

TOWN OF NORTON



WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015



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To Ronald Benaski, 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 Auditorium, 66 West Main Street, in said Norton, on Monday, the 19th day of October, 2015, 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.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to raise and appropriate the amount of \$10,728.16 for the following unpaid bills for which obligation was incurred in prior fiscal years:

\$ 289.00	Data Processing	MX Consulting Services, Inc.
\$ 145.00	Communications	Archer Electric
\$ 152.52	Inspection	Employee Clothing Allowance
\$ 23.58	Inspection	Employee Mileage Reimbursement
\$ 35.00	Inspection	Jim's Auto Services & Towing, Inc.
\$ 7,962.76	Landfill	CHA
\$ 1,630.30	Municipal Building	Boiler Equipment, Inc.
\$ 60.00	Planning	Pleasant Printing Company
\$ 60.00	Zoning	Pleasant Printing Company
\$ 370.00	Municipal Building	Atlantic Elevator

\$ 10,728.16 TOTAL

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, including amendment of appropriate enterprise budgets, as needed, a sum or sums of money to fund and implement the cost items of the first and second years of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the Norton Police Association, for the period beginning July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2017, or any other Unions, and/or for general collective bargaining settlement purposes, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to raise and appropriate the amount of \$48,000.00 and to transfer the amount of \$81,394.00 from Free Cash for a total of \$129,394.00 to fund and implement the cost increases for the first and second years of a three-year contract between the Town of Norton and the Norton Police Association for the period beginning July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2017.

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 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.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to raise and appropriate the amount of \$275,358.00 to pay all outstanding separation expenses associated with the retirement of various employees from the Town of Norton and to authorize the Town Accountant, in consultation with the Town Manager, to allocate amounts to appropriate departments.

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 the Fiscal Year 2016 operating budget appropriated under Article 16 of the May 11, 2015, Annual Town Meeting, or otherwise amend said vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to amend the vote taken under Article 16 of the May 11, 2015, Annual Town Meeting Warrant by increasing appropriations for certain line items and, as funding therefor, to raise and appropriate the amount of \$14,760.00 and to transfer the amount of \$320,000.00 from Free Cash for a total of \$334,760.00 as follows:

FY16 Operating Budget Supplements			
Account	Department	Use	Amount
001-123-510	Town Manager	Salary	\$ 995.00
		Expense	\$ 2,500.00
001-135-510	Accounting	Expense	\$ 1,000.00
001-155-570	Data Processing	Expense	\$ 1,030.00
001-171-510	Conservation	Salary	\$ 1,389.00
001-210-510	Police	Salary:	
		Budget Reduction - Overtime	\$ 30,250.00
		NPSOA CBA	\$ 46,735.00
001-220-510	Fire	Salary:	
		Two Requested Positions	\$ 47,033.00
		Budget Reduction - Overtime	\$ 16,523.00
001-241-510	Inspection	Salary	\$ 1,200.00
001-290-510	Communications	Salary	\$ 1,140.00
001-292-570	Dog Officer	Expense	\$ 3,000.00
001-510-510	Board of Health	Salary	\$ 450.00
001-300	School	Budget Supplement:	
		Preventative Maintenance	\$ 69,000.00
		Supplies	\$ 82,000.00
		Curriculum Development	\$ 30,000.00
001-543-510	Veterans	Salary	\$ 515.00
TOTAL:			\$ 334,760.00

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 the Fiscal Year 2016 Water Enterprise operating budget appropriated under Article 12 of the May 11, 2015, Annual Town Meeting, or otherwise amend said vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to amend the vote taken under Article 12 of the May 11, 2015, Annual Town Meeting Warrant to include the use \$152,995.00 of Water Retained Earnings as an additional funding source of the FY16 Water Enterprise operating budget.

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 to supplement the Fiscal Year 2016 Sewer Enterprise operating budget appropriated under Article 13 of the May 11, 2015, Annual Town Meeting, or otherwise amend said vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No action at this time.

ARTICLE 7

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.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to transfer the amount of \$600,000.00 from Free Cash. The Capital Improvements Account is used for the purchase of equipment and the maintenance of the Town's infrastructure. This will bring the balance in the Capital Improvements Account to \$958,096.00. Of this amount, \$214,500.00 will be used to fund Article 8 if approved, leaving a balance of \$743,596.00 in the account for future capital improvement needs.

