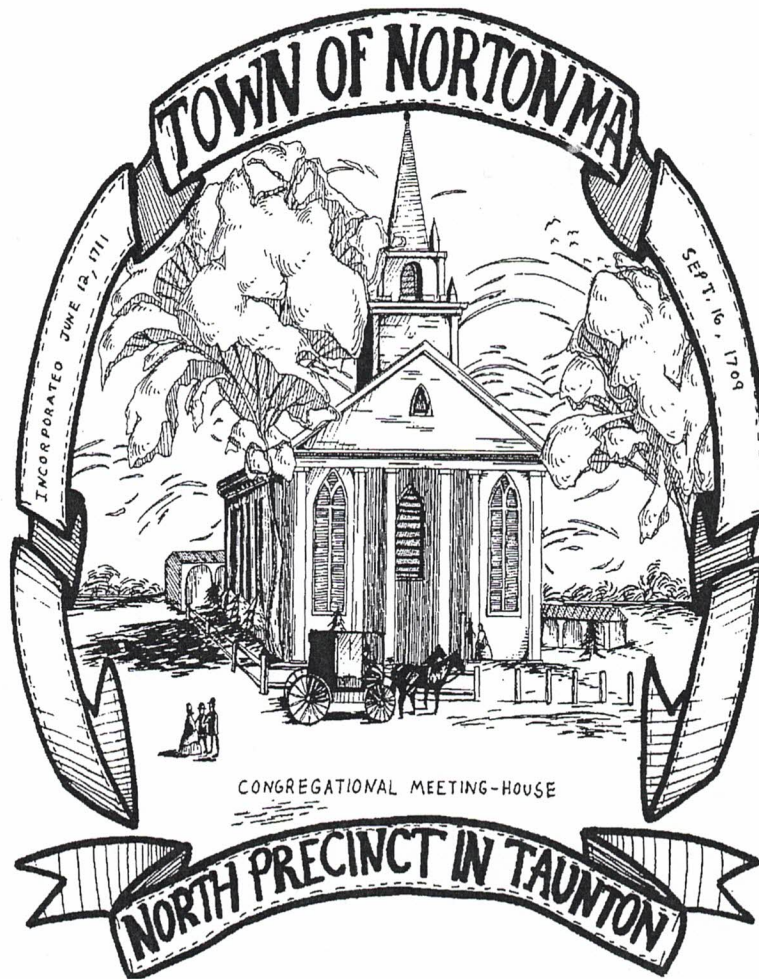


TOWN OF NORTON



WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016



A True Copy Attest

Sharyn B. Stedman

Assistant Town Clerk of Norton

**TOWN OF NORTON
WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2016
BRISTOL, SS.**

To Leon Dumont, 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 Middle School Auditorium, 215 West Main Street, in said Norton, on Monday, the 25th day of January, 2016, 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 transfer 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 transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$3,628.32 for the following unpaid bills for which obligation was incurred in the prior fiscal year:

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

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ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will 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 below:

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

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FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.

The position of elected Town Clerk is currently vacant, as the elected Town Clerk resigned to serve as the appointed Town Clerk in another municipality. At this time, therefore, the Finance Committee feels that the proposed Charter amendment to change the position from elected to appointed will be beneficial to the Town for several reasons, including:

- **Qualifications for Office** – An elected Town Clerk need only be a registered voter, while an appointed Town Clerk is hired based upon particular qualifications and experience. This issue is particularly important given the demands of the upcoming Presidential election.
- **Administrative Issues** – An elected Town Clerk need not work set hours and, regardless of the hours worked, receives the full amount appropriated by Town Meeting for the position. In contrast, an appointed Town Clerk must work during Town Hall business hours and is paid based upon the number of hours worked.

Thus, the Finance Committee believes that an appointed, rather than elected, Town Clerk, will maximize economic and administrative efficiencies, and recommends approval of this article at Town Meeting.

Be aware that by statute, in order to take effect, this amendment must be approved by Town Meeting and the Attorney General, and then at the April 2016 Annual Town Election.

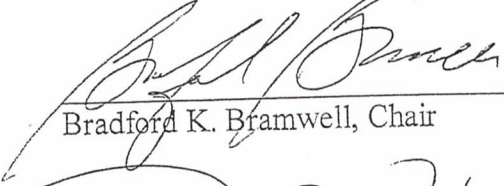
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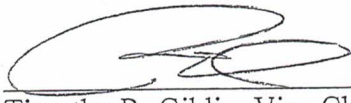
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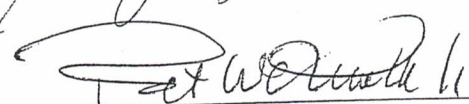
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And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of the body of same at Chartley Post Office, Norton Post Office, Norton Municipal Center, Norton Public Library, and three (3) other public places within the limits of said Town, fourteen (14) 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 7th day of January in the year Two Thousand Sixteen.

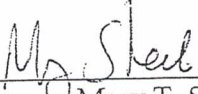
TOWN OF NORTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN, BY:


Bradford K. Bramwell, Chair


Timothy R. Giblin, Vice Chair


Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Clerk


Robert S. Salvo, Sr.


Mary T. Steele

Norton, Massachusetts

This warrant was

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ATTEST


CONSTABLE

1/8/16 DATE