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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING FOR
JANUARY 7, 2010

- I. **CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN:** The January 7, 2010, Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman, Mr. Giblin.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to enter into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. for purpose to discuss collective bargaining (contractual negotiations) and to return to open session to resume Board of Selectmen meeting. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

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.

At 7 p.m. The Board returned to open session.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to reconvene to regular session at 7 p.m. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. **Pledge of Allegiance**

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

A. **Approve bills Warrant #37, dated December 24, 2009, in the amount of \$98,236.70**

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve bills Warrant #37, dated December 24, 2009, in the amount of \$98,236.70. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. **Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended December 26, 2009, Warrant #38, dated December 31, 2009, in the amount of \$1,011,935.88**

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended December 26, 2009, Warrant #38, dated December 31, 2009, in the amount of \$1,011,935.88. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

C. **Approve bills Warrant #39, dated December 31, 2009, in the amount of \$148,018.41**

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve bills Warrant #39, dated December 31, 2009, in the amount of \$148,018.41. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

D. Approve bills Warrant #40, dated January 7, 2010, in the amount of \$684,907.71
MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve bills Warrant #40, dated January 7, 2010, in the amount of \$684,907.71. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

E. Approve Minutes – September 17, 2009 Executive Session

These Minutes were not reviewed/approved at this time due to the fact there was not a full Board; will plan to review/approve at next meeting.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. **7:30 P.M. HEARING** – Application to transfer the Retail Package Goods Store License to Expose, Keep for Sale, and to Sell Wines and Malt Beverages Not To Be Drunk On the Premises, at 181 West Main Street, Norton, MA 02766, from Suragi, Inc. d/b/a Sun Market, manager: Rajesh Patel to Laljikrupa, Incorporated d/b/a Sun Market, Manager: Amrish Patel, same address

Attorney Dan Rich, was representing Mr. and Mrs. Patel. The new applicants are relatives of Mr. Patel and wish to purchase the business Mr. Patel (new applicant) has worked there and is a principal as well. They were well aware of Town's strict liquor selling policy, etc. Signage will be put up to dissuade potential underage customers. Floor changes may be made, but nothing major.

Mr. Patel said he worked at this market/Sun Market as an employee for three years.

Mr. Patel is aware of the strict Norton policy and Mr. Giblin reiterated the strict policy.

Mr. Kimball welcomed the new business owners.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to approve – Application to transfer the Retail Package Goods Store License to Expose, Keep for Sale, and to Sell Wines and Malt Beverages Not To Be Drunk On the Premises, at 181 West Main Street, Norton, MA 02766, from Suragi, Inc. d/b/a Sun Market, manager: Rajesh Patel to Laljikrupa, Incorporated d/b/a Sun Market, Manager: Amrish Patel, same address. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. **Application of Terence O'Reilly, Trinity Bar and Grill, 184 West Main Street, for Sunday Entertainment License for Live Entertainment**

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve Application of Terence O'Reilly, Trinity Bar and Grill, 184 West Main Street, for Sunday Entertainment License for Live Entertainment. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. 7:05 P.M. - Appointment of Interim Town Clerk – Janet A. Linehan

Mr. Purcell spoke of proposed change; elected to appointed position was discussed and to fill this on an interim basis. It appears this person is not interested in long-term. This is someone in Norton with skills and before he reached out to Ms. Linehan he spoke to her former manager and Ms. Linehan has an excellent reputation.

Ms. Linehan introduced herself; she moved here 15 years ago and in 1992 became town clerk in Easton. She is also a Wheaton employee at 12 hours per week.

It was noted Easton is an “appointed” not elected position for town clerk.

Mr. Kimball said people currently in town clerk's office know how to run office but there are so many facets. Anyone can get elected, so an appointed position is important. Present charter dictates that Board of Selectmen needs to make appointments. Discussion ensued.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to appoint Janet Linehan as temporary interim town clerk, effective, Monday, January 11, 2010. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: U unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. 7:15 P.M. - Patricia H. Ansay, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools, Re: Vote to approve membership of the School Building Committee for Norton

Mr. Tom Golata, Chairman of School Committee, was also in attendance.

Dr. Ansay said this is the beginning of pursuing steps for Norton High School (minor addition and refurbishing). Now it is to feasibility phase and was urged to form a Building Committee and there is little flexibility. She said this all hinges on enrollment/work and design work. This is the next step. Committee will have to work with Building Authority.

