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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF MEETING FOR AUGUST 27, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The August 27, 2009 Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. By Chairman, Mr. Giblin.

A. **Roll Call:** Chairman, Mr. Timothy Giblin; Messrs. Bradford Bramwell; and Robert Kimball were present. Mrs. Mary Steele and Mr. Robert Salvo were absent. Mr. James Purcell, Town Manager, was also present.

B. **Pledge of Allegiance**

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

A. **Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended August 22, 2009, Warrant #11, dated August 27, 2009, in the amount of \$403,443.23**

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended August 22, 2009, Warrant #11, dated August 27, 2009, in the amount of \$403,443.23. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. **Approve bills Warrant #12, dated August 27, 2009, in the amount of \$306,128.52**

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve bills Warrant #12, dated August 27, 2009, in the amount of \$306,128.52. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

C. **Approve Minutes – May 14, 2009**

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting dated May 14, 2009, as written. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. 6:05 P.M. - Junaid Yasin, President, Ansar Energy LLC Re: Photovoltaic (PV) Solar Project Proposal

Mr. Yasin provided an overview and history of his business.

Mr. Yasin said in Massachusetts it needs to be distributed 3-5 megawatts per site (five acres = one megawatt). 50 megawatts = \$350M on 10-15 sites across eastern Massachusetts and one being a Norton site. He said communities are supportive and enthusiastic.

Mr. Yasin stated seven sites signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) and process is moving along. LOI is needed for landfill and would like to start project mid-late next year.

Mr. Giblin thanked Mr. Yasin on behalf of him and the Town. He said a Letter of Intent would be ideal between the two parties.

A Powerpoint presentation was presented by Mr. Yasin.

It was noted a number of construction jobs would be created for about two years; lease payment given to Town; over 10,000 panels would be on Norton's site; and very few permits are required.

Mr. Yasin said an operating group would maintain site (cutting grass, etc.). Dept. of Energy 30% tax credit/grant incentive if able to start construction next year.

Mr. Kimball thanked Mr. Yasin for giving Town this opportunity and said this is the wave of the future. Even if this was free he would be interested in it, but money would also be coming to Town and landfill won't be used anyhow.

Mr. Yasin stated no structures would be on landfill itself. A high chain link fence and cameras; no need for security inside. One to two times per week a person would come out to inspect it. High voltage signage would be erected.

Mr. Purcell referenced a procedural matter: a vote was taken in June 2009; and it has town meeting authorization to enter into an agreement. Letter of Intent Mr. Yasin was anxious to get and a form of vote in front of Board members this evening gives Town lots of flexibility from Ansar Energy (all that was asked for and a little wiggle room). Mr. Yasin needs to have site feasibility study and Board can waive informality for practical reasons; legal foundation set here to sign Letter of Intent, and hopefully sign agreement. And, soon thereafter, DEP and local Board of Health has jurisdiction; Board of Health seems poised to be accommodating and attended seminars, etc.

It was noted before it goes to DEP landfill needs to be in compliance with current DEP rules, etc.

Mr. Leon Dumont of Board of Health said he/Board of Health are dealing with engineering company and wells are doing well; one monitoring well has a bit of a problem. They attended seminar and they are all for a project like this. He did not anticipate any problem with DEP.

Mr. Purcell said local Board of Health involved with site assignment; invest site assignments to Board of Health.

Mr. Dumont said to take a piece of land that is doing nothing and get a financial gain is beneficial. Board of Health is 100% behind it.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to enter into a non-binding Letter of Intent and submit request for proposals and Chairman of Board of Selectmen be authorized to sign documentation. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous MOTION CARRIES.

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

It was discussed Jeanne Barreta was interested in becoming a member of SRPEDD and Norton Senior Center Building Committee. Mr. Giblin said she was in before Baord before so no need for her to come in again.

Mr. Kimball asked for this to be put on agenda for next meeting.
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Resignation from Mr. Donald McNeil from the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Purcell to send Mr. McNeil a letter of appreciation. Mr. Kimball said members are needed on his commission.
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Mr. Kimball said a letter was received from a person who wanted to assist Norton Park and Recreation Commission (person resides in Bellingham) and with Board's permission he would like to sit down with Mr. Purcell re: thisi volunteering interest and also this person has a lot of recreation background.

Mr. Giblin said he would like to be part of that conversation as well.
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Christopher Cox sent a letter to Board of Selectmen regarding interest in being a member of the Tri-Centennial Committee. It was noted Mr. Dan rich will be contacting people and info will be given to Mr. Rich.

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Kimball stated the Norton Board of Selectmen were invited to Seekon High School on Wed. 9/30 at 7:30 p.m to discuss methods of working on continuing to meet citizens' needs and the prospect of change, for the better, to meet the desires of the future. Senator Timilty and State Rep Steven D'Amico were also invited to speak on issues and the status of legislation regarding municipalities in the Southeastern corner of Massachusetts.

Mr. Giblin said this 9/30/09 Seekonk meeting should be posted.
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A letter was received by Mr. Purcell from Mr. Peter Lofgren commending the town on the recent sewer/roadwork job.

Mr. Purcell said a request also in letter from Mr. Lofgren for some signage due to safety concerns.

roadway. Mr. Purcell sent this request to Highway Dept. and writer was notified by Carol Instasi from Mr. Purcell's office that Highway and Police Departments were alerted to this concern. "Slow Down" signage needed for this freshly paved roadway.

Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Purcell to have police chief check on speed limit signs on street; remind people it is a residential area.

Mr. Purcell stated cities and towns are "gun-shy" about conducting speed surveys as they take average speed x .8 and that is what is set. It seems to increase the speed limit when surveys are done as that formula is used.

Mr. Purcell commended townspeople on their patience with the Town with all the roadwork, etc.

VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

VIII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

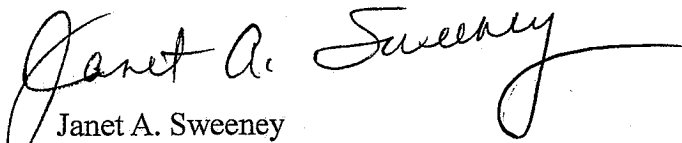
1. Health Agent Leon Dumont Re: Flu Clinics
2. Conservation Director, Jennifer Carlino, Re: Non-Zoning Wetland Protection By- Law

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Adjourn at 7 p.m. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Janet A. Sweeney
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary