



**TOWN OF NORTON**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING FOR**  
**JANUARY 27, 2011**

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN:** The January 27, 2011, Board of Selectmen meeting, held in the Municipal Center-Selectmen's Conference Room, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, Mr. Kimball.

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES**

A. Approve bills Warrant #43, dated January 20, 2011, in the amount of \$677,729.56  
**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve bills Warrant #43, dated January 20, 2011, in the amount of \$677,729.56. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

B. Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended January 22, 2011, Warrant #44, dated January 27, 2011, in the amount of \$986,431.88  
**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended January 22, 2011, Warrant #44, dated January 27, 2011, in the amount of \$986,431.88. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

C. Approve bills Warrant #45, dated January 27, 2011, in the amount of \$1,194,219.12  
**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve bills Warrant #45, dated January 27, 2011, in the amount of \$1,194,219.12. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

D. Minutes – November 4, 2010  
**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated November 4, 2010. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Minutes – November 18, 2010  
**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated November 18, 2010. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

### **III. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

#### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chief of Norton Fire Dept., Richard J. Gomes, sent a letter, dated January 27, 2011, announcing his intention to retire from Town of Norton.

Mr. Giblin thanked Chief Gomes for his 40 years of service to Town and it is an honor for Town to have a Fire Chief with as much experience as he possesses.  
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Nomination papers available as of 1/24/11 from Town Clerk's Office.  
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Annual Census forms to be sent out week of January 24, 2011 and dog license forms to also be within this mailing.  
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Invitation from Dr. Ansary to School Building Committee re: Joint Meeting with Finance Committee on February 15, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. At Norton High School Library for update.

Mr. Bramwell spoke of another meeting held this past week, and due to regulations of School Building Authority, architect to come up with minimum and maximum of plans.

Mr. Giblin said if after that meeting it would be ideal to have Mr. O'Neil come in before Board of Selectmen and before cable t.v. to discuss what was discussed at February 15 joint meeting.  
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Norton Sr. Center Calendar of Activities received and Monday thru Friday 9:30-3:30 Center is open. Many different activities are being offered, including, but not limited to, yoga, bingo, Wii games, basic computer classes, ceramics, etc.

Mr. Giblin asked if they could get calendar advertised on local cable as well. He thanked those who helped coordinate this effort of activities, etc. Senior Center phone number is 285-0325.

### **V. BUSINESS**

#### **A. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. 7:05 P.M. - Vote to appoint James P. Purcell, Acting Town Manager, effective January 25, 2011**

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to appoint James P. Purcell as Acting Town Manager, effective January 25, 2011. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**2. 7:15 P.M. - Bill Brennan and Marty Kenney from the Department of Children and Families**

Mr. Brennan thanked the Board for having him on their agenda this evening. He said this is a state

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agency and he is a representative of children and families. He is retired from DCF for full disclosure. He taught in school system and conducts work on project for public awareness, and recruits foster families. The office is located in Taunton and works with eight communities. 260 children are in some type of foster care. Reports may come from police dept., fire dept., school department, therapists, neighbors, and children themselves and they look for a safe environment. There are four foster homes in Norton. There are 49 homes throughout those eight towns providing foster care. Attempt is made to keep kids in their community (especially school age kids).

People interested in foster care must be at least 21 years of age; single or married; be in a home or apartment and there is 30-hours of training. The average stay for children in a foster home is nine months. About 90% of kids are reunited with their families. He is a recruiter and if people have even thought about foster care please make a call just to inquire about it. They do need help and need more foster families, and Vice-Chair, Mary Steele was involved in foster care for children in past. Call (508)-821-7000 for more information in the Taunton office.

Mr. Giblin commended him and his department for what they do for children. Also, he thanked Mrs. Steele for her involvement and other town officials who get involved. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Brennan stated Lee Parker, youth librarian, spoke before a parents group regarding foster care. The Norton schools are very involved as well.

Mrs. Steele thanked Mr. Brennan for coming in this evening.

**3. Norton/Horizon Finance Agreements**

This agenda item was Tabled and to be possibly added to a future agenda.

