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**MINUTES FOR THE  
ANNUAL AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
October 21, 2019**

The Annual Meeting was called to order by Moderator William A. Gouveia at 7:00 PM at the Norton High School Auditorium.

Welcome to tonight's Special Town Meeting. I am Town Moderator Bill Gouveia. With me is Town Clerk, Lucia Longhurst.

Now I would first like to go over some of the rules for this meeting in this new venue.

- 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.
- 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 for that reason. If you are registered voter, please sit anywhere else, because your vote will not be counted if you are sitting in the non-voting section.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 and or the town Clerk as to how to proceed.
- 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.

- 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 prior to adjourning. Please be aware that any article you act upon tonight can be reconsidered as few as three articles later.
- 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.

ARTICLE 1 (4/5 Vote or Unanimous)

I Wiliam Rotundi MOVE that the Town vote to pay the following unpaid bill incurred in a prior fiscal year, and, for such purposes, to transfer said sum from existing Fiscal Year 2020 funds as follows:

ACCOUNT	DEPARTMENT	VENDOR	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
001-241-570	Inspection	Midway Collision Center, Inc.	Repair/Paint Department Vehicle	\$ 675.00

ARTICLE PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 2 (Majority)

I William Rotundi MOVE that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$45,000.00 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.

**Town Manager Michael Yunits explained that this was to cover sick leave, buy back and vacation time on a fire department position retiree.**

ARTICLE PASSES BY MAJORITY VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

### ARTICLE 3 (Majority)

I William Rotundi MOVE that the Town vote to amend the vote taken under Article 8 of the May 15, 2019, Annual Town Meeting Warrant by increasing appropriations for certain line items and, as funding therefor, to transfer the amount of \$690,184.00 from Free Cash as follows:

FY20 OPERATING BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS			
Account	Department	Use	Amount
001-141-510	Assessor	Salary	\$ 6,514.00
001-151-570	Legal	Expense	\$ 40,000.00
001-162-570	Elections	Expense	\$ 11,520.00
001-171-510	Conservation	Salary	\$ 13,000.00
001-192-570	Municipal Building	Expense (Chartley Trash)	\$ 650.00
001-210-510	Police	Salary	\$ 120,000.00
001-210-570	Police	Expense	\$ 3,000.00
001-220-510	Fire	Salary	\$ 90,000.00
001-220-570	Fire	Expense	\$ 6,000.00
001-230-570	Emergency Medical	Expense	\$ 17,500.00
001-300	School	Budget Supplement	\$ 335,000.00
001-541-510	Council on Aging	Salary	\$ 4,000.00
001-610-570	Library	Budget Supplement	\$ 30,000.00
001-940-540	Fuel	Expense	\$ 13,000.00
TOTAL:			\$ 690,184.00

ARTICLE PASSES BY MAJORITY VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

### ARTICLE 4 (Majority)

I William Rotundi MOVE that the Town vote to amend the vote taken under Article 6 of the May 15, 2019, Annual Town Meeting Warrant establishing the Water Enterprise Budget by transferring the sum of \$216,480.00 from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings for such purposes, and reducing the amount appropriated from Water Enterprise Receipts by the same amount.

**This was amended from the May 15, 2019 Town Meeting adding "Water Enterprise Retained Earnings)**

ARTICLE PASSES BY MAJORITY VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

### ARTICLE 5

ARTICLE DECLARED LOST AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

### ARTICLE 6 (Majority)

I William Rotundi MOVE that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$1,254,544.00 from Free Cash to the Capital Improvements Fund Account for future capital improvement needs.

ARTICLE PASSES BY MAJORITY VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 7 (2/3 Vote)

I William Rotundi MOVE that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$711,144.00 from the Capital Improvements Account and the amount of \$412,400.00 from Ambulance Reserve Fund, for a total of \$1,123,544.00, 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, including equipping any vehicles and site preparation and demolition for any projects, and all other incidental and related expenses, as follows:

155	Data Processing		
		VMware	\$ 139,101.00
		E-Permitting	\$ 84,323.00
		Pictometry (Year 1 of 6)	\$ 7,700.00
162	Elections		
		Voting Booths/Chairs (20 Each)	\$ 19,270.00
210	Police:		
		Portable Radios	\$ 16,500.00
		Carpet Replacement	\$ 33,000.00
220	Fire:		
		Pumper Replacement (Balance Due on 2 of 5)	\$ 15,250.00
		Ambulance #2	\$ 370,000.00
		Staff Car (20% Capital; 80% Ambulance)	\$ 53,000.00
300	Schools:		
		NHS: Pick-Up Truck with Plow	\$ 42,000.00
		NMS: John Deere Tractor	\$ 30,000.00
		District: Technology Infrastructure	\$ 162,000.00
		District: Technology Displays	\$ 76,200.00
		District: Minibus	\$ 22,000.00
420	Highway:		
		Tree Bucket Truck (Year 1 of 5)	\$ 53,200.00
		Total from All Funding Sources	\$ 1,123,544.00
		SPRING	

	SPRING		RECOMMENDATIONS			
			FALL		CAPITAL	
FISCAL YEAR 2020		VOTED	ATM	TOWN		FINANCE

	DEPARTM ENT	ATM			IMPROVEM ENTS	
CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST	REQUEST	MEETING	REQUESTS	MANAGER	COMMITTEE	COMMITTEE
<b>DATA PROCESSING (155)</b>						
VMware Dual Server Hardware, Storage Array,						
Microsoft Licensing, and Professional Services	\$ 139,101.00	\$ -	\$ 139,101.00	\$ 139,101.00	\$ 139,101.00	\$ 139,101.00
E-Permitting - Phase 2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 84,323.00	\$ 84,323.00	\$ 84,323.00	\$ 84,323.00
Pictometry - Multi- Project, Including						
Annual Payments (Year 1 of 6)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 7,700.00
<b>ELECTIONS (162)</b>						
Voting Booths and Chairs (20 of Each)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,270.00	\$ 19,270.00	\$ 19,270.00	\$ 19,270.00
<b>CONSERVATION (171)</b>						
Renovations to Camp Edith Read Complex,						
North Worcester Street	\$ 25,750.00	\$ 25,750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT (210)</b>						
Police Line Cruiser Replacements (Two)	\$ 82,000.00	\$ 82,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Portable Radios (5/Year)	\$ 16,500.00	\$ -	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 16,500.00
Communications Center Remodel	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
HVAC Units Replacement	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Carpet Replacement - Second Floor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT (220)</b>						
Zodiac (*)	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jaws/Heavy Rescue Equip. (*)	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00
Turnout Gear	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

Replacement (18) ^	49,500.00	-	-	-	-	-
Pumper Replacement (Year 2 of 5)	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 15,250.00	\$ 15,250.00	\$ 15,250.00	\$ 15,250.00
Burgess Station Apparatus floor/repairs etc (50/50)	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00
Construct East Side Station (Apparatus Room Only)	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Renovate Chartley Station	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Ambulance #2 (*)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 370,000.00	\$ 370,000.00	\$ 370,000.00	\$ 370,000.00
Staff Car (80/20)	\$ -	\$ -	\$53,000.00	\$53,000.00	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 53,000.00
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL (292)</b>						
Repairs, Replacements, and Improvements to Animal						
Shelter, to include fencing, gates, paving, windows,						
doors, etc.	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>SCHOOLS (300)</b>						
<b>NHS</b>						
Pick-Up Truck with Plow	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00
<b>NMS</b>						
John Deere Tractor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
<b>DISTRICT</b>						
Technology Infrastructure	\$ 162,000.00	\$ -	\$ 162,000.00	\$ 162,000.00	\$ 162,000.00	\$ 162,000.00
Technology K-12 Software	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Indoor Athletic Floors	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Technology Displays	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ 76,200.00	\$ 76,200.00	\$ 76,200.00	\$ 76,200.00
Minibus	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
<b>NHS AND HAY</b>						
Athletic Facilities Master Plan	\$ 19,020.00	\$ 19,020.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>HIGHWAY (420)</b>						
Peterbilt 348-473118 with Tank (2 of 5)	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -			
4 x 4 Backhoe (5 of 5)	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ -			

