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Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, March 18, 2010
7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The March 18, 2010, 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; Robert Salvo; and Mrs. Mary Steele were present. Mr. James Purcell, Town Manager, was also present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

A. Approve bills Warrant #55, dated March 18, 2010, in the amount of \$157,520.39
MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve bills Warrant #55, dated March 18, 2010, in the amount of \$157,520.39. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. Approve Minutes - December 10, 2009
MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting dated December 10, 2009, as written. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 10, 2010 Special Town Meeting Warrant Closes Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at 5:00 P.M.

Easter Egg Hunt at Town Forest at 1 p.m. on 3/27th.

Winslow Farm is collecting cans/bottles as a fundraiser (37 Eddy Street).

Norton High School to hold some tours of school fore early plan to restore it; not necessary to RSVP; tours to be held 3/23 and 3/24 at 6 p.m.

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. 7:05 P.M. - D. Marcus Dennett Re: Interview for appointment to the Industrial Development Commission

Mr. Dennett of 36 Maple Street stated that Mr. Alec Rich approached him regarding this. He is interested in industrial growth and he owns and operates Landmarc Landscaping of Norton.

Mr. Giblin discussed IDC history, etc.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to appoint D. Marcus Dennett for a two year term on the IDC (Industrial Development Commission). Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. 7:15 P.M. - Stan Kubinski Re: Interview for appointment to the Industrial Development Commission (it was noted the agenda was incorrect; Mr. Kubinski was interested in Park and Rec Dept.)

Mr. Kubinski said he is 38 years old and resides in Norton with his family and is an architect and a teacher in Plainville.

Mrs. Steele said lots of good people are currently on this committee and Sheri Cohen is doing a good job. Rec Dept. is similar to IDC as they are redefining themselves. Lots of interesting opportunities: Saturday morning is pool cleanup and Landmarc Landscaping helping as well as the boy scouts.

Mr. Kimball stated it was great to see so many new volunteers.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to appoint Mr. Stan Kubinski to the Norton Park and Recreation Dept. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

. May 10, 2010 Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Article 3-FinCom accepted this on Monday/FinCom voted to recommend this Article.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to support Article 3 (acceptance of Rubin Drive). Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Purcell stated Dr. Ansary appeared at FinCom Monday evening with Kevin O'Neil, Chairman of School Building Group, regarding non-enrollment tuition payments-Article 4.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to support Article 4. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Purcell said he will discuss Article 12 at the next meeting.

Triennial valuation full and fair cash of \$80,000 approximately; but he will soon pinpoint number.

Article 2 - Keith Silver, Highway Superintendent, pinned down summer proposals and usually they know the Ch90 number by this time of year. Mr. Silver's appearance important at Board of Selectmen meeting as he presents his work plan to Board with Mr. Duane Knapp of Water Dept. and informs public of upcoming projects, etc. Written plan available if Board of Selectmen wants to see it.

There was a withdrawal of two articles in their entirety: Sewer enterprise-Water Dept. withdrew for time-being. To be discussed again on 3/23rd.

Stabilization: not appropriating any money to Town's savings account.

Three zoning articles scheduled for April 6th (hearings).

. Update - FY2011 Budget

Mr. Purcell said he would like to pass on FY2011 budget this evening as there are conflicting numbers and he should have numbers by next week. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Purcell stated there was a lot of posture in House and Senate. Per his discussions, to act on 5/10 is remote at best for probability of budget action. He is not asking Board to move meeting just yet. Discussion followed.

Mr. Purcell said he is keeping busy with Board working on other important things; not a panic situation.

Mr. Purcell discussed Town Clerk's open position. Job description is 99.9% done and job to be advertised in various ways. The Screening Committee completed its work the previous evening. Job descriptions were looked at from 11 different towns. Screening Committee did a great job and this Committee included, but was not limited to, Janet Linehan, interim town clerk, and Police Chief Clark. They also did salary comparisons/hours, etc. and number of hours = 35-40 hours per week. Deployment of Vets agent and COA of employees if needed to keep salaries.