ARTICLE 8

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 2016 capital improvements budget appropriated under Article 15 of the May 11, 2015, 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 Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(9), of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to transfer the amount of \$214,500.00 from the Capital Improvements Account and the amount of \$50,000.00 from Sewer Retained Earnings, to purchase, or lease 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 as follows:

MUNICIPAL BUILDING (192)	Envelope Study of Municipal Buildings	\$ 70,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT (220)	Turnout gear replacement (10)	\$ 19,500.00
SCHOOLS (300)	Pick Up Truck with Plow and Sander	\$ 46,000.00
HIGHWAY (420)	4 x 4 Backhoe (1 of 5)	\$ 28,000.00
HIGHWAY (420)	Replace 4 8-Foot Plows	\$ 20,000.00
HIGHWAY (420)	2.5 Ton 6 Wheeler with Plow (1 of 5)	\$ 31,000.00
SUBTOTAL:		\$ 214,500.00
SEWER (440)	Scada System Upgrades - Pump Stations at Cobb Street (0 Reservoir Street, Norton [Map 10, Parcel 274]) and Great Woods [800 So. Main Street, Mansfield)	\$ 50,000.00
SUBTOTAL SEWER PROJECTS:		\$ 50,000.00
TOTAL OF ALL CAPITAL PROJECT REQUESTS:		\$ 264,500.00

ARTICLE 8
PROPOSED FY16 CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT

FISCAL YEAR 2016 CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST	SPRING		FALL ATM REQUESTS	FALL RECOMMENDATIONS		
	DEPARTMENT REQUEST	VOTED ATM		TOWN MANAGER	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE	FINANCE COMMITTEE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING (192)						
Envelope Study of Municipal Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
Town Hall HVAC	TBD	\$	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Construct New Town Hall	TBD	\$	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Repair of Landfill Cap	TBD	\$	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Police Station Building Repairs - EIFS System	TBD	\$	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Police Station-Electrical Run to Exterior Storage Garage	TBD	\$	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Police Station-Replacement of Carpets, Flooring, and Cabinets	TBD	\$	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
POLICE DEPARTMENT (210)						
Police Line Cruiser Replacements (Three)	\$ 103,500	\$ 69,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Scheduling Software	\$ 14,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FIRE DEPARTMENT (220)						
Squad #1 (Year 3 of 5)	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Turnout gear replacement (10)	\$ 15,300	\$ -	\$ 19,500	\$ 19,500	\$ 19,500	\$ 19,500
Mapping Software (*1/2)(1 of 3)	\$ 17,500	\$ -	\$ 17,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Renovations Chartley Station	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Renovations Burgess Station	TBD	\$	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SCHOOLS (300)						
L.G. NOURSE ELEMENTARY						
Parking Lot - Grade Off and Pave	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NORTON MIDDLE SCHOOL						
Replace Carpet with Tile Throughout Building	\$ 65,000	\$ -	\$ 65,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Replace Roof (Previously \$100,000 for MSBA Project)						

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	DEPARTMENT REQUEST	VOTED ATM		TOWN MANAGER	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE	FINANCE COMMITTEE
SCHOOLS (300)	DISTRICT					
Replace SPED bus	\$ 53,100	\$ -	\$ 53,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Facilities, Grounds (Lots & Walkways), and Athletic Fields Assessment	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Pick Up Truck with Plow and Sander	\$ 46,000	\$ -	\$ 46,000	\$ 46,000	\$ 46,000	\$ 46,000
Exterior and/or Interior School Building Doors	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
HIGHWAY (420)						
4 x 4 Backhoe (1 of 5)	\$ 26,000	\$ -	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000
2011 Ptrblt dump truck (Kansas Bank) 5 of 5	\$ 32,648	\$ 32,648	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sweeper (Mercedes-Benz Fin svc.) 3 of 5	\$ 48,834	\$ 48,834	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Replace 4 8-Foot Plows	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
2.5 Ton 6 Wheeler with Plow (1 of 5)	\$ 29,054	\$ -	\$ 31,000	\$ 31,000	\$ 31,000	\$ 31,000
COUNCIL ON AGING (541)						
Parking Lot (Paving, Engineering Design, Drainage, and Detention Area)	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LIBRARY (610)						
Replace Roof	\$ 68,950	\$ 68,950	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SUBTOTAL:	\$ 1,049,886	\$ 294,432	\$ 585,100	\$ 214,500	\$ 214,500	\$ 214,500
SEWER (440)						
Scada System Upgrades - Pump Stations at Cobb Street (0 Reservoir Street, Norton [Map 10, Parcel 274]) and Great Woods (800 So. Main Street, Mansfield)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
SUBTOTAL SEWER PROJECTS:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000

