. Also, the Town Hall will be closed on Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving (Friday). The Town Hall will also close early (at 2:45 P.M.) on December 9th as all the employees are attending the "Active Shooter Training" at the Norton Public Library. Christmas Eve falls on a Thursday, therefore, on December 24th the Town Hall will not have evening hours. December 31st also falls on a Thursday (New Year's Eve), therefore, there will be no evening hours on that particular Thursday either.

Mr. Yunits noted the Board of Selectmen's last meeting in 2015 will be on Thursday, December 17th, therefore, establishments that would like to remain open later on New Year's Eve need to have their applications in soon.

B. B. OLD BUSINESS

VI. C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

. Update – Energy Aggregation

Mr. Yunits provided an update on Energy Aggregation. He said this will take place next week at 10 A.M. at the Holiday Inn in Taunton and bids will be opened at 12:00 P.M. on that day, with decisions made by 2:00 P.M. that afternoon. He noted there was an opt-out card for those who want to opt-out.

Mr. Bramwell said it may be worthwhile to have this on the cable scroll to provide information to remind residents about this program.

Mr. Yunits provided an update on the construction project at 274 East Main Street. He said he met with Mr. Silver, Highway Superintendent, Bernie Marshall, Water & Sewer Superintendent, Selectman Salvo, the contractor, and David Eastridge of Thorndike. Work will begin the following week on November 9; they will be installing the force main for the sewer and Mr. Silver gave them the ok. Then on November 17, the roadway will be shut down and they will do cut and capping by Dunkin Donuts/Personal Best Plaza. This will be done at night and they are working with both public safety departments.

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Mr. Yunits said there was a meeting held with department heads/permitting department, and one of the requests was to have the Town's zoning map overlaid on Assessors Map. The Director of Planning & Economic Development spoke to SRPEDD and they can do that for the Town. They just need to have the Board of Selectmen vote to allow use of the Town's services to overlay the Town's zoning map onto Assessors Parcel Map.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to allow SRPEDD use of the Town's services to overlay the Town's zoning map onto Assessor's Parcel Map. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

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Mr. Yunits stated Ms. Wierling, the Director of Planning & Economic Development, is working on a RFQ for an engineering company. He asked all the chairmen of the Commissions and Boards to provide him with comments and this would enable all Boards/Commissions to use one engineer instead of multiple engineers.

Mr. Yunits said he also spoke to Ms. Wierling for the overseeing of subdivisions and she is working with Bernie Marshall to ensure all subdivisions are built properly and money is not returned to developer until all of the subdivision is complete.

C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Request of Patricia Zwicker for appointment to the Council on Aging, to fill the vacant position, due to the resignation of Elizabeth Fogerty, term to expire June 30, 2018

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to appoint Patricia Zwicker to the Council on Aging, to fill the vacant position, due to the resignation of Elizabeth Fogerty, term to expire June 30, 2018. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

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Mr. Yunits referenced the Council on Aging and said they are in a crisis situation currently after a discussion with the Director of the Council on Aging, Beth Rossi. They were able to use the parking lot next door, but now, where the former business moved out of that location, she was not certain what the new business would be able to offer them, if anything.

Mr. Kimball said the Town should look into parking lot because he believed part of it is Town property; it may have been rectified over the years, but this should be looked into.

Mr. Kimball said the Town needs to look into larger quarters for the Town Hall and Senior Center. Hopefully the Building Committee will bring something to the table. He noted the student population in the schools is decreasing, which may be something to look into.

VII. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Kimball referenced the upcoming Special Town Meeting; Town Common Revitalization Committee is looking for additional funds for the Town Common.

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Mr. Kimball said he attended a meeting with Mr. Yunits in Mansfield, where there was the opportunity to speak to various utilities/departments.

He stated the Town of Norton is not being notified of certain things occurring in Mansfield and learned they are rebuilding their main tower at Mansfield Airport. The Town of Norton needs to be made aware of things like. He said trees were being cut in Norton but a person said the trees were on State land, however, they are still in Norton. He asked Mr. Yunits to communicate to the town of Mansfield that if something is happening like this, they need to make Norton aware.

Mr. Kimball referenced Route 495 and the land along the highway between North Washington Street and Route 123, and to possibly develop that land for commercial purposes. It was noted there were four pieces of land (it is the salt shed area with three properties behind it).

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Mr. Kimball referenced regulations for streaming of certain programs; Comcast wants to charge people for this. His one concern is there is a monopoly and there is not the ability to choose. He suggested to Mr. Yunits to send a letter to the State Commissioners (Jay Ash is the Secretary) regarding this. The Town should be exempt since it is a monopoly.

VIII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

1. 7:05 P.M. – State Fire Marshall Presentation to young Norton Citizen

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to Adjourn at 8:00 P.M. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous.
MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Janet A. Sweeney
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

Documents Presented at November 5, 2015, Board of Selectmen Meeting

- . Board of Selectmen Draft Minutes of Meeting, dated May 7, 2015; May 21, 2015; and July 9, 2015

- . Memorandum dated October 19, 2015, addressed to Board of Selectmen from Danielle M. Sicard, Town Clerk, regarding Resignation of Elizabeth Fogerty from the Council on Aging, effective November 1, 2015; term to expire June 30, 2018

- . Letter of Interest from Patricia Zwicker, dated October 28, 2015, regarding interest in becoming a member on the Council of Aging

- . Special Town Meeting-December 9, 2015

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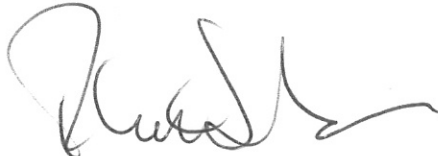
BRADFORD K. BRAMWELL, CHAIRMAN



TIMOTHY R. GIBLIN, VICE-CHAIR



ROBERT W. KIMBALL, JR., CLERK



ROBERT S. SALVO, SR.



MARY T. STEELE

Dated: 2/11/16