Dr. Ansay said she will meet with them in the next several weeks. This Committee not effective until signed off. Statement of Interest originated. Discussion ensued.

Dr. Ansay said it is phased and Norton made it this far so did not want to slide off list. She said Building Authority did request of her the Mount Vernon Study.

Mrs. Steele thanked Dr. Ansay and said help from state is important vs. Norton paying themselves.

Mr. Kimball said this is the very beginning of process and started a while ago. Building in dire need of repair and curious to see reimbursement rate. Board of Selectmen have endorsed this for three years now and agreed need to line up funding.

Dr. Ansay spoke of having a placeholder for Town Meeting.

Dr. Ansay said base figure Norton would start with. 1) is maintenance because Town does an excellent job with that.

Mr. Golata said school was built for 700 students for the 1970's; now has 750 students (over limit – 50). but reality 100+ over with equipment, etc.

Dr. Ansay said some teachers are on/using carts for classrooms, etc.; the time has come to assist this school.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve, in accordance with 963 CMR 2.00, the membership of the School Building Committee for Norton; the Committee was formed in accordance with the provisions of all applicable statutes, local charters, by-laws and agreements of Norton. Committee Members include the list presented on form by Superintendent of Schools, and, to hereby authorize School Committee to process/send this to Ms. Katie DeCristofaro, Field Coordinator, Massachusetts School Building Authority. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

3. 7:45 P.M. - Victor M. Rodriguez, Jr. Re: Interview for appointment to the NCAC

Mr. Rodriguez said he was born and raised in Brockton and now resides in Norton and is a teacher and vice-president of “Original Penguin” retail establishment. Would like to give back to community and help kids. Mrs. Stalters approached him and said there was a position available/open.

Mr. Giblin said it is evident he has support of Mrs. Stalters.

Mrs. Steele thanked him for coming forward and said his enthusiasm was evident. A lot of improvements are needed and asked him to come back before Board.

Board members discussed: 1. Improvements needed in Board of Selectmen meeting room for cable issues, etc. It was noted it would be ideal to see the Board of Selectmen meeting room (same room where planning board meets) developed a bit more and compatible with technology, etc. A need to make improvements and additional support on equipment. 2. Getting more of youth organizations televised. A year ago there were more broadcasts, and it would be ideal to see ConCom, ZBA, Board of Health have regularly televised meetings.

Mr. Rodriguez said he has televised about 12 sports games. A sports broadcast easy to do as a much bigger space they are looking at and will in turn enhance capacity. Making of “Countdown 300” and actual event of Tri-centennial celebration is being planned and there are lots of possibilities.

Mr. Kimball said students could become involved; volunteers/and be graded possibly. In town hall basement there is a full basement which was formerly a police dept. It would not be expensive to rent.

Mr. Giblin spoke of high school having a new volunteer program and Principal Dewar could be spoken with about this idea.

Mrs. Steele said she is aware students are very interested at high school working with cable committee.

It was noted local sports builds community pride and spirit and many football games were not televised this past fall. It would be appreciated to have this a priority of NCAC.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to appoint Victor M. Rodriguez, Jr. to NCAC (Norton Cable Access Committee). Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Kimball referenced Fairlee Lane-offer of First Refusal. Purchase and Sale agreement referenced and Board has first option on this. Need to act on it as Town has right of first refusal. ConCom is not interested.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to recommend to not exercise the right of first refusal on Fairlee Lane. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

VIII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

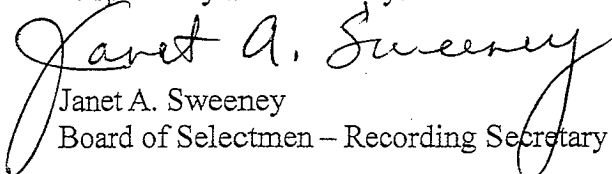
IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

6:30 P.M. - Re: Collective Bargaining

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Adjourn at 8:00.m. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

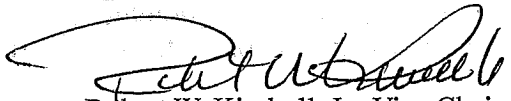
Respectfully Submitted by:


Janet A. Sweeney
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary


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Timothy R. Gilpin, Chairman


Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Vice-Chairman

Robert S. Salvo, Sr., Clerk


Mary T. Steele


Bradford K. Bramwell

Dated:

04/22/10