

# TOWN OF NORTON

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF MEETING DECEMBER 22, 2015

### I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

The December 22, 2015, Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mr. Bramwell, Chairman, at 7:00 P.M., held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

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

### II. <u>BUSINESS</u>

#### 1. Vote to Schedule Special Town Meeting

The Town Manager reviewed the timeline to be followed if the Board sets a Special Town Meeting for a proposed Charter Change. The Special Town Meeting needs to be held 90 days prior to the Town Election. The Town Election is April 26, 2016, which means a Special Town Meeting will be needed by January 25, 2016. If Town Meeting approves the Article, it will be sent to the Attorney General, who has 30 days to review it. This approval is needed 60 days prior to the Election.

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Mr. Kimball stated it is important that the public be educated on the importance of this position. There are a lot of responsibilities and qualifications are needed. In the past, he recalled there was an issue with the Board of Selectmen making the appointment. He believed the Town Manager should make the appointment. He can have the Board of Trustees assist him in the screening process as he has done with other boards and committees.

Mr. Giblin said he agreed with Mr. Kimball. It is important that the public is made aware of what responsibilities this position entails.

Chairman Bramwell said a motion would be needed if the Board wishes to do so.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to schedule a Special Town Meeting to be held on Monday, January 25, 2016, at 7:00 P.M., in the Middle School Auditorium. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous (3:0). MOTION CARRIES.

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Mr. Kimball respectfully requested for the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen, if Mr. Yunits would be able to have the fire and police chiefs in, and whoever else the Town Manager feels should be present, to discuss the truck traffic on Pine, Crane, and Hill Street.

#### <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Adjourn at 7:12 P.M. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous (3:0). MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Michael D. Yunits, Town Manager

# Documents Presented at the Board of Selectmen's December 22, 2015

. Town of Norton Warrant for the Special Town Meeting, January 25, 2016 (Draft dated $12/17/15$ )					

. Special Town Meeting "Timeline" document

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF

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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: 3/3/16