



**TOWN OF NORTON**  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MUNICIPAL CENTER,  
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**Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
September 6, 2018**

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I. **Call to Order by Chairman**

The September 6, 2018 meeting of the Norton Board of Selectmen was held in the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room and was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mr. Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Chairman. Member(s) present: Mr. Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Mr. Robert S. Salvo, Sr., Ms. Mary T. Steele, Mr. Bradford K. Bramwell and Mr. Michael Flaherty. Also in attendance: Mr. Michael D. Yunits, Town Manager.

II. **Licenses and Permits**

A. **MOTION** was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve the application of Kevins LLC for a Class I Car Dealer License for sales and service of new off-road vehicles to be utilized at 187 West Main Street, Norton, MA 02766. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous **MOTION CARRIES**.

III. **Announcement**

Mr. Salvo announced the "Unleash Strong! Be a Girl Scout" event happening on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. at the Norton Public Library located at 68 East Main Street, Norton, MA 02766. Contact [girlscoutsnorton@gmail.com](mailto:girlscoutsnorton@gmail.com) or Ginger Hook at (617) 352-0143.

Mr. Bramwell announced he had a letter from Chief Paul Schleicher announcing the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attacks on 9/11, and that the Fire Department will be holding a brief ceremony at 9:55 A.M. at the Norton Fire Department headquarters. All are welcome to join for coffee and pastries afterwards.

Mr. Flaherty announced the American Red Cross Day of Remembrance Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. at Fenway Park, Gate D, 4 Jersey Street, Boston, MA 02215. All presenting blood donors will receive a commemorative t-shirt, discounted Fenway Park tour, chance to win Red Sox tickets, and a free cup of clam chowder courtesy of Legal Sea Foods. Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code "Fenway", call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or use the Blood Donor App to schedule your appointment.

IV. **Business**

A. **New Business**

i. Introduction of Dennis Hanno, President and Brian Douglas, Vice President for Finance and Administration, of Wheaton College. Mr. Hanno and Mr. Douglas provided an update regarding the community development, improvements, and contributions of Wheaton College. They went on to further

explain how Wheaton College is making a positive impact on the Town of Norton with examples such as the \$715,000.00 annually in property taxes and other fees; more than 500 job positions; \$2.7 million annually in goods and services from purchases made from Bristol County businesses, and contributing more than 2,600 hours of community service to local nonprofit and municipal organizations. Mr. Kimball commented on how much development has occurred on campus and how much the Town appreciates their involvement and improvement in the relationship between the Norton community and Wheaton College. Mr. Flaherty supported Mr. Kimball's remarks referring to the contributions and impact Wheaton College has made on the community by referring to Pages 4 and 5 of the College and Community Report for 2017-2018. Mr. Yunits commented on how impressed he is with the students and staff on their involvement with the Town of Norton, especially on "Clean-Up Day".

ii. Paula Stearns came before the Board of Selectmen to open a discussion on Juniper Beach and boat access to Norton Reservoir. Ms. Stearns handed out plans of Juniper Beach to the Board of Selectmen along with photographs depicting the location of the property and the issue of parked cars on the property outside of the allowed hours to park. Ms. Stearns explains that the current signs and methods of implementing the rules regarding access to the Norton Reservoir/Juniper Beach via Lazy Lane are not working. Ms. Stearns neighbors, Dwayne Mitchell, Katherine Mahoy, George Kamau, and Kathy Tracy, along with further support from Peter Wiggins, expressed similar concerns regarding safety for residents, children, and pets in addition to property encroachments, trespassing, littering, and noise disturbances. Mr. Kimball assured that the Town of Norton is working with MA Fish and Game on financial assistance to install a ramp at a secondary location (possibly at 257 Mansfield Avenue, Norton, MA 02766). Mr. Kimball suggested installing a gate to be locked and unlocked in accordance with the hours of operation to control traffic coming through the area to access Juniper Beach with the support of Norton Police and Fire. Ms. Steele and Mr. Salvo supported this idea and also suggested ticketing cars and issuing permits to park there for access and to hold people accountable. Mr. Salvo also suggests sending letters out to both MA residents and out-of-state residents who are hosting fishing charter trips about using the reservoir for profits. Mr. Yunits mentioned that in the By-Laws it states that no commercial businesses are allowed on the town waters of Norton except for as prescribed by and specified in an annual license issued by the Norton Conservation Commission. Mr. Flaherty suggested seeing what legal counsel says as far as requirement of access since the Town did use federal funding and the term "access" can be broadly interpreted.

