



TOWN OF NORTON
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 6, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The April 6, 2017 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mr. Kimball, Chairman, at 7:00 P.M., held in the First Floor Conference Room.

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

It was noted there were journal students in the audience from Wheaton College along with their professor, who was a former Sun Chronicle reporter.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. LICENSES AND PERMITS

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

IV. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. 7:05 P.M. - Elizabeth J. Taylor Rossi, Director, COA - Human Services Re:
Update

- Nancy Munson, CEO, Bristol Elder Services - Re: Update

Ms. Taylor Rossi communicated she wanted to use this opportunity to thank Wheaton College's support through the winter and the Swim Team for helping them monthly by assisting with the Greater Boston Food Bank and computer data input, as well as working closely with Wheaton to provide some community activities and they have had a real presence in the Senior Center. Winter is coming off and open enrollment for Medicare. The Senior Center has some awesome volunteers and a ten hour a week outreach worker. There is one more week left for senior tax assistance, and they offer tax services for seniors and low income people. Wheaton College also offered a day to offer tax prep for seniors. They are also working with local nursing homes also, and trying to extend the Senior Center.

Ms. Nancy Munson, CEO of Bristol Elder Services was introduced. Ms. Munson also coordinates the Meals on Wheels program and it is a great partnership.

Ms. Munson stated as Ms. Taylor Rossie had mentioned they do a lot of things. The main things they have done was help elders remain at home with services and support or help them with institutions and case managers/nurses who meet with elders and their families such as meal prep, bathing, dressing, and Meals on Wheels which is a huge part of it and they also work with Council On Aging (COA). Ms. Munson stated they are involved with state and federal funding; she said they have volunteers go into nursing facilities and help with their needs, as well as mental health and elder dental clinics. As a private company, it has a board of directors and anyone interested in serving on the board of directors, should contact her or Ms. Taylor Rossi. There is a monthly meeting in Fall River and lasts about one hour and people can call-in to four meetings per year as it is sometimes difficult to travel to Fall River. They impact the lives of seniors in 15 different communities. The Shine Program is very important and is in danger, so they will be advocating for that, and they would like representation from the town of Norton. They serve the health insurance needs for anyone on Medicare and anyone disabled on Medicare and for free Medicare counseling (disabled or seniors). In one instance, she saved a gentleman, who is disabled and on Medicare, over \$6,000 per month on his prescriptions.

Ms. Taylor Rossi stated they also provide human services needs as well and the best number to reach them is (508)-285-0235.

Mr. Bramwell asked how someone would go about being certified as a Shine representative? He indicated he may be interested in a year or two to help out, as he has some medical insurance background.

Ms. Taylor Rossi responded she could provide the contact number to Mr. Bramwell. Training for this program occurs in June and they are always looking for volunteers. Another volunteer opportunity is people willing to do taxes.

Mr. Yunits thanked Ms. Munson and Bristol Elder Services. He said prior to the town of Norton having a COA Director, Attleboro and Bristol Elder Services were handling a lot of the needs from Norton and were inundated from Norton.

Ms. Munson thanked the Board and Town Manager and noted that Ms. Taylor Rossi does a tremendous job.

2. Vote to approve and sign Contract with Town Accountant James Puello

Mr. Yunits stated the Board of Selectmen is responsible for hiring and approving contracts.

Mr. Yunits stated Mr. Puello does a great job.

Mr. Kimball said if anyone is concerned with how their money is spent, they won't find anyone who spends their money the way it should be and follows laws to a "t" as Mr. Puello does.

Mr. Bramwell said Mr. Scanlon who conducts the Town of Norton audits, has high praise for most of the staff in Town Hall, but especially Mr. Puello.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve and sign the three year Contract with Town Accountant, James Puello. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. To review and/or vote on DRAFT May 8, 2017 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Mr. Yunits stated there was one Article the Board did not vote on at last meeting, which was "Capital".

Mr. Yunits indicated the Capital Planning Committee voted to recommend the items listed, which the Board has a copy of such, and he reviewed the sheet "Town Manager's FY18 Capital Improvements Recommendation".

