



TOWN OF NORTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING FOR
FEBRUARY 3, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The February 3, 2011, Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman, Mr. Kimball.

A. Roll Call: Chairman, Mr. Robert Kimball; Vice-Chair, Mrs. Mary Steele; Messrs. Bradford Bramwell, Clerk; and Timothy Giblin were present. Mr. Salvo arrived at 6:35 p.m. Mr. James Purcell, Town Manager, was present for Executive Session only.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to enter into Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. for purpose to consider the purchase, exchange, taking, lease, or value of real property, and to return to Open Session at end of Executive Session. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Open Session resumed at 7:25 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

A. Approve bills Warrant #46, dated February 3, 2011, in the amount of \$293,776.69

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve bills Warrant #46, dated February 3, 2011, in the amount of \$293,776.69. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. Minutes – November 4, 2010
November 18, 2010
December 2, 2010 Executive Session

November 4, 2010:

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

November 18, 2010:

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

December 2, 2010 Executive Session:

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting of Executive Session, dated December 2, 2010, as written. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. **MOTION CARRIES.**

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Kathy Bailey Memorial Basketball Game to be held on March 4, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. 7:05 P.M. - Jacqueline Boudreau, Treasurer/Collector Re: "Vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to Refund the 1998 & 2000 General Obligation Bonds"

Ms. Boudreau referenced a document she had placed in Board of Selectmen's packets, regarding Middle School construction, land acquisition and police station (land and police station refunding and to pay off school construction from Mass School Building Authority. Year 2000 - loan water and sewer projects also. Savings on 1998 = about \$111,000; \$107,000 on 2000 projects.

Mr. Kimball explained further. Middle School will be paid off and refinance of police station and school land acquisition and saving of approximately \$111,000. Paying off Middle School 8 years in advance and \$100,000 on top of that. And 2000 purchase \$108,000 and combining and refinancing, and paying off Middle School.

Mr. Kimball said Board must authorize Ms. Boudreau to do this or not to do this.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell: In order to reduce interest costs, the Treasurer is authorized to provide for the sale and issuance of bonds under G.L. c.44, Section 21A, to refund all or any portion of the remaining principal of and redemption premium (if any) and interest on the Town's Municipal Purpose Loan of 1998 Bonds dated October 1, 1998 and the Town's Municipal Purpose Loan of 2000 Bonds dated November 15, 2000; and that for this purpose the Treasurer is authorized to provide for the preparation and distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement; provided, however, that no bonds shall be issued under this vote unless and until the final interest rates and other terms of the refunding bonds are approved by the Board. Second by Mr. Giblin.

Discussion: Ms. Boudreau said Standard & Poor has confirmed that the Town's rating will remain at AA-/Stable rating.

Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. 7:10 P.M. - Old Colony Habitat for Humanity Re: Applications for Habitat House –

Hawthorne Road, Norton

Linda Fortier of Habitat for Humanity was present along with other members of Habitat for Humanity. Described was the manner in which they select families for homes. A donation of land in 2010 occurred on Hawthorne Road and process reviewed process, etc. History given, how it works, various town projects, family selection criteria; factors not considered, and the application process was described. Deadline of February 28 \must be postmarked by February 28, 2011. 226-8833 is phone number for Habitat for Humanity or www.oldcolonyhabitat.or (website) for more info.

It was noted the Habitat for Humanity will be at Town Hall from 7-8 p.m. This Friday evening (February 4, 2011) for information, etc.

Mr. Kimball asked for extra applications to be left at Town Hall. He said he hoped someone from Norton they would like to see acquire a home.

Mr. Giblin agreed with Mr. Kimball and said hopefully a Norton resident will be the homeowner and clarified this is not a handout; it is a hand-up. Discussion ensued.

3. Norton/Horizon Finance Agreements

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve the Finance Agreements between Town of Norton and Horizon Beverage, based on Article 12 at Norton Town Meeting held on January 19, 2011: The Massachusetts Economic Development Incentive Program-Application to Amend Existing Norton Commerce Center Economic Opportunity Area Town of Norton; Town of Norton Tax Increment Financing Plan-Horizon Beverage Company, Inc.; Tax Increment Financing Agreement; and Economic Development Incentive Program Preliminary Application. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Nothing was discussed.