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FISCAL YEAR 2016 CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST	SPRING		FALL ATM REQUESTS	FALL RECOMMENDATIONS		
	DEPARTMENT REQUEST	VOTED ATM		TOWN MANAGER	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE	FINANCE COMMITTEE
WATER (450)						
Service Truck Replacement	\$ 135,000	\$ 135,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Uni-Directional Flushing Program	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SUBTOTAL WATER PROJECTS:	\$ 285,000	\$ 285,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL OF ALL CAPITAL PROJECT REQUESTS:	\$ 1,334,886	\$ 579,432	\$ 635,100	\$ 264,500	\$ 264,500	\$ 264,500
TOTAL CAPITAL REQUEST	\$ 1,041,136	\$ 294,362	\$ 576,350	\$ 214,500	\$ 214,500	\$ 214,500
TOTAL AMBULANCE RESERVE	\$ 8,750	\$ -	\$ 8,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL BORROWING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL SEWER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
TOTAL WATER	\$ 285,000	\$ 285,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL (INC. FROM ALL FUNDING SOURCES):	\$ 1,334,886	\$ 579,362	\$ 635,100	\$ 264,500	\$ 264,500	\$ 264,500

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of conducting Household Hazardous Waste Collection day(s), or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF HEALTH)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to raise and appropriate the amount of \$10,000.00.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to implement the federally mandated Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement #45, or take any other action relative thereto.

(TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ACCOUNTANT)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to raise and appropriate the amount of \$10,000.00. This study, mandated by the Federal Government, will seek to establish the Town's potential future liability in terms of retirement health and life insurance benefits for current Town employees.

ARTICLE 11

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)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to raise and appropriate the amount of \$70,000.00 to the "Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund".

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c.40, §59, and M.G.L. c.23A, §3E and §3F, to:

- (a) approve a Tax Increment Financing Agreement between the Town, New England Ice Cream Corporation and Ginsberg Taunton Properties, LLC, in the form substantially as on file with the Town Clerk, for property located on Mansfield Avenue, which property is as described in more detail in such agreement which TIF Agreement provides for real estate tax exemptions at the exemption rate schedule set forth therein; and further
- (b) authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute the TIF Agreement, and approve submission to the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council ("EACC") of the TIF Plan and Agreement and Certified Project application for EACC approval, and any necessary documents relating thereto, all relating to the project as described in the TIF Agreement, and to take such other actions as are necessary or appropriate to obtain EACC approval, implement those documents and carry out the purposes of this vote;

or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to approve a 15-year Tax Increment Financing Agreement between the Town of Norton, New England Ice Cream Corporation, and Ginsberg Taunton Properties, LLC.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money for the engineering and design of the multi-purpose recreational Norton Rail Trail Project, including any incidental costs associated with the Project, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: This Project has been placed in the draft TIP for funding. While not guaranteed, it is highly likely to be funded in Federal Fiscal Year 2019 for approximately \$3.6 Million Dollars. The Capital Improvements Committee has recommended a borrowing in the amount of \$480,000.00 for this project. The Finance Committee also recommends that the Town be authorized to borrow the amount of \$480,000.00 for the engineering and design of the multi-purpose recreational Norton Rail Trail Project, including any incidental costs associated with the Project.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and approve a Payment in Lieu of Taxes, also known as a PILOT or "Tax Agreement", pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b) and any other enabling authority, in the form substantially as on file with the Town Clerk, between the Town of Norton and SunE Solar XVI Lessor, LLC , its successor, assignee, or affiliate, on such terms and conditions and for such term not to exceed twenty (20) years as negotiated by the Board of Selectmen for payment of taxes related to personal and/or real property associated with construction and operation of a solar renewable energy generation facility to be installed, owned, and operated by such entity on land owned by Fairland Farms, LLC, and described more particularly below, all as set forth in said PILOT; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager to take such action as many be necessary to carry out the vote taken hereunder, or take any other action relative thereto:

MAP	LOT	STREET
6	6	21 Fairlee Lane

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and approve a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement, also referred to as a PILOT or "Tax Agreement", pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b) and any other enabling authority, in the form substantially as on file with the Town Clerk, between the Town of Norton and Norton Landfill Solar, LLC, its successor, assignee or affiliate, on such terms and conditions and for such term not to exceed twenty (20) years as negotiated by the Board of Selectmen for payment of taxes related to personal and/or real property associated with construction and operation of a solar renewable energy generation facility to be installed, owned, and operated by such entity, on land owned by the Town of Norton and described more particularly below, all as set forth in said PILOT; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager to take such action as many be necessary to carry out the vote taken hereunder, or take any other action relative thereto:

MAP	LOT	STREET
24	49	Hill Street
24	50	Hill Street

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the additional sum of \$300,000.00, to augment the amount appropriated under Article 5 of the May 12, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, for the purpose of designing and constructing sewers, pump stations, land acquisition and force mains and for related legal, administrative and other pertinent expenses associated with the project, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in G.L. c.29C, §1; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow the additional \$300,000.00 and to issue bonds or notes therefor in accordance with G.L. c.44, G.L. c.29C, or any other enabling authority; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in G.L. c.29C, §1, provided, further, however, that it is anticipated that all funds needed to repay the principal and interest on such borrowing shall be paid from the Sewer Enterprise Fund; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust established pursuant to said Chapter 29C; and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners is authorized to enter into a Project Regulatory Agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action related thereto.

(BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee recommends that the Town be authorized to borrow the additional amount of \$300,000.00 for the Norton Center Sewer Extension Project, with the funds needed to repay the principal and interest on such borrowing being paid from the Sewer Enterprise Fund. The Capital Improvements Committee has also voted to recommend the supplemental borrowing for this project in the amount of \$300,000.00 to be repaid from the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, and control of the parcel of Town-owned land located off James Street, identified by the Assessors as Parcel 5-2-02-0, containing 0.62 acres, more or less, and acquired by the Town by Final Judgment in Tax Foreclosure Case recorded with the Bristol County Registry of Deeds in Book 8028, Page 46, from the tax custodian for tax title purposes to the Conservation Commission for conservation purposes, and further dedicate and designate said parcel to conservation purposes under the provisions of G.L. c.40, §8C, said transfer and dedication being required to compensate the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the conversion of a portion of the Gertrude Cornish Town Forest on Plain Street to public way purposes pursuant to a special act; or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended. The State wants the Town to replace the conservation land on Plain Street which was dedicated to public way purposes as part of the Plain Street Bridge reconstruction project. This 0.62-acre property that the Town owns located off James Street, which the Town acquired by tax title foreclosure, is suitable for this purpose.

ARTICLE 18

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, shall, upon a violation of Title 5 of the State Sanitary Code, as it may be amended from time to time, or upon sale or subdivision of the property, or within five (5) 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, or upon sale or subdivision of the property, 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.

(BOARD OF WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No action, pending additional information.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to amend the SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM bylaw by deleting the existing language in its entirety and replacing it with the following, or take any other action relative thereto:

SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM

There shall be in the Town of Norton a Senior Tax Program in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.59, §5K allowing the Town of Norton the opportunity to utilize the knowledge and skills of its senior residents in exchange for credit toward the resident's property tax bill. The purposes of this program are to enhance municipal services and alleviate senior residents' tax burden.

The Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to promulgate regulations to implement the Senior Tax Program subject to and in accordance with the limitations imposed by G.L. c.59, §5K. Such regulations shall be adopted at an open meeting for which notice of such action was properly provided under the Open Meeting Law, and any regulations promulgated by the Board of Selectmen shall be posted in the offices of the Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk and Board of Assessors, and on the Town's website.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will re-zone the parcel of land located at 133 South Worcester Street, shown on Town of Norton Assessors Map 27 as Lot 6, which presently is partially within an Industrial Zoning District and partially within a Residential R-40 Zoning District, to be zoned completely within a Residential R-40 Zoning District.

