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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING FOR
OCTOBER 29, 2009

- I. **CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**: The October 29, 2009 Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, Mr. Giblin.

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

B. **Pledge of Allegiance**

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

A. **Approve bills Warrant #25, dated October 29, 2009, in the amount of \$833,032.46**

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve bills Warrant #25, dated October 29, 2009, in the amount of \$833,032.46. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. **Approve Minutes –**

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Haunted Happenings” rescheduled to Friday, October 30th, 6:00-9:00 P.M. Due to last weekend's rain.
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Veterans' Day Parade to be held November 11, 2009.
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Mr. Bramwell spoke of “Intervention” program which is available On Demand.

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. **7:05 P.M. - George Reese Re: Interview for appointment as Constable**

Mr. Reese introduced himself and said he works for the MBTA.

Mr. Purcell stated a background check was conducted and Mr. Reese has done just fine. Character test seems to pass muster. This is subject to Mr. Reese acquiring a bond.

Mr. Reese said he plans on looking into different areas; going to law firms and start off slow and will talk to people in business.

Mr. Giblin said he believed classes were available, also.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to appoint Mr. Reese to position as Constable subject to a bond. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. 7:15 P.M. - Joint Meeting – Conservation Director Jennifer Carlino and Conservation Commission Members Re: Wetland Protection By-Law

Mr. Kadish, member of ConCom, said there were 53% wetlands in Norton and 95% of its drinking water comes from aquifer. Wetlands bylaw is readjustment of Wetland Protection Act. It is a great deal of information and some misinformation he believed was given to public. It does give Norton additional leverage. He believed no one on Board recommended this Article.

Mr. Giblin said Mrs. Steele did recommend it.

Mr. Giblin said he did not disagree with anything Mr. Kadish stated. It appears thought is too much power being given to government agencies, etc. Town and himself were looking for some rules/regs assigned to these bylaws.

Mr. Kadish spoke of this would be putting the “cart before the horse” (having regs before bylaw). He asked if other boards do that?

Mr. Kimball said Board of Selectmen is the appointing authority and some thought there was a lack of communication. Regarding “cart before the horse”, he was not sure if anyone else had done anything like this before.

Mr. Giblin said if this is continued now through spring 2010, it would go a long way.

Mr. Kadish said this is a minor issue so he is amazed.

Mr. Giblin said he understood what Mr. Kadish was saying, but perception out there is it is a major change.

Mr. Kadish said outside forces brought that perception.

Mr. Bramwell said it is his personal perspective, the way it is worded, it appears to be taking away free appeal to DEP. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Carlino said policies are with town clerk's office and on website.

Mrs. Steele said all info is on file and a lot of work done on a very worthwhile cause. Developer of nursery brought fear in minds of people. Before next town meeting, think about what is main thing people are afraid of; give people a comfort zone.

Mr. Kadish said examples of regulations they can provide but actual framing of regs is a public hearing process.

Mr. Kimball said ConCom is not televised and it was done very professionally through process. Important to get rules, regs, policies, and procedures out there. There is a certain level of distrust in government; give people what ConCom has.

Mr. Kadish said they were on cable shows; and people need to step forward with questions, etc.

Mrs. Steele said they need to make a point through media; the two men that spearheaded this opposition, neither one has voting rights in Town.

Mr. Kadish said two people that came forward with greatest negative input came to Town to sell houses and homeowner is left with what they developed (flooding risk, etc.).

Mr. Giblin advised to focus on homeowners to make them understand and to get them on board to getting it passed. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Giblin encouraged them to go and do a plan of action and come by in December again..

Mr. Kadish said Town Meeting discussion was a good dry-run and will be good to gear up for spring.

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Appointment of 2010 Federal Census Liaison

Mr. Purcell spoke of the transition interview with Diane Casagni and one of items was to designate a new 2010 Federal Census Liaison. Since 2007 this liaison was Ms. Casagni and she has utilized services of Barbara McCaffrey and she recommended Ms. McCaffrey be appointed.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to appoint Barbara McCaffrey as the 2010 Federal Census Liaison. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

The Board of Selectmen wanted to extend its condolences to Mrs. McCaffrey also, on the loss of her son, Steve.

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

It was noted that an Express Registry of Motor Vehicles Office will be open in Attleboro (near Attleboro City Hall). A lot of work was done by a lot of different towns to have this happen.
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Mr. Giblin spoke of the recent 100 year birthday party for Dorothea (Dot) Schissler and it was an honor for Board to present her with an award.
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Mr. Kimball referenced the Norton Halloween Parade and thanked Danielle Sicard and all her "troops". He said the Board of Selectmen distributed 250 pounds of candy. It was a great parade and a great success. Recreation Comm. is doing all they can to get going to try to work with YMCA for next year if it is possible. Tri-Centennial celebration is coming up soon, as well.

Mr. Kimball said Veterans' Parade is November 11, hopefully it will be as well attended as the Halloween Parade.
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Mr. Giblin gave update of flu vaccinations (regular flu and H1N1 vaccines). Norton Health Dept. said all have been allocated and no other ones expected to occur. No H1N1 anticipated in near future. Donna Palmer, Public Health Nurse, can be reached at 285-0263, and residents should continue checking with Town just in case more arrive.

Mr. Giblin said names were received of those turned away at last clinic so they will be called if new doses arrive.

Mr. Kimball said last year, the Town managed to procure some additional flu shots and encouraged Town to see if they can do something similar this year.

Mr. Kimball said Mr. Leon Dumont should be asked what his needs are and communicate to him the Board of Selectmen can try to assist if needed.

VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr Purcell referenced the land swap bill may have finally opened this week. A huge relief and then need to convince Governor's office and Governor's council. It involves:

Water tower and lease agreements with telecommunications companies;

RFP's are out there and conditional upon getting land swap legislation done and due on November 6th;

RFP on Cottage Street site; room for an additional carrier on Cottage Street.
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Governor was in Worcester today; local aid discussed.

Charter school reimbursement will be cut. If bullet is dodged this time still need to be ready for the inevitable.

Suitors looking at space of General Motors (G.M.); so it makes three interested parties for that plant. G.M deal calls for departure date of January 2010.

It was noted keeping jobs in community is important as well.

Mr. Purcell said the Town should continue being pro-active as they have been doing.

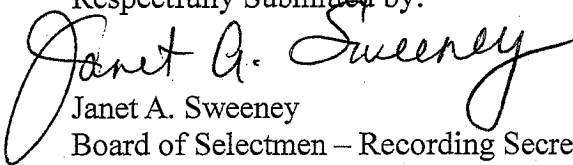
VIII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

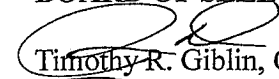
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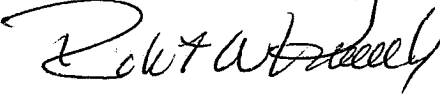


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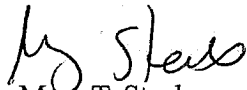
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Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Vice-Chairman

Robert S. Salvo, Sr., Clerk


Mary T. Steele


Bradford K. Bramwell

Dated:

02/11/10