D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Resignation of Jeanne Z. Barreta as the Board of Selectmen representative on the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District Commission (SRPEDD), effective January 19, 2011

It was noted a resignation letter was received from Ms. Barreta.

Mr. Kimball said this is a very important position which meets one time per month and usually during the day.

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VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Giblin commended Mr. Silver and Highway Dept. this winter season for doing an excellent job and Norton should be proud.

Mr. Salvo said the Highway Dept. is doing the best job they can do, however, some people complaining they cannot get to their mailboxes; this is not Town's obligation.

Mr. Salvo referenced Harvey Street property and some land given to Water Dept.; he asked if they could see what section belongs to water dept. and noted a "tree" concern.

Mr. Kimball spoke of plan on record and spoke of matter of who controls area. It is between two departments and hope these two departments can get together; if not Board of Selectmen can assist.

Mr. Gouveia sent a letter to Board of Selectmen which was read aloud regarding logistics of what could be a well-attended Town Meeting for spring 2011.

Mr. Kimball said Board of Selectmen, Town Moderator, Superintendent of Schools, School Committee, Cable Access, Finance Committee, Fire and Police Chiefs, and Town Clerk to go to possibly library for a roundtable. School Building Committee request for high school renovations and to speak publicly at some point about it. He will ask Michelle Brown to see if there is a common night they could all attend.

Mr. Kimball said the Town Hall has been closed a couple of days due to winter weather. A policy clarification is needed. Board of Selectmen created a policy statement regarding closure to town hall in 1994. Policy was read aloud by Mr. Kimball to Board.

Mr. Kimball said Mr. Purcell's understanding was when Town Hall is closed for inclement weather, etc., all employees should be paid; but it is not Mr. Kimball's understanding of this policy. This policy needs clarification and needs to be rewritten.

Mr. Kimball will speak to Town Accountant tomorrow. If Town Hall is closed, he believes employees should use vacation/personal time. Currently to make this decision the town manager talks to highway department, and then Communications Dept. is also involved. Mr. Kimball feels Board of Selectmen needs to be involved in decision. Both policies need to be incorporated into one policy and to rewrite policy. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Salvo said it must be a valid reason why Town Hall is closed. Many employees live locally.

Mr. Kimball said complaints were received from some residents regarding this issue, but wanted to stress it is not the employees' fault that Town Manager is saying they can take the day off and be paid for it. If Town Hall calls the employees policy should be changed to either: 1. come to work; or 2. stay home but use personal or vacation time.

Mr. Kimball said Highway Department is doing their job, etc. The Town Manager is also being paid for these days, and also involved in decision.

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Mr. Giblin agreed with Mr. Kimball to revisit this policy. He said possibly a two hour delay or early release would be more beneficial; depending on timing of inclement weather.

Mr. Kimball said if there is a 6 a.m. State of Emergency declared by Governor the employees should stay home. But Town must try to develop a new policy (the 1994 policy states employees are not supposed to receive compensation).

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

1. Conduct interviews for Town Manager position

Mr. Kimball said on Saturday, February 5, at 9 a.m. - will be the interviews for the Town Manager position for seven candidates and have 25 questions to ask.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. 6:00 P.M. - To consider the purchase, exchange, taking, lease, or value of real property.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet Sweeney
Board of Selectmen-Recording Secretary

Documents Reviewed/Distributed at 2/3/11 Board of Selectmen Meeting

. Letter from William A. Gouveia, Town Moderator, dated January 26, 2011 regarding logistics of Spring 2011 Town Meeting.

. Language/Vote for 1998 and 2000 Refunding of General Obligation Bonds (to be ready by Clerk)

. Resignation Letter from Jeanne Barreta, dated January 12, 2011, as Town of Norton Board of Selectmen's Representative to Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District Commission

. Town of Norton/Horizon Beverage Finance Agreements: The Massachusetts Economic Development Incentive Program-Application to Amend Existing Norton Commerce Center Economic Opportunity Area Town of Norton; Town of Norton Tax Increment Financing Plan-Horizon Beverage Company, Inc.; Tax Increment Financing Agreement; Economic Development Incentive Program (EDIP) Preliminary Application

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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:_____