Mr. Yunits noted there was an error noted under NMS, it should read \$32,000 for Engineer Wastewater Plant Compliance, D-Nitrogen Filters Installed; this amount of \$32,000 was his recommendation.

Total recommendation is \$1,059,200.00 out of Capital and out of Water Dept. \$133,000.00. Ambulance fund was also discussed.

\$692,200.00 out of Capital and \$1,043,958 is the balance now in Capital.

MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to support Article 15. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Yunits noted the other Article for discussion was the Water Enterprise Article and Mrs. Steele had questions regarding it, however, she is not present this evening.

Mr. Yunits said the only other two they could discuss this evening was Articles 21 and 22; and he recommends "No Action" be taken on those Articles for this Town Meeting.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to take No Action on Article 21. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to take No Action on Article 22. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Yunits noted the Planning Board voted to not recommend the Article related to Route 140 rezoning. The Board of Selectmen did not recommend it either.

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Updates:

Mr. Yunits noted as discussed earlier in the meeting, there are Journalism majors present this evening in the audience from Wheaton College and it was unfortunate the Town of Norton does not have a local newspaper. It would be beneficial if someone put forth the effort to publish a Town newspaper. There is a reporter from Sun Chronicle who covers some of Norton's meetings, however, it is not the same as a smaller Town newspaper.

It was discussed that the Town does notice an impact from not having it's owner smaller newspaper.

Mr. Kimball stated it would be great if a Town of Norton newspaper was published in hard-copy or on-line.

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Mr. Yunits provided an update on flushing. Red Mill Village was flushed last night and the Water Superintendent said it was quite dirty and they are doing the "K" streets this evening, and then South Washington and Plain Street areas next. He said he and Charlene Fiske had a conversation with person from Alert Systems which can be mapped out with GIS with coordinates, so then Water & Sewer can notify residents when flushing their area/streets. They would like to try to get this done before July 1st.

Mr. Salvo referenced the water issue, and said it was important for residents, but also restaurants and donut shops for filter systems; they need to change due to dirty water/flushing.

Mr. Yunits said the Water Superintendent indicated they seem to have made progress with the National Historic Society as there were 30 in number and now down to 15 significant features they need to excavate.

Mr. Kimball explained to the Wheaton Journalism students, this is basically the first water treatment plant in Norton on Plain Street and the Town is running into some issues because the area was previously a Native Indian camping area and King Philip was also at this location. No bones were found, but a lot of different artifacts, and will rebury whatever is found on-site.

. Bike Trail

Mr. Yunits stated he had a good meeting with engineer from BETA Engineering, as well as Land Preservation Society, and the property they own on North Washington Street that is where the trail will cut through their property and they were very supportive of that. Anything going through that property needs to be permeable. The Town just needs them to provide formal approval and engineers are working to file regarding conservation and wetlands areas, and need signoff from whoever is in charge of Arrowhead Village.

Mr. Salvo asked if this trail construction will take place during widening of road?

Mr. Yunits said coordination is occurring between these two projects.

. Water Bodies Cleanup

Mr. Yunits indicated Solitude Management, who is handling this, had applied for a modification through Association and National Heritage to use pellets and looking at areas of greatest need in Winnecunnet. They were out Wednesday to do inspections for target growth. Hopefully they are successful the first year and then by the third year, it would just be maintenance.

. Reed & Barton Elm Street Property

Mr. Yunits stated the EPA did visit this site last Friday and they will be putting up possibly 100 test wells around that site and it is very extensive and very concerned because the plant is so close to a water body and extensive testing of site and will get back to the Town with the result. This building is deteriorating rapidly and people are getting inside of building (i.e., there is new graffiti, etc.).

Mr. Kimball said this Board of Selectmen is concerned someone setting it on fire would be a very dangerous situation.

Mr. Yunits indicated the Fire Chief specifically asked to see the court order allowing them on the property, because the Town does not have control of that property.

Security of this site was discussed. Mr. Yunits stated one gate was opened which is now secured.

