



**TOWN OF NORTON**  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
JANUARY 7, 2016**

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

The January 7, 2016, 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. Timothy R. Giblin, Vice-Chair; Mr. Robert K. Kimball, Jr., Clerk; Mr. Robert S. Salvo, Jr.; and Mrs. Mary T. Steele were present. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was also present.

- B. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES**

- A. Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended December 19, 2015, Warrant #38, dated December 24, 2015, in the amount of \$1,172,866.28

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended December 19, 2015, Warrant #38, dated December 24, 2015, in the amount of \$1,172,866.28. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

- B. Approve bills Warrant #39, dated December 24, 2015, in the amount of \$14,735.16

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bills Warrant #39, dated December 24, 2015, in the amount of \$14,735.16. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

- C. Approve bills Warrant #40, dated December 31, 2015, in the amount of \$581,946.76

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bills Warrant #40, dated December 31, 2015, in the amount of \$581,946.76. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

- D. Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended January 2, 2016, Warrant #41, dated January 7, 2016, in the amount of \$1,142,573.89

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended January 2, 2016, Warrant #41, dated January 7, 2016, in the amount of \$1,142,573.89. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

- E. Approve bills Warrant #42, dated January 7, 2016, in the amount of \$984,696.40

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bills Warrant #42, dated January 7, 2016, in the amount of \$984,696.40. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

- F. Approve Minutes – June 18, 2015  
June 25, 2015  
July 23, 2015

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated June 18, 2015, as written. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated June 25, 2015, as written. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated July 23, 2015, as written. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

### III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Filmore-Nason Post #8049 Norton VFW "Circle of Flags" Fundraising event for revitalization of Circle of Flags to be held Saturday, January 9, 2015, 4:00 P.M.

**V. BUSINESS**

**A. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Laura Washington, Massachusetts Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative Re: Discussion on Opioid Abuse

Chief of Police Brian Clark was present and indicated he reached out to Superintendent Baeta and he is fully on board with this.

Ms. Washington stated she met with a few of the Norton detectives and it appears Norton is ahead of the game; Norton is already doing problem-oriented policing which is excellent. She explained the program and noted everything is data-driven, and noted an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) would need to be signed. Funding could be available in the future and there is no cost to joining coalition. She stated medication abuse affects all classes. Training is conducted to hospitals and physicians and they do pre, post and follow-up with these doctors/hospitals.

Chief Clark said at some point in time a MOU can be signed and Ms. Washington can advise the State.

Mr. Giblin said he fully supported this and if the Board could provide any type of help, to please let them know.

Mrs. Steele stated it appeared the Chief of Police thinks this is a good idea and the Board of Selectmen also seems positive towards it.

Chief Clark stated if Ms. Washington provides him with the MOU, he can communicate this to Town Manager, and they can proceed from that point.

2. Vote to accept gift of \$10,000.00, from the Estate of William Houghton, to The Norton Police Department "to be used for general needs of said organization", and to have the Town Accountant, James Puello, establish a Police Unrestricted Gift Account

Chief of Police Clark said Mr. Houghton passed away last year and left the Fire Department \$10,000.00 and the Police Department \$10,000.00. This does not happen very often and is a very generous offering. He was asking to establish this account; and noted the Fire Department already has one already.

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**Town Accountant, James Puello, establish a Police Unrestricted Gift Account. Second by Mr. Giblin.  
Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Chief Clark noted there was also a family who started a "Go Fund Me" page for the Norton Police Department approximately ten years ago and there is \$325.00 to be used for Christmas gifts for children in appreciation of the Norton Police Department providing toys to this family after their parents passed away.

3. Discussion with Chief of Police Brian M. Clark, Fire Chief Paul J. Schleicher, and Highway Superintendent Keith Silver Re: the use of Pine, Crane and Hill Streets by tractor trailers and, tentatively, to include South Washington Street

Mr. Yunits communicated that a resident had complained about truck traffic at night.

Mr. Kimball said he believed GPS is bringing these large trucks onto narrow country roads and they get stuck on road. Potentially there is a way to restrict some of this traffic; possibly a traffic study. Discussion ensued on routes to avoid these streets.

Mr. Kimball suggested they could send a letter to the Norton and Taunton Industrial Parks stating those roads will be shut down to various vehicles.

Mr. Silver said a "No Trucks" sign should be erected. He noted it is a dangerous road and a vehicle will probably roll over at some point; it is not a truck route. He suggested he could put a "Route 495" directional sign across from Commerce Park. He did call the State and they said a study needs to be done.

Mr. Giblin believed signage should be erected immediately along with letters to be sent to these businesses/industrial parks as discussed above.

Some members of Board noted a sign by church at beginning of Pine Street would be beneficial.

Chief Clark stated once sign is up, the Police Department will enforce it. They could also place a cruiser at Crane Street and Pine Street or Pine Street and Hill Street.

Mr. Yunits recommended to have a sign at end of Hill Street and South Washington Street.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to instruct Town Manager, Mr. Yunits, to check with State officials/agencies regarding Town erecting "No Thru Trucking" signs and install signs regarding "No**

**Trucks on Pine Street, South Washington Street, and Crane Street, and directive sign(s) near Route 495. Second by Mr. Giblin.**

**Discussion: Mr. Bramwell recommended to contact town counsel regarding if, indeed, the Town can restrict trucks from Plain Street to Crane Street and send letters to local business regarding truck route.**

**Mr. Kimball added for Mr. Yunits to also advise Mayor of Taunton that the Town of Norton is looking to restrict traffic. Second by Mr. Giblin. MOTION CARRIES.**

Mr. Yunits referenced the Route 140/Route 123 intersection. He spoke of having the left-turn lane (going toward post office, going west on Route 123) extending back further to allow cars to turn left. Where Library Square is now one-way, they could put a bump-out on a curbing so vehicles are aware (and should be put at both ends). He noted the traffic light only gives a person ten seconds to get across the street. Mr. Yunits said at the traffic light at post office going toward Town Common, people should be able to turn left with a left arrow. He said this was being looked at to see if timing is off and timing appears to be off. The State has jurisdiction of this.

