



TOWN OF NORTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The September 30, 2010, Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, Mr. Kimball.

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

A. Approve bills Warrant #19, dated September 30, 2010, in the amount of \$2,920,491.35

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve bills Warrant #19, dated September 30, 2010, in the amount of \$2,920,491.35. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. Approve Minutes – May 20, 2010
May 20, 2010 Executive Session
August 31, 2010 Joint Meeting with Town of Mansfield
Board of Selectmen

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated May 20, 2010, as written. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting of Executive Session, dated May 20, 2010, as written. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

August 31, 2010 Joint Meeting with Town of Mansfield Board of Selectmen

Mr. Kimball stated these Minutes were from Mansfield from meeting held at their Town Hall.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve the Minutes of Meeting dated August 31, 2010, of Joint Meeting with Town of Mansfield Board of Selectmen (held in Mansfield Town Hall). Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. 7:05 P.M. – Application of Heather Corbett for Wheaton College, 26 East Main Street, Norton MA 02766, for a one-day beer and wine license to be utilized at Wheaton College – Alumnae/Homecoming Tent, October 16, 2010, 12:00 Noon – 4:00 P.M., for private party

It was noted there would be about 300 people attending. Security is on campus and one detail police officer will be required.

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2. 7:30 P.M. HEARING – Application of Sabatino's Trattoria, Inc. d/b/a Sabatino Trattoria, Manager Fiorentina Ferrara for a Common Victualer License to Expose, Keep for Sale, and to Sell All kinds of Alcoholic Beverages To Be Drunk On the Premises at 111 West Main Street, Norton, MA 02766

Attorney Dan Rich was representing applicant. Fiorentina Ferrara is the mother and Ricco Ferrara is her son. This is the former YMCA building and they have experience in Italian food (catering business out of Easton and Hyde Park in food industry and have experience since 1986 in food business/restaurants). Plans were reviewed.

Mr. Ricco Ferrara said they would have pizza/appetizers/all types of Italian food, and take-out. Seating to be 59 total (septic restrictions). Hours planned to be 11

a.m. to 10/11 p.m. They will probably be open on Sunday evenings only. He said they went through Planning Board process already.

Mr. Giblin had concerns with parking.

Attorney Rich referenced the site plan and stated Planning Board was content with what they had.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to approve Application of Sabatino's Trattoria, Inc. d/b/a Sabatino Trattoria, Manager Fiorentina Ferrara for a Common Victualer License to Expose, Keep for Sale, and to Sell All kinds of Alcoholic Beverages To Be Drunk On the Premises at 111 West Main Street, Norton, MA 02766, subject to Inspector's agreement/report. Second by Mr. Giblin.

Discussion: A neighboring abutter, Mr. Nason, stated that he would like to have a fence and he resides 75' from fence. He was not aware that alcohol would be served at this business.

Mr. Ferrara said he had no problem with having a fence. It was also only a service-bar not a full-bar as originally planned.

Mr. Nason said no other place similar to this has a residence right next door.

Mr. Nason said there was 18' of room in that area; not 20' as previously noted and applicant's engineer told him so.

Mr. Kimball said Mr. Purcell could look into this concern.

Mr. Giblin spoke of the strict liquor policy in Town, especially in serving minors, etc. This policy is strictly enforced and some actions have been taken against other businesses in Town when it was not enforced by owner(s).

Mr. Ferrara said they have never had a problem since 1986.

Mr. Kimball added a Friendly Amendment to ask Town Manager to look at setback requirements and fence area issue as discussed above.

Roll call: Mr. Salvo, Mr. Giblin, Mr. Bramwell, Mrs. Steele and Mr. Kimball all voted in Favor of Motion. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Kimball welcomed them to Norton and wished them success.

IV. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. 7:10 P.M. - Fire Chief Richard J. Gomes Re:

- Fire Prevention Week
- Fire Department Open House

Fire Chief Gomes said smoke detectors are in at least 96% of homes and spoke of fire statistics. He said when changing clocks back/forward batteries should be changed at that time also in smoke detectors.

Fire Chief Gomes said carbon monoxide detectors are also required by law.