iii. The Town Manager of Norton, Michael D. Yunits, came before the Board seeking a vote to authorize him as Town Manager to approve and take such actions and execute such documents and agreements as necessary relative to the MSBA Accelerated Repair Program Funding Agreement (HAY, JCS, LGN). The total cost for the three schools is \$6,701,766.00 and expecting a reimbursement of \$3,695,930.00, so the Town's responsibility will be \$3,005,836.00.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to authorize Michael D. Yunits as Town Manager to take such actions and execute such documents and agreements as are necessary relative to the MSBA Accelerated Repair Program Project Funding Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

iv. Estelle Flett, Director of Veterans' Services, and Denise Ellis, Director of Assessing, came before the Board to review and vote on the Senior Tax Work-Off Abatement Program (Revised August 18, 2018) and the Veteran's Tax Work-Off Abatement Program (to be implemented January 1, 2019).

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve the Senior Tax Work-Off Abatement Program (Revised August 18, 2018). Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve the Veterans' Tax Work-Off Abatement Program. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**B. Old Business**

There was no old business for discussion.

**C. Town Manager's Report**

Mr. Yunits gave his report and commented on the following:

i. Update - Traffic Light at West Main Street (Route 123)/North Worcester Street/South Worcester Street. The Town received a letter from MassDOT Highway Division stating that the project was reviewed and approved. It is the Project Review Committee's (PRC) understanding that the estimated Total Federal Participating Construction Cost (TFPCC) of this project is \$3,100,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to allow Michael D. Yunits, the Town Manager, to sign the MassDOT Highway Department Division Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES.**

**V. Selectmen's Report and Mail**

There was no Selectmen's report or mail for discussion.

**VI. Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve the minutes of August 28, 2018, as written. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Mr. Bramwell – Yes, Mr. Flaherty – Yes, Mr. Kimball – Yes, Mr. Salvo – Present, and Ms. Steele – Present. MOTION CARRIES.**

VII. **Appointments/Resignations/Retirements**

1. Appointment of Firefighter Craig Blake, EMTP - BCTRT, Mechanic - ASFA to Captain by Chief Paul Schleicher. The appointment was made on September 4, 2018, and will be effective on September 19, 2018. Captain Craig Blake thanked the Board of Selectmen and expressed how proud he is to be a part of this town and department and to be able to have served the community for over 20 years. Mr. Kimball congratulated Captain Craig Blake and expressed how well deserved this promotion is. Mr. Salvo expressed Captain Craig Blake's ability, knowledge, and impact on the Town of Norton. Chief Schleicher reminded the Board of Selectmen and viewers at home that the Norton Department would be conducting a brief and respectful 9/11 Memorial Service at 9:55 A.M. outside of the Fire Department headquarters.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to appoint Firefighter Craig Blake, EMTP-BCTRT, Mechanic – ASFA to Full-Time Fire Captain in the Norton Fire Department in accordance with the provisions of Article 4, Section 2(b), of the Norton Charter. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES.**

2. Appointment of Paul DiGiuseppe to the Joint Transportation Planning Group.

**Motion was made by Mr. Bramwell to appoint Paul DiGiuseppe to the Joint Transportation Planning Group. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES.**

3. Appointment of Patricia Tarantino as Recording Secretary.

**Motion was made by Mr. Bramwell to appoint Patricia Tarantino as the Recording Secretary. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES.**