Mr. Purcell discussed a full-time I.T. Director for Town. He has three vendors. MMA consulting Group (Mark Morris) helping with approach. Fiscal '11 budget about same cost; someone needed to help to analyze this (what Town does well; what Town does not do well).

More end-user support needed and a more robust Town website needed.

Mr. Purcell commented the fiber project is near completion stage and will help with cable, fire, police, and schools broadcast/new phone system (it replaces analog system) and he will keep Board updated.

Water Dept. study in about its fourth week now and things are going well. Some management issues, etc.- going from a smaller operation to a larger one.

Preproposal conference o Hawthorne Road with one party of interest already. Mr. Purcell stated the Board has directed him to renew Norton Kayak; one or two additional parking spaces request and he visited site today. He told Mr. Leonard no new parking spaces; there is sufficient space there. (two or three spaces). Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Steele spoke of Recreation Dept. having an interest in this. Mrs. Steele said she wanted to encourage business. L.L. Bean and Norton Kayak to be treated equally and this would give them three spaces each.

Mr. Kimball said a more proactive approach needed and need to take a look at this situation. It appears more people are showing up when they learn of this business. Need to keep master plan in mind.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to renew agreement with two amendments: offering to Recreation Dept. and additional parking spaces of two (2). Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Resignation of Jan Burkhart from the Historical Commission, effective March 15, 2010

Mr. Kimball stated letter was received from Ms. Burkhart and she has decided to step aside/resign. They want to recognize her for her time and effort.

It was noted Mr. Leitch of Elm Street is interested in becoming the GATRA rep. It was discussed to try to have him into the 3/25/10 meeting of Board of Selectmen.

Mrs. Steele said if he cannot come in on 3/25th, Board should appoint him since first meeting of GATRA is 4/1/10 and he should come back in to discuss what is going on/status with GATRA, etc., and give Board an update.

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Salvo thanked Sam Arena regarding street lights review and 25 street lights were out and he brought in list today.

Mr. Salvo asked to have Library Commjssioners come in and referenced articles of newspapers and five year plan was recently discussed and important for Board of Selectmen to be involved. Mr. Salvo said it appears they (Library Commissioners) met on Monday and it would have been beneficial for Board of Selectmen to have attended that meeting.

Mr. Giblin stated he was not aware of meeting and needed some solutions to be on same page and appeared there was some confusion on Board of Selectmen and/or library's part.

Mr. Kimball said brainstorming needed and some people to be invited and to discuss what people would like to see happen. (i.e., book clubs, outside projects). Another follow-up meeting to occur in April regarding this. Board of Selectmen do not make final decisions; but possibly recommendations.

Public safety/school system discussed. \$100,000 to get accreditation back for library. Appears Town is sliding backward, not forward as many cities/towns in Commonwealth are. State Library Board of Directors are involved.

Mr. Giblin said Boston is possibly reducing library hours at a large library. Interesting to follow-up and see if Boston loses accreditation and, if not, follow-up on it.

Mr. Purcell stated in 2011 communities that do not meet minimum funding won't endure the penalties (2011) from what he has been "hearing".

Mr. Kimball said he learned if there is a loss of accreditation, this prohibits a community from applying for grants. A good idea to have them come in and talk with Board of Selectmen anyway.

Mr. Giblin agreed it was a good idea to keep communication open with library.

Mrs. Steele referenced Roche Bros. Plaza and stated traffic light is not an option at this time; State not interested. Right in; right out at Dunkin Donuts discussed.

Mrs. Steele said Mr. Purcell and she met with VHB, traffic engineering firm, and state reps. A bid for professional services to get done. Town is not in position to pay for work and to get it done; needs to go through plaza management.

Mr. Giblin referenced entrance/Gator Investments and this was discussed 6-8 months ago he believed. He asked for a letter to be sent to Gator Investments to have a meeting with Board of Selectmen or phone conversation.