Fire Chief Gomes also discussed safety tips and discussed cooking fires; emergencies; anti-scald devices. He also advised for people to check hot water in their homes to ensure it is not too hot and spoke of other safety issues. Fire extinguishers should be readily available.

Chief Gomes spoke of Fire Dept. Open House to be held Sunday from 1-4 p.m. at Fire Headquarters at 70 East Main Street and will have various displays, etc. There will be some interesting visiting equipment as well as the state bomb squad; Smokey the Bear, etc. He thanked all their sponsors. He also thanked Rob Crowley-SAFE Program. Also many of the firefighters work the open house when they are off duty and thanked them for that.

Mr. Kimball said he will not be able to attend Open House as he has to work.

Mr. Giblin thanked Chief Gomes and sponsors and Fire Dept. He will try to be at Open House.

2. Daniel M. Rich, Chairman, Tri-Centennial Committee Re: Update

Mr. Rich gave update on Tri-Centennial Committee and said it is going fabulous and good donations. \$10,000 received from North Easton Savings Bank; \$5,000 from Roche Bros.;

Covidien \$5,000 toward details; Dean Jr. College helping with 7,000 invitations-printed for free; \$3,000 from Dean Jr. College.

Mr. Rich said First Night will be huge. Buses will be donated. Dr. Ansay has been fantastic. Yelle School and High School complex will be used, as well as Church/Historical Society. There will be ice skating, ice rink to be brought in; hayrides/bonfire; talent shows; a dance for younger kids, and a band for older folks. Fireworks at 12 midnight. Also planned is a pirateship; face painting; a food court. Wheaton donated their parking lot and Wheaton donated signs "Norton's 300th Anniversary-Wheaton's 175th Anniversary" but need permission to put up signs.

Mr. Purcell said he will work on that with Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich said the Formal Ball will be in April 2011 at the Holiday Inn. June 12 is parade which should draw 50,000 people. A large town picnic is planned for August and some cleanup days in September.

Mr. Rich said MGA Golf Tournament was a good fundraiser.

Mr. Rich said letters will be sent to each household regarding request for donations. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Rich said Bian Coughlin has done a wonderful job. Wheaton also helped in different areas.

Mr. Kimball spoke of accepting funds to be deposited into the Tri-Centennial gift account.

Mr. Purcell said more specifically town government is a non-profit organization (a charitable deduction) and fund should be set up for Tri-Centennial so donors can have deductions.

Mr. Rich said it was not a 503C3; can deduct from advertising.

Mr. Rich spoke of sponsor signs to be on float or trailer at First Night.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to create a Tri-Centennial Gift Account. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

3. Award of Joint Salt Bids for the DPW

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve Award of Joint Salt Bids for the DPW to American Rock Salt Co., LLC, with East Minerals as backup. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review October 13, 2010 Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Mr. Purcell stated draft of Warrant was in current form and decreased to nine from about 14 Articles, and he reviewed Articles with Board.

Article 1-Unpaid Bills from prior year

Articles 2, 3 and 4 – new revolving fund – Project Spoke served as special education program and a trust fund dissolved with a significant sum of money in it /a revolving fund (about \$230,000). It came from schools' operating budget. This is legitimately the school's money.

Article 5 discussed.

Article 6 and 7 – Salary; lifting of caps a couple percentage points-“housekeeping” issue.

Article 8-a petitioned article by a landowner/zoning changes by Mr.Teixeira.

Article 9 – This is there for showcasing purpose (intermunicipal agreement-final aspects-would be ideal getting to that point).

Mr. Purcell spoke of Fiscal 10 and Fiscal 11 budgets, local aid, and local receipts, and free cash of \$882,213.00.

Mr. Kimball said investments as part of the portfolio has “gone south” and took some major hits.

Mr. Purcell said they should plan that James Puello, town accountant, will have a presence regarding revenues, especially with a new town manager.

Mr. Purcell referenced “Funding Worksheet”. Capital account has gone down about 20% over last couple of years. He was also told by prior assessor that \$75,000 was not going to be number (overlay).