2.5 Ton 6 Wheeler with Plow (5 of 5)	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ -			
Tree Bucket Truck (Year 1 of 5)	\$ 70,000.00	\$ -	\$ 53,200.00	\$ 53,200.00	\$ 53,200.00	\$ 53,200.00
Holder Utility Tractor (3 of 5)	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ -			
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH (510)</b>						
Electric Vehicles End of Lease Buy-Out:						
3 Chevrolet Volts and 1 Chevrolet Bolt	\$ 79,255.00	\$ 79,255.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 1,225,126.00</b>	<b>\$ 688,025.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,123,544.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,123,544.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,123,544.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,123,544.00</b>
<b>SEWER (440)</b>						
Pick-Up Truck 4x4 with Plow and Accessories	\$ 54,500.00	\$ 54,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Generator Replacement and Electrical						
Upgrades Cobb Street Station	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Construct New Sewer Department Building	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Replace Old Crane on Sewer Truck	\$ 13,060.00	\$ 13,060.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>SUBTOTAL SEWER PROJECTS:</b>	<b>\$ 387,560.00</b>	<b>\$ 287,560.00</b>	<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>WATER (450)</b>						
Water Main Cleaning	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
VFD Replacements Wells 1,3 and 3 MG Tank	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4 Log Removal Pipework Per DEP Regulations #3	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4 Log Pipework Per DEP Regulations #1	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cottage Street Tank Engineering	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Replace 4x4 Pick-Up with Plow and Accessories	\$ 54,500.00	\$ 54,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>SUBTOTAL WATER PROJECTS:</b>	<b>\$ 694,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 694,500.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL REQUEST</b>	<b>\$ 1,092,626.00</b>	<b>\$ 555,525.00</b>	<b>\$ 711,144.00</b>	<b>\$ 711,144.00</b>	<b>\$ 711,144.00</b>	<b>\$ 711,144.00</b>

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TOTAL AMBULANCE RESERVE FUND	\$132,500.00	\$132,500.00	\$412,400.00	\$412,400.00	\$ 412,400.00	\$ 412,400.00
TOTAL DOG FUND	\$ -	\$ 23,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL BORROWING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL SEWER "SURPLUS" (Retained Earnings)	\$ 387,560.00	\$ 287,560.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL WATER "SURPLUS" (Retained Earnings)	\$ 694,500.00	\$ 694,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL (INC. FROM ALL FUNDING SOURCES)	\$ 2,307,186.0 0	\$ 1,693,085.0 0	\$ 1,223,544.0 0	\$ 1,123,544.00	\$ 1,123,544.00	\$ 1,123,544.00

**Frank DeLuca made a motion to reconsider Article 3. Motion was second. Motion was lost by unanimous vote**

ARTICLE PASSES BY 2/3 VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

#### ARTICLE 8 (Majority)

I Daniel Rich move that the Town vote to adopt the "Cemetery Rules and Regulations (Revised June 13, 2019)," as approved and promulgated by the Cemetery Commissioners, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk.

**Motion to reconsider was made by Anne Savage. Motion failed.**

ARTICLE PASSES BY MJORITY VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

The Annual Town Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 by Town Moderator William Gouveia

#### **OCTOBER 21, 2019 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator William A. Gouveia at 7:32 PM at the Norton High School Auditorium.

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



## ARTICLE 1 (Majority)

I Michael Flaherty MOVE that the Town vote to amend Chapter 5 Administration of Government, §5-1 Annual Election, of the General Bylaws by deleting the text thereof requiring the Annual Town Election to occur on the last Tuesday in April, and inserting in its place the following:

The Annual Town Election shall be held on a Saturday in the month of April on a date to be established by the Board of Selectmen no later than the January 1 preceding.

### **Article was amended as follows:**

The Annual Town Election shall be held on a Saturday in the month of April on a date to be established by the Board of Selectmen no later than the January 1 preceding. If said vote is not taken by January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Annual Town Election will be held on the last Saturday in April.

ARTICLE PASSES BY MAJORITY VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

## ARTICLE 2 (Majority)

I Michael Flaherty MOVE that the Town vote to amend the General Bylaws by deleting in each instance in which they appear, all references to "Board of Selectmen," and inserting in its place the words, "Select Board".

### Article was amended as follows:

I Michael Flaherty MOVE that the Town vote to amend the General Bylaws by deleting in each instance in which they appear, all references to "Board of Selectmen", and inserting in its place the words "Select Board:,(provided that this amendment shall be effective upon the effective date of the Charter amendment proposed in Article 3.)

ARTICLE PASSES BY MAJORITY VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

## ARTICLE 3 (2/3 Vote)

I Michael Flaherty MOVE that the Town vote pursuant to G.L. c.43B, §10(a) to amend the Town Charter by deleting, in each instance in which they appear, all references to "Board of Selectmen" and "Selectman" and inserting in their place the words, "Select Board" or "Select Board Member", as appropriate, provided, however, that prior to such amendments taking effect, they must be presented to the voters at the 2020 Annual Town Election.

