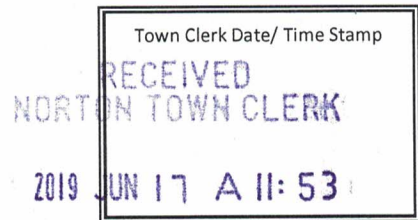




MINUTES

TOWN OF NORTON



Board/ Committee: Permanent Building Committee

Meeting Date: March 25, 2019 Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Break Room - Town Hall
70 East Main Street Norton, MA

Members & Staff Present: James Slattery, Mark Gershman, Kevin O'Neil, Robert
Medeiros, Dinah O'Brien, R. Kimball

Public:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and adjourned at 7:58 PM

Minutes from the February 11, February 21, March 11 and March 20 were
approved

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

Discussion

Committee discussed the next steps in the process regarding the Town Hall and Community Center Feasibility Studies. Due to the size and importance of this project to the Town, it was suggested that the Committee send a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting the warrant article for the new Town Hall and Community Center be withdrawn from the May 2019 Town Meeting, and that a Special Town Meeting be held within the first week of June, followed by an election within two weeks after the Special Town Meeting.

R. Kimball suggested the Committee attend the April 4th meeting of the Board of Selectmen to present an overview of the project and answer any questions the Board may have. The anticipated steps moving forward are:

Board of Selectmen Meeting - April 4th

Finance Committee Meeting – TBD

Board of Selectmen / School Committee Meeting - April 11th

Special Town Meeting – first week of June

Election – approximately 2 weeks after the Special Town Meeting

Committee reminded R. Kimball that the Elm Street parcel will need to be re-zoned from Industrial to Village Commercial. Town will engage the Planning Board to rezone and wait until the October 2019 Town Meeting to approve.

Committee also discussed some of the comments raised during the March 20, 2019 Public Information Meeting at the High School:

1. Are sidewalks being provided along Elm Street?
Project includes some sidewalks within the project limits, additional sidewalks along Elm Street could be funded by the Town through Chapter 90 funds.
2. Is lighting included in the project?
Project includes the required lighting within the project limits.
3. Does the project include a traffic study along Elm Street for the increase in traffic volume?
The scope for the final design of the project can include performing a traffic study along Elm Street.
4. Was there a visioning study performed?
No, the Committee was only tasked with looking at the feasibility of constructing a new Town Hall and Community Center.
5. What will the estimated project cost of \$25.7 million have on my property taxes?
The Town Manager had presented the estimated increase in property tax, over the 20 year debt service, per \$100,000 house value at the March 22nd meeting.

Next Meeting(s):

April 4, 2019 (Thursday)	7:00 PM	Town Hall – Selectmen’s Meeting Room 70 East Main Street, Norton, MA
April 11, 2019 (Thursday)	6:30 PM	Norton Middle School - Library 215 West Main Street, Norton, MA
April 22, 2019 (Monday)	6:30 PM	Town Hall – Break Room 70 East Main Street, Norton, MA

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Mark Gershman, PBC Clerk

Minutes Approved by Committee on:

6.13.19

Chairman Signature:

David L. O'Brien