

**DRAFT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2011**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

The August 25, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mr. Bramwell, Chairman, at 7:00 p.m., held in the First Floor Selectmen's Conference Room in the Municipal Center.

A. Roll Call: Mr. Brad Bramwell, Chairman of Board of Selectmen; Mrs. Mary Steele, Vice-Chair; Mr. Timothy Giblin, Clerk; and Mr. Robert Kimball were present. Mr. Robert Salvo was absent. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was also present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

A. Approve bills Warrant #10, dated August 18, 2011, in the amount of \$439,440.36

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve bills Warrant #10, dated August 18, 2011, in the amount of \$439,440.36. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. Approve bi-weekly Payroll, for the period ended August 20, 2011, Warrant #11, dated August 25, 2011, in the amount of \$390,608.64.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve bi-weekly Payroll, for the period ended August 20, 2011, Warrant #11, dated August 25, 2011, in the amount of \$390,608.64. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

C. Approve bills Warrant #12, dated August 25, 2011, in the amount of \$1,090,332.76

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve bills Warrant #12, dated August 25, 2011, in the amount of \$1,090,332.76. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

D. Minutes – June 2, 2011 Executive Session

Action: These minutes were Tabled for the time-being.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. Application of Daniel P. DeFeo, for a one-day beer and wine license to be utilized at Everett Leonard Park, August 27, 2011, 1:00-4:00 P.M., for a private party

Kate Defeo, spouse of Daniel DeFeo, was present. It was noted this was for dispensing only.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve Application of Daniel P. DeFeo, for a one-day beer and wine license to be utilized at Everett Leonard Park, August 27, 2011, 1:00-4:00 P.M., for a private party; no detail officer required per Police Chief Clark. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion – Regional Dispatch – Chief of Police Brian M. Clark, Provisional Fire Chief, Paul J. Schleicher, Communications Supervisor Charlene A. Fisk

SRPEDD took on a study and through SRPEDD 19 agencies looked at and sharing of resources investigated. GeoCom interviewed Police Chief Clark and Fire Chief Gomes and final report included nine communities; five call takers, including Fall River and Taunton, which are two cities.

Chief Clark said \$193,000 in savings per GeoCom. This savings based on a \$2M grant by state. Anxillary duties are not truly addressed.

Bristol County fire chiefs say service level is not appropriate for community standards. Also Communications Board in past did not work out well.

Community policing/DARE- no longer offered. Money may not be available in future. Three options in which SRPEDD wants a decision on. Eight communities gave response; three would like to see regional training; no agency out of eight would like to see regional option. Chief Clark said he was not opposed to idea but would want to see similar-sized communities like Berkley/Dighton. Regional training would be beneficial.

Chief Schleicher spoke of anxillary duties; still would need to maintain a dispatch center.

Mr. Giblin said, per their report, money cannot be guaranteed. It is not just 911 calls being received.

Charlene Fisk said these types of grants are competitive and State is pushing this program. Groups more similar to Norton would be a better idea.

Mr. Yunits said they could do that right now (regionalize on “our” own with three small towns).

Mr. Kimball said he is not interested in mandates. He agrees they should regionalize but not with cities. All should be trained exactly the same. Norton has the best state of the art facility and Norton to possibly take lead on this. A regionalization on “our” own is a good idea; if state gives Norton money that is great. Need to be selective with a town(s) to work with and if it works, then go to another town. Cross training important with same equipment/program. Concern with time element of publicsafety; possibly Norton becomes the hub. Other towns to possibly subsidize the cost.

Mr. Bramwell said local regionalization is a good idea, but should not be grouped with cities.

Chief Schleicher said EMD certified in Easton and in Norton.

Mr. Kimball said smaller towns would include Mansfield, Easton, Rehoboth possibly.

Mr. Kimball said he agrees with not dispatching regionally, but training regionally.

Chief Schleicher suggested to send a letter to support regional training and look to Norton's neighbors for regional dispatch center.

CAD important for neighboring departments.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to send letter to SRPEDD indicating Norton is interested in regional training and technical programs for surrounding areas, and Norton will explore its own independent regionalization in Norton. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Police Chief Clark spoke of NEMA and Facebook account and he will defer to Emergency Management Director re: potential hurricane.

Chief Schleicher spoke of NEMA tech issues and distributed document.

Tomorrow there is a 2 p.m. meeting scheduled at town hall to discuss.

Impact issues (gale force winds to hurricane force) will use media and Sunday to open Chartley Fire Station.

Discussion on NEMA (Mass. Gov) – a small “to go kit” for prescriptions etc. Residents should secure items in yards. Please keep generators away from house and treat all wires as live wires. Website is excellent. Also have non-perishable food handy and fill bathtub with water.

Chief Schleicher said regional area shelter by Red Cross is Attleboro High School. Area shelter is Middle School.

Mr. Yunits also asked residents to keep all culverts clear.

Town website will have info on “Hurricane Preparedness”.

Police Chief has his honor guard and the Fire Dept. honor guard on September 11 - Memorial at 9 am.

Mr. Giblin thanked Chiefs for holding this ceremony in Town.

It was unanimously agreed to take request for appointment out of order.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve Paul J. Schelicher as Fire Chief, effective August 28, 2011. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Kimball said he had a reflection and no intent for offense, but civil service does not work any longer, and need to do what is best for taxpayers. Ideal to have three to five candidates to choose from. Personally he feels Chief Schleicher is the right choice.