(PETITION OF ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF FALL RIVER,
A CORPORATION SOLE)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No action, pending additional information.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Norton Zoning Bylaws, making the following bolded and underlined additions to the Zoning Bylaws:

By adding a new category in Article IV, Section 4.5 as follows:

	R 80	R 60	R 40	VC	C	I
Digital/Electronic Billboard	N	N	N	N	N	SP

And by adding the following new definition which reads as follows:

Digital/Electronic Billboard. An electronic message display utilizing light emitting diodes (LEDs), plasma or other technology that present static or multiple static advertisements on a rotating basis, free standing, which does not advertise a business or profession conducted, a service offered or a commodity sold upon the premises where such sign is located, and which is subjected to the rules and regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Office of Outdoor Advertising.

And by adding the following new language (bolded and underlined below) to Section 8.4.1(h):

8.4.1(h) Off Premises Signs – Only signs pertaining exclusively to the premises on which they are located or to products, accommodations, services or activities on the premises shall be allowed, except the following may be allowed: **(1)** that an off-premises directional sign designating the route to an establishment not on the street to which the sign is oriented may be erected and maintained within the public right-of-way at any intersection or on private property if granted a Special Permit by the Board of Appeals, **and (2) Digital/Electronic Billboards in the “Industrial” Zoning District if granted a Special Permit under Section 8.4.4(b).**

No **directional** sign shall be authorized except upon the authorizing agency’s determination that such sign will promote the public interest, will not endanger the public safety and will be of such size, location and design as will not be detrimental to the neighborhood. At locations where directions to more than one (1) establishment are to be provided, all such directional information shall be incorporated into a single structure. All such directional signs shall be unlighted and each shall be not over four (4) square feet in area.

And by adding a new paragraph to Section 8.4.4(b) as follows:

In the “Industrial” Zoning District, Digital/Electronic Billboards may be erected and maintained if granted a Special Permit by the Planning Board provided that it shall not exceed more than ninety (90) feet in height and shall not exceed a fourteen foot (14’) by forty-eight foot (48’) face area. A Digital/Electronic Billboard shall not be erected except on a lot with

conforming lot area and frontage or on any other lot with at least ten-thousand square feet of vacant lot area and one-hundred and fifty feet of frontage and must be erected within two thousand (2000) feet of Interstate 495. For any Digital/Electronic Billboard located on a lot abutting another lot containing a residential use, the minimum setback distance shall be five hundred (500) feet from any residential structure. A Digital/Electronic Billboard visible to a major artery/highway shall contain the name and address of the user of the property. No Digital/Electronic Billboard shall be erected within one thousand (1000) linear feet of another. No Digital/Electronic Billboard shall be erected if the Special Permit Granting Authority determines that it will obstruct a view of scenic beauty and interest or a place of historic interest. No Billboard shall be located upon another structure. The Board of Appeals may only issue a Special Permit upon a finding that the Billboard shall not endanger the public safety or be detrimental to the neighborhood or constitute a nuisance to any abutting uses or to any nearby residential uses by virtue of its size, dimension, location, design, construction, illumination, or visibility, that sufficient utilities, servicing and maintenance of the Billboard can be provided, and that adequate provisions, by way of security, are provided in the event that the Billboard is decommissioned so that its removal is ensured and timely.

or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No action, pending additional information.

ARTICLE 22

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 Stabilization Fund, in accordance with G.L. c. 40, §5B, or take any other action relative thereto.

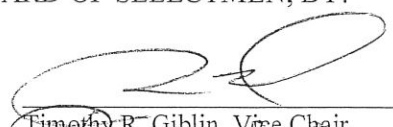
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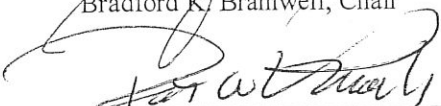
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to transfer the amount of \$100,000.00 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.

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 13th day of OCTOBER in the year Two Thousand Fifteen.


TOWN OF NORTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN, BY:


Bradford K. Bramwell, Chair


Timothy R. Giblin, Vice Chair


Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Clerk


Robert S. Salvo, Sr.

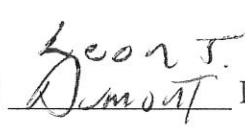

Mary T. Steele

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

 DATE 10/8/15