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NORFOLK BOARD OF FINANCE
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2026 MEETING

Members present were: M. Sconyers, S. Anderson, J. Bickford, G. Mudge and J. Torrant and alternate L. Battis.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by M. Sconyers.

L. Battis was appointed to fill in for M. Kwast.

The July 14, 2026 and August 18, 2026 minutes were approved on Motion of J. Torrant second by S. Anderson and unanimously approved.

Superintendent Kevin Case provided a handout to the Board summarizing as follows: At the close of the 2025-2026 FY year, the unaudited Norfolk Board of Education (BOE) budget Expenditure Report showed $60,146 was unexpended. At the September 1, 2026 BOE meeting, the BOE voted to put 2% of its operating budget into the Non-Lapsing Account to be carried over and used for educational expenses in the future. Last year approximately $40,000 from the Non-Lapsing Account was put towards the elevator repair. Of the $60,146 remaining balance, the BOE has chosen to put $50,904.60 into the Non-Lapsing Account and return $9,242.37 to the Town. The BOE entered into negotiations with the Norfolk Teachers' Association; settlement needed to be reached by October to avoid mediation. Settlement was reached after two (2) sessions. The Norfolk Teachers Association ratified an Agreement which the BOE ratified at last Tuesday's meeting. There were very few language changes. The salary increase is 13.5% over the next three (3) year period beginning July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2030. Year 1 is a 4.1% increase, Year 2 4.47%, Year 3 4.93 %. The average settlement was 13.5% for neighboring BOEs. The BOE believe the agreement is very fair. The Norfolk BOE does not contribute any funds towards the teachers' health insurance deductible, which did not change. The BOE negotiated an increase to the teachers' health insurance premium cost-share to 26% in Year 3. The Board Chair is signing the agreement tonight and it will be on file for a time at the Town Clerk's office.

Last year there were three (3) community conversations which resulted in, among other things, the new Botelle School Mission Statement. Every week Botelle puts out a video describing something extraordinary that occurred during the past week. Chairman Sconyers is quite impressed with Botelle School and thanked Superintendent Case.

The BOF approved the 2027 Proposed Meeting Schedule on Motion of J. Torrant, second by J. Bickford and S. Anderson and unanimously approved.

First Selectman Henry Tirrell reported that most road and sidewalk projects for the season are finished. Most of the Town trucks are back on the road today; with the hope to have a new truck next month and another in January. A shipment of salt is expected shortly to stock up and get fully prepared for winter. The Board of Selectmen created an ad hoc committee to review and possibly suggest the Town move forward with the use of automated speed cameras, which would have to go through the State and Town ordinance.

Rails are being prepared to be put on Mountain Road bridge with paving next; this bridge should be ready within the next few weeks. The First Selectman is trying to get confirmation from the Army Corps of Engineers for emergency repairs to the culvert at "Mountain Road bridge 3". The First Selectman has applied for a PROTECT grant, is hopeful for a TRIP grant through the State and is obtaining a preliminary engineering report. Old Goshen Road and Smith Road are going out to bid next Wednesday. These will be fully funded by the State and Federal governments with the only cost to the Town being the placing of ads for bidding. With the short-term loan to complete Mountain Road bridge, the First Selectman has utilized the State's DIME

system for rapid reimbursement, the First Selectman is wondering if the Town will need additional loans for the bridge work at Old Goshen Road and Smith Road, which are expected to be under construction April 2027 through November 2028. Chairman Sconyers requested a memo. from the First Selectman outlining the costs and details. By November the First Selectman expects to have the bids with a decision needing to be made by the Spring. Rails to Trails received the second grant. Additionally, the Town was awarded a grant for a new swing set as well as a micro grant for a bike rack and bike repair station thanks to applications by the First Selectman. The federal government agreed to a continued resolution to December regarding the purchase of a Fire Truck. The Town locked in at great pricing for diesel and heating oil for this year due to being part of a consortium.

There was nothing under 2/3 vote.

There was no Public Comment.

On Motion of J. Torrant, second by J. Bickford, and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Ryan

Jennifer M. Ryan, Secretary

NORFOLK BOARD OF FINANCE

APPROVED 2027 MEETING DATES

7:30 PM at NORFOLK TOWN HALL

Tuesday, January 12, 2027 (1/12/27 previously approved)

Tuesday, February 9, 2027

Tuesday, March 9, 2027

Tuesday, April 13, 2027

Tuesday, May 11, 2027

Tuesday, June 8, 2027

Tuesday, July 13, 2027

Tuesday, August 10, 2027

Tuesday, September 14, 2027

Tuesday, October 12, 2027

Tuesday, November 9, 2027

Tuesday, December 14, 2027

Tuesday, January 11, 2028