**B. OLD BUSINESS**

**C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

**D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

**1. Appointment of Police Sergeant**

Police Chief Clark respectfully requested of the Board to make this appointment. Over last several months he had discussions with Town Manager regarding this. There is one sergeant for day shift with two days off and there is an acting sergeant. He provided proposal and cost analysis which is less than \$2,000/year and something that is feasible to do. This employee has over 22 years in dept. and in detective division since 1996 and served some time in military. Mr. Stephen Desfosses also rated highest and there will be more continuity. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to accept the appointment of Stephen Desfosses as Police Sergeant, effective date of 2/13/11. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bramwell, Mr. Giblin, and Mrs. Steele voted In Favor of Motion. MOTION CARRIES.**

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**2. Resignation of Lois Sweetland from the Council on Aging, effective January 13, 2011**

**3. Resignation of Alda Dufresne from the Council on Aging, effective January 20, 2011**

Mrs. Steele thanked Ms. Sweetland and Ms. Dufresne for the time they volunteered on the Council on Aging and will plan to send them a thank you letter.

**\*There are currently four (4) open positions with the above two (2) resignations**

**4. TABLED 1/6/11 – Request of Yolanda Lague and Elizabeth Fogerty for appointment to the Council On Aging**

This was Tabled at a previous meeting.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to appoint Yolanda Lague, Elizabeth Fogerty, and June Chamillard to the Council on Aging, effective today, January 27, 2011. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**5. Request of June E. Chamillard for appointment to the Council on Aging**

Please see above Motion.

**6. Request of Judith M. Leroux for appointment to the Council on Aging**

**7. Request of Susan F. Salmon for appointment to the Open Space Committee**

Ms. Salmon resides on Richmond Drive and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science and interested in that field and does a lot of trail work. She went to last meeting and spoke to Jennifer Carlino, member of that Committee.

Mr. Giblin thanked Ms. Salmon for coming forward and for her interest.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to appoint Susan F. Salmon to the Open Space Committee. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL**

Mr. Giblin spoke of a report from Comcast regarding number of calls for service interruption and report does not show much. At Board of Selectmen meetings there are issues with volume, connectivity, etc. Please call 1-800-Comcast for any issues; Comcast should be called and not necessarily the Town Hall.

**VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

1. 7:05 P.M. - Presentation – Old Colony Habitat for Humanity

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet Sweeney  
Board of Selectmen-Recording Secretary

### **Documents Reviewed/Distributed at 1/27/11 Board of Selectmen Meeting**

- . Letter of intention to resign, dated January 27, 2011, from Richard J. Gomes, Chief of Department.
  - . Press Release: Nomination Papers available for Annual Town Election beginning January 24, 2011-Town Clerk's Office.
  - . Press Release: Town of Norton Annual Census Forms will include Dog Licensing Form-from Town Clerk's Office.
  - . Letter/Invitation dated January 25, 2011 from Dr. Patricia Ansay to Mr. Kimball and Board of Selectmen regarding invitation to attend a joint meeting with the Finance Committee and School Committee on February 15, 2011 at 6:30 for the purpose of updating town committees regarding the Norton High School Building Project.
  - . Memorandum to Board of Selectmen from James Purcell, dated January 24, 2011, regarding "Notice of Appointment of Police Sergeant".
  - . Resignation Letter from Lois Sweetland regarding resignation from Council on Aging, to Board of Selectmen, dated January 6, 2011.
  - . Resignation Letter from Alda Dufresne regarding resignation from Council on Aging, dated January 12, 2011.
  - . Letter of Interest, dated 12/22/10 from Yolanda Lague and Elizabeth Fogerty, for appointment to Council on Aging.
  - . Letter of Interest, dated 12/29/10, from June E. Chamillard, for appointment to Council on Aging.
  - . Letter of Interest, dated January 21, 2011, from Susan F. Salmon regarding interest in appointment as member of the Open Space Committee.
  - . Letter to Board of Selectmen, dated January 25, 2011, from Xfinity, Gerry Buckley, Senior Manager of Government & Community Relations regarding a copy of its Form 500 for 2010.
- Norton Sr. Center Calendar of Activities received; Monday thru Friday 9:30-3:30 Center is open.

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Chairman

Mary T. Steele, Vice-Chairman

Bradford K. Bramwell, Clerk

Timothy R. Giblin

Robert S. Salvo, Sr.

**Date Approved:**\_\_\_\_\_