Mr. Kimball asked about the security of the windows/doors of building?

Mr. Yunits responded they will look into it.

Town Cleanup Day

Mr. Yunits indicated a student from Wheaton College, is coordinating this effort and is scheduled for April 29 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and received permission from Wheaton to have a cookout at the Haas Center after the cleanup. This student is putting groups together at the college to help with organization. If anyone else has any suggestions they are welcomed. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, VFW, and others will assist with this cleanup.

D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

1. Appointment of Sarah Brodeur, Part-Time Conservation Commission Secretary

Mr. Salvo read aloud the Notice of Appointment from the Town Manager.

Mr. Yunits stated this position is an 18 hour per week non-benefit eligible position which has been vacant for a while. Many people were interviewed and Ms. Brodeur comes with conservation experience and knows terminology and will be helpful with reviewing applications, etc.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve appointment of Sarah Brodeur, as Part-Time Conservation Commission Secretary, effective April 10, 2017. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

V. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Norton Parks and Recreation will be holding an Egg Hunt on April 8 at the Town Common at 1 p.m. for children up to 8 years old. The Easter Bunny will be present along with farm animals.
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Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at town hall (rear parking lot). Residents can obtain a list of items accepted on the Town's website or at Town Hall. Some items excluded: radioactive waste, smoke detectors, fire works/explosives, fire extinguishers, etc.

Mr. Yunits was uncertain how old/retired smoke detectors could be discarded, but he will find out the answer.
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Mr. Kimball referenced a letter received from National Grid regarding street light questions. He thought it best they invite National Grid to a Board meeting. National Grid indicated in their letter, it could take 12 months to give the Town info on what the lights would cost if the Town bought them, as they were inundated with requests.
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Mr. Salvo referenced Bay Road Heights and the possibility of this Ch 40B resurfacing again.

Mr. Yunits believed Bay Road Heights may be requesting an extension and modification.

Mr. Salvo also referenced the development on Oak Street (Woodlark) and thought there were some issues with that?

Mr. Yunits replied he was not certain about any specific issues, but he will look into this.

VI. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

A. Approve bills Warrant #60, dated April 6, 2017, in the amount of \$262,074.85

MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to Approve bills Warrant #60, dated April 6, 2017, in the amount of \$262,074.85. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. Approve Minutes - January 12, 2017

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated January 12, 2017, as written. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

1. To discuss and/or vote on DRAFT May 8, 2017, Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Adjourn at 7:50 P.M. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

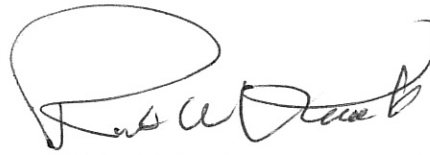
Respectfully Submitted by:


Janet Sweeney
Board of Selectmen - Recording Secretary

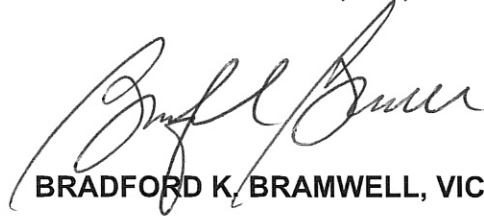
Documents Presented at Board of Selectmen's Meeting of April 6, 2017

- Draft May 8, 2017 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles
- Town Manager's FY18 Capital Improvements Recommendation (dated 4/6/17)
- Memorandum, dated March 31 2017, addressed to Board of Selectmen, from Michael D. Yunits, Town Manager, Re: Notice of Appointment of Part-Time Conservation Commission Secretary (effective April 10, 2017)
- Board of Selectmen Draft Minutes of Meeting, dated January 12, 2017

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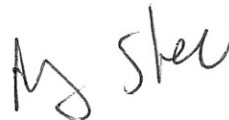


ROBERT W. KIMBALL, JR., CHAIRMAN



BRADFORD K. BRAMWELL, VICE-CHAIR

ROBERT S. SALVO, SR., CLERK



MARY T. STEELE

Dated: 08/10/17