

**TOWN OF NORTON  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
JANUARY 25, 2016**

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator William A. Gouveia at 7:00 PM at the Norton Middle School Auditorium. He led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator asked for a moment of silence in honor of Selectman Bramwell's mother, Barbara Bramwell, a longtime resident of Norton.

The Moderator announced that since there was a vacancy in the office of Town Clerk, it was necessary to elect a Temporary Town Clerk. Selectman Robert Kimball made a motion to nominate Sharyn Stedman, the current Assistant Town Clerk, and motion was seconded by Selectman Timothy Giblin. No additional nominations were received. Chairman Bradford Bramwell cast one ballot for Sharyn Stedman. Sharyn Stedman was declared to be the Temporary Town Clerk and the Moderator swore her in.

The Town Clerk read the call and return of service as written in the warrant.

**ARTICLE 1** (Requires 9/10Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$3,628.32 from Free Cash for the unpaid bills for which obligation was incurred in the prior fiscal year as recommended by the Finance Committee under Article 1 of the January 25, 2016, Special Town Meeting Warrant.

**ARTICLE 1 as printed in the Warrant:**

\$ 500.00	Treasurer/Collector	UniBank Fiscal Advisory Services, Inc.
\$ 3,128.32	Highway	Midway Collision
<u>\$ 3,628.32</u>	<b>TOTAL</b>	

**DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MODERATOR**

**ARTICLE 2** (Requires 2/3Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that the Town vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.43B, §10(a), to amend the Town Charter to change the elected Town Clerk position to an appointed position as set forth under Article 2 of the January 25, 2016, Special Town Meeting Warrant.

**ARTICLE 2 as printed in the Warrant:**

- (1) Amend Section 3-1(b) of the Town Charter by deleting, after the words, "water and sewer commissioners," the words "a town clerk,".

**ARTICLE 2 as printed in the Warrant: (continued)**

- (2) Amend Section 3-1(f) of the Town Charter, entitled "Filling of Vacancies," by deleting subsection (3), entitled "Town Officer," in its entirety.
- (3) Amend Section 3-5 of the Town Charter, entitled, "Town Clerk," by deleting the section in its entirety and renumbering the remaining sections of Article 3 accordingly.
- (4) Amend Section 4-2(c) by inserting, at the end of the list of officers, the words, "a town clerk".
- (5) Amend Article 8 of the Town Charter, entitled, "Transitional Provisions," by inserting a new section, Section 8-5, Appointed Town Clerk, as follows:

The vote to amend Sections 3-1(b), 3-1(f)(3), 3-5 and 4-2(c) of the Charter to change the position of town clerk from elected to appointed as approved at the January 25, 2016 Special Town Meeting shall take effect immediately upon approval by the voters at the 2016 Annual Town Election; provided, however, that any individual elected as town clerk at the same election at which the referenced Charter amendments are approved by the voters of the town shall hold said office and perform the duties thereof only until the appointment to said office is made in accordance with Section 4-2(c) of the Charter. Upon appointment of a town clerk in accordance therewith, the position of elected town clerk shall be abolished. The town manager may make an appointment pursuant to Section 4-2(c) immediately upon the effective date of the within referenced amendments, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7-10 of the Charter.

**DECLARED VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MODERATOR**

The Special Town Meeting was declared Adjourned at 7:13 PM.

ATTEST:

*Sharyn B. Stedman*

Sharyn B. Stedman  
Temporary Town Clerk