



TOWN OF NORTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The November 4, 2010, Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Acting-Chairman, Mrs. Mary Steele.

A. Roll Call: Chairman, Mr. Robert Kimball was absent. Present: Vice-Chair, Mrs. Mary Steele (Acting Chair for this meeting due to Mr. Kimball's absence); Bradford Bramwell, Clerk; Timothy Giblin; Robert Salvo. Mr. James Purcell, Town Manager, was also present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

A. Approve bills Warrant #25, dated October 28, 2010, in the amount of \$1,333,762.24
MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve bills Warrant #25, dated October 28, 2010, in the amount of \$1,333,762.24. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended October 30, 2010, Warrant #26, dated November 4, 2010, in the amount of \$1,024,476.82
MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended October 30, 2010, Warrant #26, dated November 4, 2010, in the amount of \$1,024,476.82. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

C. Approve bills Warrant #27, dated November 1, 2010, in the amount of \$457,586.17
MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve bills Warrant #27, dated November 1, 2010, in the amount of \$457,586.17. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

D. Minutes – June 7, 2010
MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting dated June 7, 2010, as written. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences to the family of Howard Baker who recently passed away. Mr. Baker was very active in Town with involvement with water and sewer dept.; a call firefighter, and in Norton Grange. It was

noted the Town Report of last year was dedicated to Mr. Baker.
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Town Offices will be closed Thursday, November 11, 2010, in observance of Veterans' Day
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Veterans' Day Parade to step off at 10:00 A.M. from the Henri A. Yelle Elementary School Parking Lot
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A reminder when changing clocks over weekend to also change batteries in smoke detector.
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Sunday, Dec. 5 at 5 p.m. Is Festival of Lights and December 6 is lighting of Menorah at 6:30 p.m.

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Brian Coughlin Re: Tri-Centennial Celebration Update

Mr. Coughlin said countdown is on and it is 57 days away.

Mr. (Attorney) Dan Rich as been very helpful. December 31 is First Night; June 12 will be the parade and a ball in April. There are about 40 volunteers who are just fabulous.

Mr. Coughlin said Wheaton College has done so much behind the scenes (printing, use of their parking lots, etc.). GATRA bus to provide 10 buses for First Night; Unitarian Church to kick it off with a service and will try to ring the Paul Revere bell. A slide show by Ruth Gould of the History of Norton, a bonfire by Norton Lions Club, and a food court and music. Also a pirate ship and hayride is planned, and donating services/time of Lanmarc Landscaping and Chris Baker of Baker's Landscaping. An exhibit by Winslow Farm is planned; Native Americans with indoor and outdoor displays, Yelle School dances; puppeteers/ballon artist; and Personal Best Karate. There will also be two ice sculptures and ice-skating. Fire Chief Gomes and Deputy Chief Schleicher and Police Dept. to help re: logistics, etc.

Mr. Giblin said it is a lot of hard work and thanked businesses for funding/donations, etc. Mr. Giblin also thanked Mr. Coughlin and his group of volunteers. Roche Bros. Donation of \$5,000 and North Easton Savings Bank a \$10,000 donation. A countdown clock was purchased with Roche Bros. monetary donation. Website is www.norton300.org and Denise Brody assisted with webpage.

Cleanup planned at 9:30 a.m. New Year's Day and possibly could receive some help from county with help of Mrs. Steele.

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mrs. Steele said Nine Lives will hold an open house on November 6 from 11 – 3 p.m. at 84 Hill Street and is open to anyone who would like to attend

Mr. Purcell said \$150,00 was raised and a 99 year lease for \$1.00 and Board of Selectmen supported. He said he indicated to Nine Lives that what is remarkable is their staying power as he believed they were in their 13th year. The property they are on is town property.

Mrs. Steele said Mr. Coughlin coming in regarding Tri-centennial and bringing Town together as well as Recreation Dept. also (Halloween parade was a success and so many people attended). She thanked Sheri Cohen and her committee and congratulated them on their efforts.
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In reference to Town Manager Search Committee; first of ads is on Town website.
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Funding of High School Feasibility Study -- reimbursed as expenses incurred/training also .

Mr. Purcell said if accounting office has not been invited to training session he believed it would be helpful.

Mr. Bramwell stated he would contact Dr. Ansay in the morning for additional invitations.

Mr. Bramwell spoke of the invitation for a Joint Meeting on Tuesday, 12/14/10, at 6:30 p.m. between FinCom, School Building Committee, School Committee and Board of Selectmen to keep up to date on this.

Mr. Purcell said a posting is always safe to do so good to post in advance.
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Mr. Giblin said there was no meeting the following week so wanted to read the tax classification hearing notice to be held November 18, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
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Mr. Giblin spoke of the recent important election and Rep Steve D'Amico was defeated and a thank you letter should be sent to him, and Mr. Howitt he congratulated and suggested to possibly have the reps in at beginning of year. Rep Poirier and Jay Barrows were also congratulated on their win.
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Regarding Police Officer Schepis who is serving in Afghanistan - a commendation letter received from Brien Durkee, Captain of Army, and a story about Mr. Schepis being courageous in an incident, however, he is safe and sound.
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Mr. Purcell said next meeting to be held on November 18 and probably need to add an executive session to agenda regarding land transaction for next meeting.

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

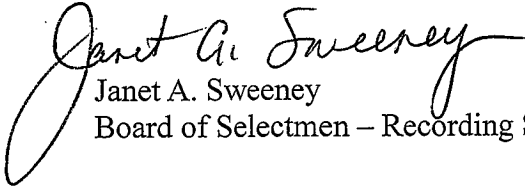
1. Firefighter Appointments
2. 7:30 P.M. - FY2011 Tax Classification Hearing

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Adourn at 7:40 p.m. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Janet A. Sweeney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of the printed name and title.

Janet A. Sweeney
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

Documents Distributed/Viewed at 11/4/10 Board of Selectmen's Meeting:

- . Letter to Mr. Robert Kimball, Chairman, from Kevin O'Neil, Chairman, Norton High School Building Committee, inviting Board of Selectmen to a joint meeting with the Finance Committee and School Committee on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. In the Norton High School library, for the purpose of updating town committees regarding the Norton High School Building Project

- . Letter dated October 26, 2010, to Town of Norton from Brien C. Durkee, USA Army Captain, regarding "A Norton, MA Soldier – in Afghanistan performs outstanding under fire (unclassified)

- . Document from Danielle Sicard, Town Clerk, dated October 25, 2010, regarding "Mandated State Ethics Training"

- . Town of Norton Public Notice – FY2011 Tax Classification Hearing (to be held Thursday, November 18, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room in Norton Municipal Center)

- . Letter to Wheaton College Controller, Meghan Kass, dated October 22, 2010, from Lisa Cathcart, Director of Assessing, regarding clarification of exemption status of Wheaton College property.