

**TOWN OF NORTON
WARRANT FOR THE FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2021**

To Michael J. Mayer, Sr., or any of the Constables of the Town of Norton:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Norton, qualified to vote in Norton affairs, to meet in the Norton High School, 66 West Main Street, in said Norton, on Monday, the 25th day of October, 2021, A.D., at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to pay unpaid bills for which obligation was incurred in prior fiscal years, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to pay all outstanding separation expenses associated with the retirement of various employees from the Town of Norton and authorize the Town Accountant, in consultation with the Town Manager, to allocate amounts to appropriate departments, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to supplement the Fiscal Year 2022 operating budget appropriated under Article 6 of the May 8, 2021, Annual Town Meeting, or otherwise amend said vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to supplement, or otherwise change the funding sources for, the Fiscal Year 2022 Water Enterprise operating budget appropriated under Article 4 of the May 8, 2021, Annual Town Meeting, or otherwise amend said vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to supplement, or otherwise change the funding sources for, the Fiscal Year 2022 Sewer Enterprise operating budget appropriated under Article 5 of the May 8, 2021, Annual Town Meeting, or otherwise amend said vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the Capital Improvements Fund established by the By-Law entitled "Capital Improvements Fund," from which appropriations may be made by a two-thirds vote at any Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, including but not limited the Capital Improvements Fund, and/or borrow a sum of money to supplement the Fiscal Year 2022 capital improvements budget appropriated under Article 8 of the May 8, 2021, Annual Town Meeting to pay costs of purchasing, or leasing with an option to purchase for periods of time up to or in excess of three years, new and/or replacement capital items for various Town Departments and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, be authorized to borrow under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7 or 8 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and, in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, to authorize any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, to be applied to the payment of costs approved hereunder, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs; or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Norton, the altered layout of Leonard Street, as laid out by the Select Board and shown on a plan entitled "Widening Plan of Leonard Street Sta. 0+00 to 26+00 in Norton, MA Prepared for Condyne Capital Partners, LLC 'Blue Star Business Park', Leonard St., Norton, MA," dated June 22, 2021, revised September 3, 2021, and prepared by Halnon Land Surveying, Inc., said altered layout to include the parcels of land shown on said plan as Parcel A, Parcel B, and Parcel C, and to authorize the Select Board to acquire, by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or easements in said parcels and any drainage, access, utility or other easements related thereto; or to take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the Select Board the care, custody and control of the property located at 0 King Phillip Road, also known as Assessors ID: 19-165-0, and authorize the Select Board to convey the Town's right, title and interest in said property for nominal consideration to the current owner thereof, said deed being necessary to correct an error in recording an instrument of redemption following the repayment of taxes, interest, and expenses owed to the Town under a tax taking, or take any other action relative thereto.

(TAX COLLECTOR-TREASURER AND SELECT BOARD)

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to supplement the vote taken under Article 9 of the October 21, 2019, Town Meeting, which authorized the Select Board to acquire, for recreational trail-related purposes, land and easements in parcels of land abutting and/or near North Washington Street, Cobb Street, Arrowhead Drive, Johnson Drive, Briggs Street, and Crane Street, to authorize the Select Board to also acquire, by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain and for recreational trail, construction, drainage, utility, access and/or related purposes, the fee to and/or easements in, on and under the rail trail, portions of Briggs Street and Arrowhead Drive, and the other parcels of land approximately shown on plans entitled "Plan and Profile of Rail Trail Extension in the Town of Norton and Mansfield", a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, as said plan may be amended from time to time and/or as shown on an easement plan, and land within 200 feet of said parcels of land; and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money to fund the foregoing acquisitions and any and all costs incidental or related thereto; and, further, to authorize the Select Board to enter into any and all agreements and take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the foregoing transactions; or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to accept the 2021 Master Plan for the Town of Norton as approved by the Town of Norton Planning Board, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk and posted on the Town of Norton web site, or take any other action relative thereto.

(PLANNING BOARD)

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to file a Home Rule petition with the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on behalf of the Town of Norton, for a special act as set forth below; and further, to authorize the General Court to make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Select Board to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition;

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTON TO GRANT ADDITIONAL LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, NOT TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the licensing authority of the Town of Norton may grant two (2) licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises, under the provisions of section 15 of said chapter 138. One license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises located on the property currently identified as the Blue Star Business Park at the intersection of East Main Street and Leonard Street. One license shall be located on Old Colony Road between its intersection with North and South Worcester Streets and the Attleboro city line. Such licenses shall be subject to all of the provisions of said chapter 138 except section 17; provided, however, that said licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of said license within one year after the date of issuance of such license by said licensing authority and the license must remain in the established district; and provided further, that such use is allowed by right or by special permit in such applicable zoning district.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage or take any other action relative thereto.

(PETITION OF DAVID WLUKA)

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to amend the MANDATORY CONNECTION TO COMMON SEWER bylaw by deleting the existing language in its entirety and replacing it with the following, or take any other action relative thereto:

1. The owner or occupant of any building upon land abutting on a private or public way, in which a common sewer was installed utilizing Municipal Funding, either prior to or after this by-law, upon a violation of Title 5 of the State Sanitary Code, as it may be amended from time to time, or within ten (10) years of availability of such common sewer, whichever shall occur sooner, connect the same therewith by a sufficient drain; including any owner or occupant who is subject to an order to connect dated on or before the effective date of this by-law.

2. The owner or occupant of any building upon land abutting on a private or public way, in which a common sewer was installed utilizing only Private Funding, either prior to or after this by-law, shall, upon a violation of Title 5 of the State Sanitary Code, as it may be amended from time to time, whichever shall occur sooner, connect the same therewith by a sufficient drain, including any owner or occupant who is subject to an order to connect dated on or before the effective date of this by-law.

(PETITION OF WILLIAM S. FRANCIS)

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to revise the Town's Personnel Bylaws, as on file with the Town Clerk, as follows:

1. In Chapter 110, Article V, §110-20, by inserting, at the end of the list appearing in said section, the following, "as well as any other day defined as a legal holiday by the Massachusetts General Court or United States Congress".
2. In Chapter 110, Article V, §110-31, by replacing the existing schedule with the following:

YEARS OF SERVICE	LONGEVITY PAY EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
After Five (5) Years	\$ 800.00
After Ten (10) Years	\$ 900.00
After Fifteen (15) Years	\$ 1,000.00
After Twenty (20) Years	\$ 1,200.00
After Twenty-Five (25) Years	\$ 1,300.00

(TOWN MANAGER)

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to the "Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund" established to cover the unfunded actuarial liability for retirees' health care and life insurance benefits, or take any other action relative thereto.

(TOWN MANAGER)

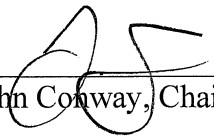
ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund, in accordance with G.L. c. 40, §5B, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of the body of same at Chartley Post Office, Norton Post Office, Norton Municipal Center, Norton Public Library, and three (3) other public places within the limits of said Town, seven (7) days at least, before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof, and fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting. Given under our hands and seals this 14th day of October in the year Two Thousand Twenty-One.

TOWN OF NORTON SELECT BOARD, BY:


John Conway, Chair


Michael Toole, Vice Chair


Christine Deveau, Clerk


Renee Deley


Megan Artz

Norton, Massachusetts

I have served this Warrant by posting attested copies at Chartley Post Office, Norton Post Office, Norton Municipal Center, Norton Public Library, and three (3) other public places within the limits of said Town, seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

ATTEST  CONSTABLE Norton DATE 10/15/2021