

**TOWN OF NORTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017**

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator William A. Gouveia at 7:35 p.m. at the Norton High School Gymnasium.

The meeting originally scheduled to be held in the Auditorium was opened in the Auditorium and adjourned into the Gymnasium.

Moderator Gouveia reviewed some pre-meeting rules:

1. I ask everyone to please find a seat for this meeting. Standing in the back and on the sides creates problems both on a noise level and in counting standing votes. There are plenty of seats, please find one.
2. If you are not a registered voter in the Town of Norton, you are welcome to visit but must sit in the section of seats marked in the rear to my right. If you are a registered voter, please sit anywhere else, because your vote will not be counted if you are sitting in the non-voting section.
3. If you wish to address this meeting, you must do so only after being recognized by the Moderator. There are two microphones located up front here. Please move to one of those if you wish to speak and wait to be recognized. When speaking, please identify yourself by name and address for the record. Please try and keep your remarks brief and to the point, and confine them only to the matter under consideration at the time.
4. All speakers at this meeting will be treated with courtesy by the Moderator and everyone else in the room. No speaker will be allowed to use the meeting for personal attacks on any individual. All remarks will be directed towards the Moderator, and while I will allow questions to be asked of individuals, I will not allow cross-examination type discussions from the floor
5. In recognizing people to speak, I will endeavor to call upon those who have not yet spoken on a topic before recognizing those who have already spoken. I will recognize motions to move the question, but if in my opinion there are still people waiting to speak who may add to the discussion, I will exercise my authority to not accept a motion to move the question under those circumstances.

6. If a standing vote is required, you will be instructed to stand at your seats until your vote is counted. If a ballot vote is required, you will be given instructions by the Moderator as to how to proceed.

7. If you wish to make an amendment to any motion, you must do so in writing and present it to the moderator. Please prepare your amendment in writing and bring it to me up here. If you are moving an article that has not been recommended and moved by the Finance Committee, you must also present that motion to the Town Clerk in writing.

8. I remind you all that no motion to reconsider any article will be accepted by the Moderator until at least three articles following the article being reconsidered have been acted upon by this meeting. If the article is one of the last three on the warrant, I will accept any motions to reconsider them at any time prior to adjourning. Please be aware that any article you act upon tonight can be reconsidered as few as three articles later, so keep that in mind before you rush out after your article. There may be requests this evening to allow non-voters to speak on certain articles. This must be done by a motion voted upon by this meeting. While it is the right and the decision of the meeting to allow or not allow non-residents to speak, please keep in mind they may have information to add to the discussion. All non-voters must approach the moderator if they wish to be heard.

Town Clerk Lucia B. Longhurst read the call and return of service from the Constable as written in the Warrant.

**MOTIONS FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017**

ARTICLE 1 (9/10 Vote)

Motion was made by Michael Fiore that the Town vote to pay the following unpaid bill incurred in a prior fiscal year using existing Fiscal Year 2017 funds in Account No. 001-210-570:

ACCOUNT	DEPARTMENT	VENDOR	AMOUNT
001-210-570-5243	POLICE	Custom Service	\$ 38.58

\$ 38.58

DECLARED VOTED 9/10 MAJORITY BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 2 (Majority)

Motion was made by Michael Fiore that the Town to transfer the amount of \$29,447.00 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.

DECLARED VOTED BY MAJORITY BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 3 (Majority)

Motion was made by Michael Fiore that the Town vote to amend the vote taken Article 16 of the May 9, 2016, Annual Town Meeting by increasing appropriations for certain line items and to do so, by transferring the additional amount of \$74,650.00 from Free Cash and by transferring the amount of \$2,890.00 from the Dog Fund Account No. 019-293-100 to the Town Clerk Expense Account No. 001-161-570-5206, and by transferring the amount of \$6,400.00 from the Dog Fund Account No. 019-293-100 to the Dog Officer Salary Account No. 001-292-510-5110 for a total of \$83,940.00 as follows:

FY17 Operating Budget Supplements			
Account	Department	Use	Amount

001-155-570	Data Processing	Expense	\$ 5,000.00
001-423-570	Snow Removal	Expense	\$ 68,350.00
001-541-570	Council on Aging	Expense	\$ 1,300.00
TOTAL FROM FREE CASH:			\$ 74,650.00
001-292-510	Animal Control	Transfer from Account No. 019-293-100 to Account No. 001-292-510	\$ 6,400.00
001-161-570	Town Clerk	Transfer from Account No. 019-293-100 to Account No. 001-161-570	\$ 2,890.00
TOTAL TRANSFER FROM 019-293-100			\$ 9,290.00
TOTAL FY17 OPERATING BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS:			\$ 83,940.00

DECLARED VOTED BY MAJORITY BY THE MODERATORARTICLE 4 (Majority)

No action.

DECLARED LOST BY THE MODERATORARTICLE 5 (Majority)

No action.

DECLARED LOST BY THE MODERATORARTICLE 6 (Majority)

Motion was made by Michael Fiore that the Town votes to transfer the amount of \$75,500.00 from Free Cash for the purpose of the Fiscal Year 2018 Five Year Certification Cycle and its associated costs as mandated by the Department of Revenue.

DECLARED VOTED BY MAJORITY BY THE MODERATORARTICLE 7 (Majority)

Motion was made by Michael Fiore that the Town vote to supplement each prior vote of the Town that authorizes the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects to provide that, in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, as most recently amended, the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied.

DECLARED VOTED BY MAJORITY BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 8 (2/3 Vote)

Motion was made by Michael Fiore that the Town vote to appropriate the amount of \$3,320,000.00 for the purpose of designing and constructing sewers, pump stations, and force mains, land acquisition, and for related legal, administrative and other pertinent expenses associated with the construction of public sewers required to serve the Woodland Meadows development and other public and private properties on West Main Street and along the sewer alignment needed to serve those properties, 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 \$3,320,000.00 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; that the Norton Water and Sewer Commission be and is authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any state and/or federal grants and loans or other public or private funds that may be available for the project; that the Water & Sewer Commission be authorized to assess sewer betterments and privilege fees in accordance with G.L. c.80 and c.83 and Town Sewer Department Rules and Regulations to recover all or a portion of the sewer project cost not reimbursed by the Norton Housing Authority or School Department contributions by the uniform unit method or by any lawful method provided for in G.L. c. 83; 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 in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, as most recently revised, the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and the amount authorized to be

borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied.

Chairman Luther Grant showed a power point presentation and explained the problems of the septic system. He explained that the project will start in spring, 2018 and complete in the summer of 2019.

DECLARED VOTED BY MAJORITY BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 9 (Majority)

No action.

DECLARED LOST FOR LACK OF MOTION BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 10 (2/3 Vote)

No action.

DECLARED LOST FOR LACK OF MOTION BY THE MODERATOR

The Special Town Meeting was declared Adjourned at 8:32 PM

ATTEST:

Lucia B. Longhurst
Town Clerk