Mr. Kimball spoke of solar on landfill project possibly can go back again and look at other companies since previous company proposal fell apart. Possibly use grant money or see what opportunities exist.

Mrs. Steele referenced Norton Middle School solar panels and could ask person from state about what state could do and could set something up.

Mr. Kimball said it would be good to talk to someone and get information on this subject.

Mr. Purcell said they did a request for proposals(RFP) and only one who responded. RFP done already so a big head start. An agreement the Town had with Ansar Energy and one or two

companies inquired. Ansar is not only company being tied up in court. Projects like this need tax credits which expire on 12/31/10. Town of Norton got caught in middle. He thought Ansar may have gotten a little "cold feet" especially where this was a viable site.

Mr. Kimball suggested Slattery property.

Mr. Purcell said there was not enough coverage; need a critical mass. Slattery property has wetlands also. Town has basis to get started.

Mr. Kimball spoke of phone system and will have new system similar to School Department's phone system. It needs to be updated.

Mr. Purcell said Ray Cord and Charlene Fisk told Mr. Kimball things get overloaded and in times have not gotten messages immediately-there is a delay. Gift fund from Deutschebank to be used for this.

Mr. Kimball said water dept. will transfer an old truck to school dept. (Dr. Ansary had requested a new truck).

Mr. Kimball said the day may come that Town may need a treatment plant and could use Reservoir; possibly dredging in future.
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Mr. Salvo asked Mr. Purcell if he could get status of repavement/resurface of South Worcester Street?
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Mr. Kimball told Board if there was anything else Board wanted to add to agenda to advise Mr. Purcell.

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

V. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Bristol Aggie to hold Open House on October 14, 2010 at 7 p.m.
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Regarding Veteran's Agent, Mr. Giblin said he was secretary and Theresa DaSilva from town of Easton adopted bylaws and affirmed through 4/30/11 Mr. Steven Nolan (veteran's agent). Two meetings a year requirement and adopted the budget. \$84,257.94 is Norton's portion (44.8%). Mr. Nolan will be travelling between two towns and is not an issue at all. Meeting was very productive. Spoke of regionalization and possibly expanding in future with another town.

Mr. Kimball said letter was received from town clerk re: resignation of James Purcell which was received at Town Clerk's office. Screening Committee discussed; need designated person in writing (five persons and two alternates). Appointment can be made and a citizen at large for screening committee needed also. Letter of interest to Town Hall at 70 East Main Street, Norton. This is a very important committee.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to appoint Mr. Bramwell to Town Manager's Screening Committee. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Giblin had a question on resident/citizen at large; could it be a past board/committee member?

Mr. Bramwell asked Board to list three traits they would like next town manager to possess.
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Mr. Kimball said there was interest from Robert Bouchard regarding Norton Cable Commission.

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

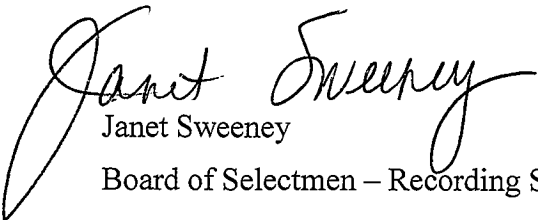
7:30 P.M. – Application of Pot Belly Jim's LLC, Manager: James Nadworny for a Common Victualer License to Expose, Keep for Sale, and to Sell All Kinds of Alcoholic Beverages To Be Drunk On the Premises at 175 Mansfield Ave., Norton MA 02766

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Janet Sweeney

Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

Documentation Reviewed/Distributed to Board of Selectmen – 09/30/10 Meeting:

- . May 20, 2010 Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting

- . May 20, 2010 Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting of Executive Session

- . Minutes of Meeting of Joint 31, 2010 Joint Meeting with Town of Mansfield (held at Mansfield Town Hall)

- . Building Plan – Sabatino's Trattoria – 111 West Main Street, Norton, MA

- . October 13, 2010 Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant

- . Financial Worksheets: "Funding Worksheet"; "Fiscal 2010/Fiscal 2011 Budget"; "Local Aid"; "Free Cash"