ARTICLE PASSES BY 2/3 VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 4 (2/3 Vote)

I William Rotundi MOVE that the Town vote pursuant to G.L. c.43B, §10(a) to amend the Town Charter by deleting, in each instance in which they appear, all references to "Industrial Development Commission" and inserting in its place the words, "Economic Development Commission", as appropriate, provided, however, that prior to such amendments taking effect, they must be presented to the voters at the 2020 Annual Town Election.

ARTICLE PASSES BY 2/3 VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 5

ARTICLE DECLARED LOST FOR LACK OF MOTION AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 6 (Majority)

I William Rotundi MOVE that the Town vote to transfer the total amount of \$140,000.00 from the amount appropriated under Article 12 of the October 23, 2017, Fall Annual Town Meeting for costs of engineering and design for a new Town Hall and Senior/Community Center to be used for the following purposes:

1. \$70,000.00 to evaluate potential sites for a Town Hall and a Senior/Community Center, including all incidental and related expenses; and,
2. \$70,000.00 to prepare a conceptual layout and graphical information for presentation to the public of a new Town Hall and Senior/Community Center.

ARTICLE PASSES BY MAJORITY VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 8 (Majority)

I Daniel Rich MOVE that the Town vote to adopt the "Cemetery Rules & Regulations (Revised June 13, 2019), as approved and promulgated by the Cemetery Commissioners, a copy of which is on file with the town Clerk.

**A vote of hands was taken.**

ARTICLE PASSES BY MAJORITY VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

The Special Town Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM by Town Moderator William Gouveia and the Annual Town Meeting was declared to be back in session.

ARTICLE 9 (2/3 Vote)

I William Rotundi move that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$125,000.00 from Free Cash and approve Article 9 as printed in the October 21, 2019, Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE PASSES BY 2/3 VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 10 (2/3 Vote)

ARTICLE DECLARED LOST AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 11 (2/3 Vote)

I William Rotundi MOVE that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$455,000.00 for the purchase and installation of the fixtures and smart controls necessary to convert the Town's existing street lighting system to LED, including all incidental and related costs; and further, that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow the sum of \$455,000.00 pursuant to G.L. c.44, §§7 or 8, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any gifts or grants received for such purposes prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized hereunder; and, in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, to authorize any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, to be applied to the payment of costs approved hereunder, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and appropriate Town officers to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments and to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to affect the foregoing.

ARTICLE PASSES BY 2/3 VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 12 (2/3 Vote)

I William Rotundi MOVE that the Town vote to expand the purpose of the appropriation made under Article 16 of the October 23, 2017, Annual Town Meeting, for replacement of asbestos pipe water main and appurtenances on Reservoir Street, by authorizing the use of the unexpended balance (approximately \$457,808.63) to also be used for any other water improvements in Norton, including but not limited to engineering, materials, construction and all other incidental and related expenses.

ARTICLE PASSES BY 2/3 VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 13 (Majority)

I MOVE that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$522,000.00 from Free Cash and approve Article 13 as printed in the October 21, 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

**As printed in the Warrant:**

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 abatement, demolition, straw wattle, and temporary fencing of buildings along Cross Street, as well as the removal of only those buildings directly abutting Cross Street, Norton, (and excluding from the purposes of this article the buildings along Elm Street, all of which are a part of the so-called "Reed & Barton" site identified as Assessor's Map 17, Lot 32-01, and Assessor's Map 17, Lot 36, Elm Street), together with all incidental and related costs, including but not limited to expenditures for a Licensed Site Professional and environmental engineering costs relating thereto, and further, to authorize appropriate public officials to take all actions and execute such documents and agreements as are necessary to effectuate the purposes of this article, including contracts with terms in excess of three years; or take any other action relative thereto.

**The Finance Committees recommendation was to take the \$522,000 from the Stabilization fund.**

**Robert Kimball made a motion to amend the Finance Committee recommendation and hereby move that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$522,000.00 from Free Cash and approve Article 13 as printed in the October 21, 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The motion was second.**

**The Amendment passed.**

**Town Manager Michael Yunits explained that we need to build up the stabilization fund. Ralph Stefanelli made a motion to move the question. Motion passed.**

ARTICLE PASSES BY MAJORITY VOTE AS DELCARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 14 (Majority)

I MOVE that the Town vote to amend Chapter 135 Streets and Sidewalks, Article II, §135-8, as printed in Article 14 of the October 21, 2019, Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

**As printed in the Warrant:**

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 135 Streets and Sidewalks, Article II, §135-8, by inserting the following new sentence (shown in underline), or take any other action relative thereto:

No person shall suffer any obstruction to remain within the limits of a street or upon any sidewalk so as to in any manner obstruct the travel thereon or for more than 24 hours after he has been notified by the Selectmen or by any officer having charge of the highways or by any constable or police officer to remove the same. No fence shall be erected with a setback of less than ten (10) feet from a vehicular right of way or shall be erected to obscure vehicular site lines.

