

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016
NORTON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

At 7:30 p.m. Moderator William A. Gouveia called the Special Town Meeting to order. School Superintendent Joseph Baeta gave recognition for the Boys and Girls Track Teams as follows:

“Tonight we would like to recognize Athletes who qualified to run at the New Balance National Track meet in New York City this past March and the boys State Championship Title.

The following athletes qualified as top in their event in the Nation: Members of the 4x200 relay team of Justin Ireland, Camden Cleathero, Justin Martins and Andrew Raneri. Camden Cleathero in the High Jump, Brook-Lynn Williams in the 60 meters and the sprint relay team of Bella Berardi, Brook-Lynn Williams, Katie Bradley and Kambrynn Bowman.

We are proud to announce that Norton has its first All American Track Athlete – Brook-Lynn Williams who finished 6th in the nation and won the state and New England title as being the fastest female.

I would also like to recognize the Boys Indoor Track team who for the second time are Division 4 State Champions out of 57 teams in the state.

In the last 3 years, the boys have stayed undefeated in the regular season and achieved a record of 27-0 and won their THIRD consecutive indoor Tri-Valley League Championship this year. The boys were Massachusetts State Relays CHAMPIONS for the second time in school history in indoor track, going back to back last year and this year.

Over the past year Norton Track has had State Champions which is a testament to their outstanding program and athletes. Abu Ceesay, Mike Tierney, Cameron Stalters, Adam Winiarz, Justin Ireland, Camden Cleathero, Justin Martins, Andrew Raneri, and Brook-Lynn Williams have held State titles in Indoor and Outdoor track.

Just two weeks ago **both** the boys and girls teams claimed the runner up spot in the State Relays where 74 schools were represented.

The teams are coached by Kent Taylor, Lindsay Nastri, Liza Grasso, Lars Tenglin and Gretchen Stalters.”

A resounding round of applause was given to the Boys and Girls Teams and their coaches.

Interim Town Clerk Janet A. Linehan read the call and return of service from the Constable as written in the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1 (9/10 Vote)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans, Finance Committee Chairman that the Town vote to transfer \$1,000.00 from Free Cash to pay the unpaid bill for which obligation was incurred in a prior fiscal year.

ACCOUNT	DEPARTMENT	VENDOR	AMOUNT
001-940-570-5753	POLICE	MIDWAY COLLISION CENTER, INC.	\$ 1,000.00

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PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 2 (MAJORITY)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$44,527.00 from Free Cash 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.

Moderator Gouveia asked for a breakdown on this. Town Manager Yunits replied that \$23,010 for is to cover sick and vacation buy-back at Town Hall and \$21,517 to cover vacation buy-back in the Police Department. Dave Henry, 35 Island Road, asked if this was for two retirees, or more than two. The answer was for two (2) people, one from each department.

ARTICLE PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 3 (MAJORITY)

Motion was made by Stephen Evans that the Town vote to amend the vote taken under Article 16 of the May 11, 2015, Annual Town Meeting by increasing appropriations for certain line items and to do so, by transferring the additional amount of \$98,602.73 from Free Cash and the amount of \$27,996.73 from Account No. 001-161-511 to Account No. 001-161-510 as follows:

Mr. Evans pointed out that there was one change to the presentation under Snow Removal Line item 001-423-570, the amount is \$54,963.73. Mr. Gouveia read the entire motion with the correct

amounts again to clarify any questions. Mr. Gouveia explained the transfer for the Town Clerk Wages, that when the budget was originally done, the Town Clerk was elected and a separate line item for elected officials is required. The position is now appointed so it cannot be paid out of the elected officials line item, it must be transferred into the appointed official account. It is just a transfer.

Mr. Paul Wanamaker, Taunton Avenue inquired as to how much was in Free Cash and where does it come from. Town Manager Yunits stated that at the beginning of the meeting, Free Cash was \$1,063,698 and that Free Cash comes from revenues that come in higher than anticipated and also from expenses that aren't spent.

Mr. Dave Henry, 35 Island Road asked what the total expense for snow removal was for this fiscal year and previous fiscal year to compare. Mr. Yunits responded that \$134,936.73 was spent for this year and we budget \$80,000. Last year it was close to the \$300,000 range or higher and Highway Superintendent Keith Silver concurred.

FY16 Operating Budget Supplements			
Account	Department	Use	Amount
001-141-510	Assessors	Wages	\$ 4.00
001-171-510	Conservation	Wages	\$ 50.00
001-210-510	Police	Wages	\$ 25,000.00
001-292-570	Animal Control	Expense	\$ 300.00
001-423-570	Snow Removal	Expense	\$ 54,936.73
001-425-570	Street Lighting	Expense	\$ 18,000.00
001-522-510	Public Health Nurse	Wages	\$ 305.00
001-541-510	Council on Aging	Wages	\$ 7.00
TOTAL TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH:			\$ 98,602.73

001-161-510	Town Clerk	Wages	\$ 27,996.73
TOTAL TRANSFER FROM #001-161-511			\$ 27,996.73

PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 4

DECLARED LOST DUE LACK OF MOTION

ARTICLE 5

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ARTICLE 6

DECLARED LOST DUE LACK OF MOTION

ARTICLE 7

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At 7:45 p.m. the Special Town Meeting was concluded and Moderator declared the meeting
ADJOURNED.

A true record. Attest:

Janet A. Linehan,
Interim Town Clerk