2. Conservation Director Jennifer Carlino Re: Weed Control at Lake Winnecunnet and other Town Bodies of Water

Ms. Carlino said some weeds from stormwater/contaminants, and some from upstream and other towns. Some are how people are managing their property (fertilizers, geese, and dog waste and washes into pond/wetlands). Any effort to control excessive plant growth is good. Chemical treatment discussed; it is expensive. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kimball said Ms. Carlino had a great suggestion in a letter she sent regarding putting together a task force or committee. This Board should think to about forming that committee, and this committee could occasionally report back to Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Kimball mentioned there appeared to be foaming in the water. Ms. Carlino said some of it may be natural and she'd have to look at it.

Ms. Carlino said a pamphlet on website on ponds/lakes they have available and how to keep it clean.

Committee was discussed to have members from Winnecunnet (reps from various water bodies); FinCom/ConCom/Recreation, and four residents. Good idea to ask Winnecunnet Association. Probably a seven person body to hash out issues, concerns, etc.

Ms. Carlino said it would need to be clear as to what committee would do.

Mr. Kimball said Ms. Carlino and Mr. Yunits should work together and come back and make it public. Name of committee needed to be decided upon also. Final proposal to be given to Board of Selectmen in future.

3. Discussion – Shpack Superfund site Re: ERM's Preliminary (30%) Design Report dated April 29, 2011

Mr. Yunits spoke of a suggested letter for Board of Selectmen's review, that Chairman can sign and noting to stay with adjacent resident guideline. Also, water line covered in Attleboro (Dumont property), part of project and house taken down. Should send letter to them.

Mr. Bramwell said Ms. Graf has been outstanding and tenacious with Town of Norton. He asked a letter be sent out to thank her.

Mr. Kimball said it was a ludicrous idea of \$1M water line and finally they decided not to do this. He is glad Dumont will give up that property and not allow anyone to live in area (no housing, etc.). He spoke to Mayor Dumas a few weeks ago regarding this water line, etc.

Mr. Giblin said Heather Graf has been very helpful over numerous years with various town issues, train issue, etc., and has been instrumental and certainly agreed a thank you letter should be sent to her thanking her for her efforts.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to allow Chairman of Board of Selectmen to sign letter indicating Town of Norton does not agree with ERM's Preliminary 30% Design Report Re: Shpack Superfund Site, dated April 29, 2011. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Presentation of Year End FY11 Report

Mr. Yunits said \$776,426 receipts above budgeted. "Town of Norton Fiscal Year 2011 Recap of Local Receipts" reviewed by Board of Selectmen and explained by Mr. Yunits.

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Commendation letter from Ruth Johnson Church commending Conservation Agent, Jennifer Carlino, for all the work she does for the Town.

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C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Appointment of Fire Chief (please see this Appointment earlier in these Minutes of Meeting)

2. Appointment of Part-Time Clerk in the Veterans' Services Office

Appointment was made August 15, 2011; request that effective date be August 30, 2011.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve appointment of D. Lee Desmarais, as Part-Time Clerk in the Veterans' Services Office, with effective date of August 30, 2011. Second by Mr. Kimball.

Discussion: It was noted Ms. Desmarais comes with experience working with Self-Help as well as fuel assistance experience.

Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

3. Appointment of Part-Time Clerk in the Board of Assessors Office

This to be effective September 8, 2011.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve appointment of Suzanne Candelet, as Part-Time

Secretary in Board of Assessors Office. Second by Mr. Giblin.

Discussion: Mr. Yunits said Ms. Candelet has worked previously in assessors office, and would be an asset to department.

Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Norton Community Blood Drive to be held Sept. 2 from 1-6 p.m. At Epoch-Norton.
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Lee Parker was promoted to Head Librarian at Norton Library per letter received from Norton Public Library. Congratulations to Ms. Parker.
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Mrs. Steele thanked all who assisted/volunteered at Tricentennial event. It was a great picnic and fireworks were excellent.
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Veterans services were discussed. Mr. Giblin said Mr. Yunits and himself met with town of Easton and their veterans' agent is now retiring. Town of Mansfield's agent, Bill Ross has agreed to assist Norton.

Mr. Giblin said he and Mr. Yunits are working on a regionalization effort for other opportunities.
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Mr. Kimball said Tricentennial Committee did a great job with Picnic. He heard rumors that Town may be having this type of picnic once a year. Drawing of Norton's 300th Birthday done by Ms. Widak and to be framed.

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to enter into Executive Session for purpose to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, and to return to open session for purpose of adjournment. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet A. Sweeney
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

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Bradford K. Bramwell, Chairman

Mary T. Steele, Vice-Chair

Timothy R. Giblin, Clerk

Robert W. Kimball, Jr.

Robert S. Salvo, Sr.

Date Approved: _____

Documents Distributed/Reviewed at August 25, 2011 Board of Selectmen Meeting

. Town of Norton Fiscal Year 2011 Recap of Local Receipts

. Commendation Letter from Ruth Johnson Church commending Conservation Agent, Jennifer Carlino-received August 17, 2011

. Notice of Appointment of Fire Chief-Paul J. Schleicher, appointed August 24, 2011

. Notice of Appointment – Veterans' Services Office Part-Time Clerk-D. Lee Desmarais, appointed August 15, 2011

. Notice of Appointment – Assessors Office-Part-Time Secretary-Suzanne Candelet, appointed August 24, 2011