4. Vote to appoint Rev. Paul Wanamaker to the Alternate Position on the Council on Aging.

**Motion was made by Mr. Bramwell to appoint Rev. Paul Wanamaker to the Alternate Position on the Council on Aging. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES.**

VIII. **Warrants**

Report of Chairman Robert W. Kimball, Jr. on the following Payroll and Invoice Warrants:

A. Approve Payroll Warrant PR19-05, for the week ended August 25, 2018, Warrant dated August 30, 2018, in the amount of \$1,264,857.72.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve Payroll Warrant PR 19-05, for the week ended August 25, 2018, Warrant dated August 30, 2018, in the amount of \$1,264,857.72. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES.**



- B. Approve Invoice Warrant AP19-09, dated August 30, 2018, in the amount of \$1,100,193.48.

**MOTION was made by Ms. Bramwell to approve Invoice Warrant AP19-09, dated August 30, 2018, in the amount of \$1,100,193.48. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES.**

- C. Approve Invoice Warrant AP19-10, dated September 6, 2018, in the amount of \$976,433.12.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve Invoice Warrant AP19-10, dated September 6, 2018, in the amount of \$976,433.12. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES.**

IX. **Other Business**

Mr. Kimball read a letter received from a woman from Hartford, Connecticut expressing her gratitude for the services and care she received from the Norton Fire Department and Norton EMTs. She went on to further acknowledge how thankful and grateful she was to come upon these EMTs and for them going above and beyond the call of duty when she was suffering from an episode of high sugar levels related to her diabetes and dehydration.

Mr. Kimball announced that there is a modular home for sale at Camp Edith Read. The modular home was put up for auction and received a high bid of \$100.00. The home is thirty years old, 3-bedroom single-story ranch, and is entirely electric. The only thing the Town of Norton needs to do is find someone to relocate the property. The house is in good condition and will be put up to auction again.

X. **Next Meeting's Agenda**

The next meeting will be held on September 20, 2018. Request of Joseph A. Costa, Adjutant, Disabled American Veterans for Annual Forget-Me-Not Drive to be held on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, Friday October 5<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at Roche Bros. Supermarket, 175 Mansfield Avenue, Norton, MA 02766.

XI. **Executive Session**

There was no need for an executive session.

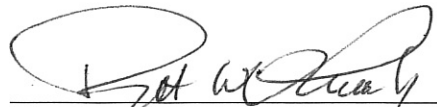
XII. **Adjournment**

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to adjourn at 8:55 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES.**

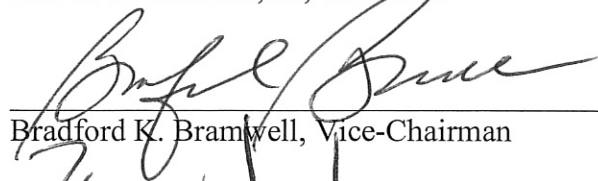
Respectfully Submitted by:

  
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Jennifer Reid, Office Administrator

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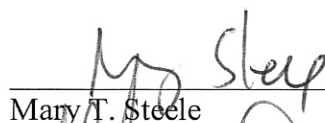
Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Chairman



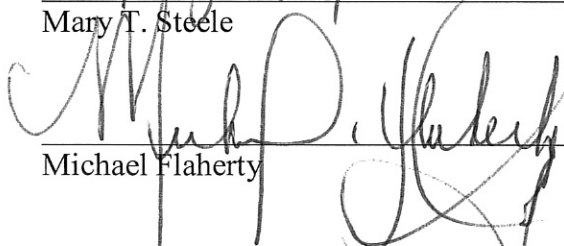
Bradford K. Bramwell, Vice-Chairman



Robert S. Salvo, Sr., Clerk



Mary T. Steele



Michael Flaherty

Minutes Approved by Board on:

September 20, 2018