Mrs. Steele said a couple of ideas they discussed and thought if they approach Roche Bros. and find out what experiences they have had (customer complaints, etc.) and offer to help or if they can help with this problem. Encourage someone else to do work since Town cannot.

Mr. Kimball said if Board feels it is a danger; what actions can be taken to modify from Town-side? Or if Town of Norton can possibly take action against property owner. If there is a fatality it will be terrible and Board of Selectmen will look bad and it is necessary to stop talking back and forth. Partnering up with Roche Bros. is a good idea. A legal direction on how to approach this is necessary.

Mr. Giblin agreed to do both; check legal status.

Mr. Kimball said to work with Roche Bros first; don't want to waste taxpayers' dollars. Action needs to be taken. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Salvo said they need to find out who rep is for Gator Investments and where owner is in Florida.

Mrs. Steele said her suggestion: a lot of talk about it in last couple of years and in last couple of months state reps/state highway involved and have done a lot. She feels now they need to meet with Roche Bros and express Town's concerns to them; Next step is to involve Gator with a registered letter and see them n next two weeks.

Mr. Giblin said the letter to Gator Investments needs to state what needs to be done; not just requesting a meeting with them.

Condolences to family of Valerie Dalton, 43, who passed away recently, a matron of Norton Police Department, along with Easton, Mansfield and Attleboro police departments.

Mr. Bramwell said he attended the Grange meeting and turnout not good possibly due to the weather and meeting on "green community" Dictionaries were given to third and fifth grade students recently. It is sad to see members dwindling. They meet one time per month.

Mr. Bramwell said second group, Historical Society, Ruth Gould, gave a nice presentation on Boston Post Cane and recipients; this was given to Norton 100 years ago.

History of Town to be presented next Tuesday evening

Mr. Giblin said the Grange has been around for about 112 years. Asking people to volunteer and do a lot for Town and young kids. Those interested should contact Selectboard or attend one of their meetings on Monday evenings.

American Legion corned beef and cabbage dinner (St. Patrick's Day) did a great job and wanted to recognize them for this effort.

U.S. Census discussed. Federal government looking for accurate count and used by federal government for public safety needs/schools, etc. It is very important to send back census forms asap. If not sent in federal government will send people door to door. Towns want to get as much federal money as possible.

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Re: To consider the purchase, exchange, taking, lease, or value of real property

IX. ADJOURNMENT

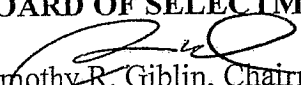
Ion MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to enter into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. for purpose to consider the purchase, exchange, taking, lease, or value of real property, and to return to open session for purpose of adjournment. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

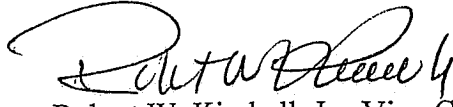
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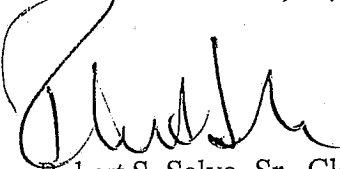

Janet Sweeney, Board of Selectmen - Recording Secretary

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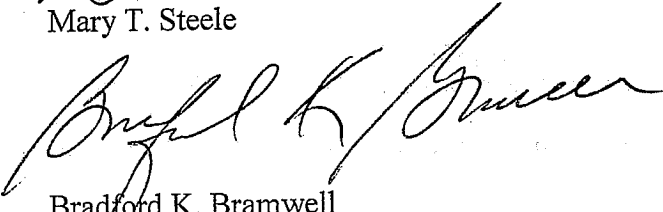
BOARD OF SELECTMEN:


Timothy R. Giblin, Chairman


Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Vice-Chairman


Robert S. Salvo, Sr., Clerk


Mary T. Steele


Bradford K. Bramwell

Dated: 07/15/10