

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING FOR  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2011**

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

The September 15, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called To Order by Mr. Bramwell, Chairman, at 7:00 p.m., in the Municipal Center, first floor Selectmen's Conference Room.

**A. Roll Call**

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

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES**

**A. Approve bills Warrant #16, dated September 15, 2011, in the amount of \$609,262.50**

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve bills Warrant #16, dated September 15, 2011, in the amount of \$609,262.50. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**B. Minutes – No Minutes were reviewed/approved.**

**III. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

**1. Application of Bedrock Granite Co., Inc. for one-day Wine only License, to be utilized at 421 Old Colony Road, Monday, September 19, 2011, 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M., for private party**

It was noted this was reviewed by Police Chief Clark and no police detail is required. There will be about 15 people attending.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve Application of Bedrock Granite Co., Inc. for one-day Wine only License, to be utilized at 421 Old Colony Road, Monday, September 19, 2011, 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M., for private party. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

2. Application of Norton Parks & Recreation Committee for Parade Permit, to be held Sunday, October 30, 2011, 12:00 Noon – 1:30- P.M.

Mr. Kimball suggested letter be sent to Tricentennial Committee regarding this parade in the event that Committee would like to do something at this parade.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve Application of Norton Parks & Recreation Committee for Parade Permit, to be held Sunday, October 30, 2011, 12:00 Noon – 1:30- P.M. Second by Mr. Kimball.**

**“Friendly Amendment”: To also waive all fees. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

3. Application of Goodness Gracious, LLC, for Run/Walk Permit, to be held Saturday, November 5, 2011, 12:00 Noon – 4:00 P.M.

This is a run/walk for people with their dog or group (a 5K and 10K) and staged out of Winslow Farm and Lt. Jackson reviewed and ok'd and Police Chief Clark has approved route.

Parking will be adequate said Amy Renz, rep, said as she had had similar events. A Facebook page is available and Run4Rescue.org is website. Goodness Gracious provides healthy dog and cat treats and half of profits are given to community shelters in towns they are sold.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve Application of Goodness Gracious, LLC, for Run/Walk Permit, to be held Saturday, November 5, 2011, 12:00 Noon – 4:00 P.M. and police detail(s) as required by Norton Police Dept., and to waive fee(s) to be considered by Board of Selectmen as this organization is a non-profit. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

. Saturday, Sept. 24 Retirement Party for Fire Chief Gomes at Taunton Inn and Conference Center (\$40/per ticket).

. Tricentennial Park - Purchase a Brick through town website there is a link and brochure with info and also info available at town hall, Norton Library, and Haskins Pharmacy.

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

B. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

In newspaper on Wed., Sept. 7, there was an article regarding interest of veterans agent. Town Manager and Chair of Board of Selectmen to meet regarding regionalization with another town (Foxboro). There is also clerical support in veterans' office. Regionalization discussed.

Mr. Yunits referenced Council on Aging and Municipal buildings, which Sheriff's Office is working on currently/painting; lunch will be bought for these volunteers for their generous donation of work.

A 2006 account at North Easton Savings Bank was established for planning, study, design of senior center. Town of Norton Senior Center and bank called Mr. Yunits stating account was sitting idle (about \$7,000 in account). Mr. Yunits asked town accountant to see who has contributed to account and use for existing senior center as it needs repairs, and needs Board of Selectmen's authorization/ok.

Mr. Kimball explained various issues at the current Senior Center including, but not limited to, the clapboard is damaged; window issues; front door needs to be replaced; roof has no insulation above it, etc.

Mr. Kimball said there may be some other accounts in Town and a letter should be sent to donors of account(s) as Town cannot afford to do these repairs but would like to repair using funds in this account and would assist in better maintenance/efficiency of building.

Mr. Kimball said other building of concern is Municipal Center (Town Hall) and maintenance needs to be looked into. He wanted to clarify no taxpayers' dollars will be used.

Mr. Bramwell said he would be in favor of using funds as long as donors of account were in agreement with it.

Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Yunits to check with National Grid regarding "grants" for window repairs, etc., and look at heating systems, etc.

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Mr. Yunits said next Monday at 6 p.m. there is a scheduled s a Capital Planning meeting; then a Finance Committee (FinCom) meeting. Finance Committee to meet again on Sept. 26 and Charter Review also to discuss articles. Sept. 28 is Water and Sewer Commission meeting for discussion on Articles, etc.

Mr. Yunits stated Article 1 was recommended by FinCom.

Mr. Kimball recommended the Board to take a position on these Articles of when there is a full Board or at least four members present.

#### C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Appointment of Yolanda Lague, Council on Aging Member, to serve as the Town of Norton Representative, on the Board of Directors of Bristol Elder Services, for a term beginning September 2011 - August 2012

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to appoint Yolanda Lague, Council on Aging Member, to serve as the Town of Norton Representative, on the Board of Directors of Bristol Elder Services, for a term beginning September 2011 - August 2012. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Fire Chief Schleicher received a commendation from Mr. Mark Reynolds of Duxbury, MA, commending Norton Fire Dept. as an incident at TPC involving his 11 year old daughter who collapsed and was transported to Hasbro Children's Hospital. Mr. Reynolds said the Norton Fire Dept. followed up by calling to see how Mr. Reynolds daughter was faring and he felt this was above and beyond their scope of work and commended the Fire Dept.

Mr. Giblin asked Mr. Yunits to obtain names of fire dept. members who were involved in this commendable act.

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Mr. Kimball spoke of holding a roundtable soon with National Grid. He spoke to Senator Timilty and Rep Barrows. A Thursday night at library possibly to have this roundtable, and to invite some various departments to attend.

Mr. Giblin said a state of emergency is very important. He attend with Fire Chief Gomes a Fire Chiefs' meeting and groups meeting to discuss different strategies, etc., such as things to do better, and some things were done correctly.

Mr. Yunits said Rep Barrows and Senator Timilty will plan to be at next Board of Selectmen meeting.

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On Sept. 21, Town Counsel, Lauren Goldberg, will be holding a meeting on "Ethics/Open Meeting Law" at 6 p.m. at the Norton Library.

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Mr. Kimball said he is reading about State of Mass of privatization of (power) companies. Towns need to buy infrastructure.

Another proposal: the regionalization approach to it. Mansfield, Norton's neighboring town, has their own electric company. It is worth looking into especially where a neighboring town has it and it would be very expensive to do on Norton's own). He spoke of State Reps and Sen. Timilty to reach out to try a regional approach. A few years ago, Mr. Kimball had suggested to put Mansfield on a retainer and not rent from the grid. It fizzled out but should be looked into again.

Mr. Giblin said it would be ideal to get letter out fairly quickly so could possibly discuss after next week's meeting with them.

Mr. Kimball said for Norton to generate their own power utilizing their own resources would be beneficial. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Yunits said easiest way to do it is through legislation.

Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Yunits to send letter to City Council in Taunton also. Possibly get a few towns together and form a regional approach. If there is another tropical storm, using a neighboring town's power would be helpful.

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Adjourn at 7:45 p.m. 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 September 15, 2011 Board of Selectmen Meeting**

. Bedrock Granite Co., Inc. Application for One Day Liquor License for September 19, 2011

. Norton Parks & Recreation Request for Parade/Motorcade Permit for October 30, 2011

. Goodness Gracious, LLC Request for Parade/Motorcade Permit for November 5, 2011