ARTICLE PASSES AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 15 (Majority if no action; 2/3 Vote if positive main motion)

ARTICLE DELCARED LOST AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 16 (Majority if no action; 2/3 Vote if positive main motion)

ARTICLE DECLARED LOST AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 17 (2/3 Vote)

I MOVE that the Town vote to amend the Norton Zoning By-Law, Article III - Zoning Map and Districts and the Town of Norton Zoning Map adapted thereunder, which is entitled "Zoning Map Town of Norton, Massachusetts and dated June 1999, last revised November, 3, 2017, as printed in Article 17 of the October 21, 2019, Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

**As printed in the Warrant:**

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Norton Zoning By-Law, Article III - Zoning Map and Districts and the Town of Norton Zoning Map adapted thereunder, which is entitled "Zoning Map Town of Norton, Massachusetts and dated June 1999, last revised November, 3, 2017, as follows:

By changing from the Commercial Zoning District to Village Commercial on an area of land along Mansfield Avenue and Smith Streets containing the following parcels of land as shown on the Town of Norton Assessor's Map:

Assessors Map 9, Parcel 282  
Assessors Map 9, Parcel 261  
Assessors Map 9, Parcel 262  
Assessors Map 9, Parcel 263  
Assessors Map 9, Parcel 249  
Assessors Map 9, Parcel 255  
Assessors Map 9, Parcel 253

Assessors Map 9, Parcel 240  
Assessors Map 9, Parcel 240-01  
Assessors Map 9, Parcel 259  
Assessors Map 9, Parcel 258  
Assessors Map 9, Parcel 257  
Assessors Map 9, Parcel 254  
Assessors Map 9, Parcel 252

Assessors Map 9, Parcel 251

Assessors Map 9, Parcel 249

ARTICLE PASSES BY 2/3 VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 18 (2/3 Vote)

I MOVE that the Town vote to amend the Town of Norton Zoning Bylaws as printed in Article 18 of the October 21, 2019, Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

**As printed in the Warrant**

Article 18

To amend the Town of Norton Zoning Bylaws as follows:

- (i) By modifying Section 14.5.B3 – Prohibited Uses – by adding the following underlined language:

“Gasoline Stations (located outside of Zone III), automobile graveyards and junkyards, as defined in MGL, Ch 140B, §1;”

- (ii) By modifying Section 14.5.C7 by adding the following underlined language:

“Storage of liquid petroleum products of any kind, except in accordance with Section 14.5.D herein, or those incidental to;”

- (iii) And, by modifying Section 14.5.D by adding subsection “7” as follows:

“Gasoline stations including underground storage of liquid petroleum located within Zone III provided that the Special Permit Granting Authority finds that the tanks and piping associated with the use have reasonable and appropriate safeguards and infrastructure which meet the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP) underground storage tank operational standards to minimize contamination and adverse impacts to ground or surface water.”

**A hand count vote was taken.**

ARTICLE PASSES BY 2/3 VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 19 (Majority)

ARTICLE DECLARED LOST AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

ARTICLE 20 (Majority)

I MOVE that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$95,000.00 from Free Cash to the "Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund" established to cover the unfunded actuarial liability for retirees' health care and life insurance benefits.

ARTICLE PASSES BY MAJORITY VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

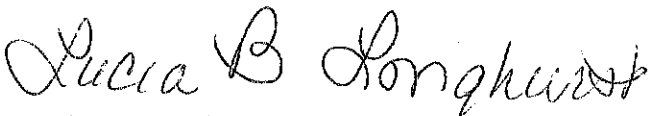
ARTICLE 21 (Majority)

I MOVE that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$418,181.00 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund, in accordance with G.L. c. 40, §5B.

ARTICLE PASSES BY MAJORITY VOTE AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR

The Annual Town Meeting was adjourned by Town Moderator William Gouveia at 9:50 pm.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lucia B Longhurst".

Lucia B. Longhurst  
Town Clerk