Mr. Salvo said the post office is an issue. Also, the bus stops in that area, which is the wrong location.

The Board suggested the State come in to discuss Route 123/Route 140 intersection/area.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to allow Mr. Silver, Highway Superintendent, to extend the left-turn lane at Route 140/Route 123 intersection, as discussed above, as he deems fit. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

4. Vote to award Contract for Contract Management Services for the Management of the CDBG Grant to STG Consultant Services, LLC, 17 Warren Road, Bourne, MA 02532

Mr. Yunits indicated there were two applications received from two good companies. STG offered the lower price.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to award Contract for Contract Management Services for the Management of the CDBG Grant to STG Consultant Services, LLC, 17 Warren Road, Bourne, MA 02532. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

5. Vote to designate Board of Selectmen member to vote at the Massachusetts Municipal Association's Annual Business Meeting scheduled from 10:15 to 11:50 A.M., Saturday, January 23, 2016, in Ballroom A at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston

No Action Taken was taken at this time.

6. Review and Vote on Warrant Articles for the January 25, 2016 Special Town Meeting and Sign the STM Warrant

Mr. Yunits noted there were two Articles to be reviewed/voted.

Article 1: Two prior year bills. Free Cash to be used.

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

Article 2: Change Charter from Appointed to Elected for Town Clerk position.

**MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to support Article 2. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**B. OLD BUSINESS**

**C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. ACA's Cadillac Tax Update

Mr. Yunits noted this will be put off until 2020.

**C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

1. Vote to appoint Frank Reynolds as Full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire June 30, 2016

It was noted Mr. Reynolds was currently an alternate member.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to appoint Frank Reynolds as Full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire June 30, 2016. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

2. Vote to appoint Lukasz Wasiak to the Alternate position on the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire June 20, 2018

Mr. Bramwell said Mr. Wasiak would be taking Mr. Reynolds' position.

Mr. Yunits said Mr. Wasiak is the Chairman of the Building Committee and family owns a construction company in Brockton.

Mr. Kimball said he would feel more comfortable having Mr. Wasiak come in before the Board to meet him, but he will still support this appointment this evening.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to appoint Lukasz Wasiak to the Alternate position on the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire June 30, 2016. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

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

Mr. Giblin noted he will be attending an Eagle Scout Ceremony on Saturday evening for Andrew Barrett. Andrew is 13 years old and usually Eagle Scouts are older, and he commended him as he is achieving this at such a young age.

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Mr. Yunits referenced a meeting of Building Committee next week and referenced space needs of various Town departments, and a RFQ envelope study (money appropriated at Town Meeting for this use).

Mr. Kimball said they have been talking about renovating Town Hall for a long time. He suggested they start monitoring the decrease in pay-down for high school. As of now, through debt exclusion is the only way to do this. He said a new or renovated Senior Center and Town Hall (Municipal Center) is needed. Possibly Senior Center could be at Town Hall (Municipal Center). Mr. Kimball told Mr. Yunits he would like Building Committee to focus on Town Hall as soon as they are able.

Mr. Yunits noted three of the four Town Hall boilers were down/non-working this week.

**VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

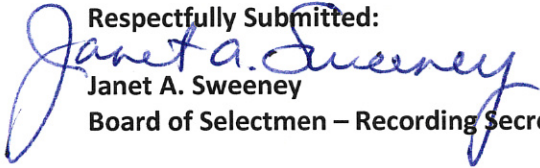
1. **7:15 P.M. – Application for a transfer of ownership of the Retail Package Goods Store License to Expose, Keep for Sale, and to Sell Wines and Malt Beverages Not To Be Drunk on The Premises, at 175 Mansfield Avenue, Norton, MA 02766, from RBSBW, Inc. d/b/a Roche Bros. Supermarkets, Manager: Patrick Roche, Jr. to 20 Broad Street, Inc. d/b/a Pinecrest Beer and Wine, Manager: Stephen E. Goulston, 175 Mansfield Avenue, #1, Norton, MA 02766**

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Adjourn at 8:37 P.M. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous.  
MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Janet A. Sweeney  
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

**Documents Presented at January 7, 2016, Board of Selectmen Meeting**

. Draft Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting dated June 18, 2015, June 25, 2015, and July 23, 2015

. Document distributed by Laura Washington, Massachusetts Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative, entitled: "Consumption Strategies/Consequence Strategies"

. Town of Norton Warrant for the Special Town Meeting, January 25, 2016, Bristol, SS.; Article1 (Prior Year Bills); and Article 2 (Charter Amendment: Appointed Town Clerk)

. Town of Norton Request for CDBG-DR Proposals Price Form (Technical proposals and bid proposals must be received by December 16, 2015, 1:00 P.M.)

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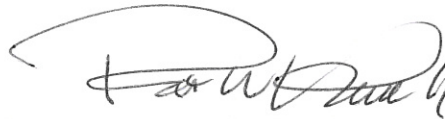
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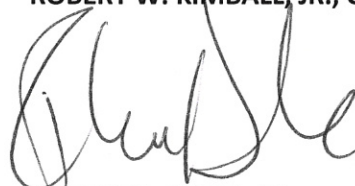
BRADFORD K. BRAMWELL, CHAIRMAN



TIMOTHY R. GIBLIN, VICE-CHAIR



ROBERT W. KIMBALL, JR., CLERK



ROBERT S. SALVO, SR.



MARY T. STEELE

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

1/28/16