

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
JANUARY 12, 2012**

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

The January 12, 2012, 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. Bradford Bramwell, Chairman of Board of Selectmen; Mrs. Mary Steele, Vice-Chair; Mr. Timothy Giblin, Clerk; Mr. Robert Kimball; and Mr. Robert Salvo were present. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was also present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES**

A. Approve bills Warrant #40, dated January 5, 2012, in the amount of \$89,008.26

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve bills Warrant #40, dated January 5, 2012, in the amount of \$89,008.26. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

B. Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended December 31, 2011, Warrant #41, dated January 12, 2012, in the amount of \$949,338.81

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended December 31, 2011, Warrant #41, dated January 12, 2012, in the amount of \$949,338.81. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

C. Approve bills Warrant #42, dated January 12, 2012, in the amount of \$843,071.51

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve bills Warrant #42, dated January 12, 2012, in the amount of \$843,071.51. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

D. Minutes – September 15, 2011

**MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated September 15, 2011, as written. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**III. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

1. 7:10 P.M. - Request of Trans International Auto Exportation Co. - Class II License (via Internet and only at Auctions), to have two (2) Dealer Plates to transport vehicles from Auction to Auction

It was noted applicant desired two transport licenses as tow trucks are very expensive. It was also noted, information received was the State of Massachusetts does not generate transportation licenses.

Mr. Giblin said for some reason there are no transportation plates with the State of Massachusetts.

Applicant said vehicles are never parked anywhere; they travel from auction to dealer/another auction.

Mr. Bramwell said they could stipulate “no storage of vehicles at site”, then he did not see a problem.

Mr. Kimball spoke of the Board denying such licenses in the past and concern if site is not policed, etc.

Applicant said there was never any complaints.

It was noted “no dealer plates” would be deleted from the license.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve Request of Trans International Auto Exportation Co. - Class II License (via Internet and only at Auctions), to have two (2) Dealer Plates to transport vehicles from Auction to Auction, and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 140 of the General Laws with amendments thereto, Trans International Auto Exportation Co. whose principal business is the sale of used motor vehicles, is hereby licensed to purchase and sell, thereto second-hand motor vehicles at 12A Village Way, Norton, MA, on the premises described as follows: Office Space only at 12A Village Way, Norton, MA 02766 – Business is conducted via Internet and only at Auctions. Stipulations: Must be bonded; property must be zoned for business use; must have copy of ownership of property (deed/lease agreement); no retail sales from that location; no vehicles stored at specific location, transports must be from wholesaler to wholesaler or retailer to retailer; no open storage of vehicles or equipment; no signage. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

#### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Town Offices will be closed Monday, January 16, 2012, Martin Luther King, Jr. - 1929 – Birthday Observed  
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“The Wizard of Oz” will be held at 7 p.m. On January 13, 15 and 16 at 2 p.m. at Norton Middle School (\$7 tickets).  
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Norton Historical Society will hold “The Village of Chartley” presentation on January 17 at 7 p.m.

Also the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet about Norton can be obtained for \$5.00 at Haskins or the Historical Society.  
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Town Clerk correspondence received regarding voter precincts being changed.

#### **V. BUSINESS**

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

1. 7:05 P.M. - Patti Tessitore Re: Interview for appointment to the Town Common Committee (representing Wheaton College, due to the resignation of Monica Key)

Ms. Tessitore stated she manages the Building Services Dept. at Wheaton College. Ms Key, former Wheaton College rep, can no longer serve. Ms. Tessitore stated she is a resident of Norton.

The Board thanked Ms. Tessitore for stepping forward.

Mr. Bramwell communicated that a brighter light on common flagpole was needed or possibly a new light.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to appoint Patti Tessitore to the Town Common Committee (representing Wheaton College). Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

2. Vote to “Move that the Board of Selectmen, in order to improve on services for the Veterans of Norton, support the application for a Community Innovation Challenge Grant for the Crossroads Veterans' Services District and authorizes Michael Yunits, Town Manager, to sign the application”

Mr. Yunits said this will be money to help Norton in first year and help out with salaries (mileage/laptops). Three agents involved and grant money available since State is pushing for regionalization.

Mr. Giblin said program is good for all four towns involved (Norton, Easton, Mansfield, and Foxboro).

**MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to authorize that the Board of Selectmen, in order to improve on services for the Veterans of Norton, support the application for a Community Innovation Challenge Grant for the Crossroads Veterans' Services District and authorizes Michael Yunits, Town Manager, to sign the application. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

3. In Recognition:

. Jack Fitzgerald for all the assistance he has provided not only this year but in years past;

. Donald Benson for the donation of cabinets and carpentry work recently performed in the Detective Division of the Norton Police Departments

Mr. Yunits referenced several letters received from Police Chief Clark recognizing people who helped the police department and other town departments.

Mr. Giblin read letters aloud and thanked Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Benson for their assistance.

Mr. Kimball said Mr. Fitzgerald had indicated he had a building vacated and acquired a lot of equipment/furniture and saved money for town/school dept. This is not the first time Mr. Fitzgerald has helped Town.

Mr. Yunits said he has not met Mr. Fitzgerald yet but will meet him soon, and has heard a lot of good things about him. Discussion ensued.

Another recognition was to Susan Bieshke, Norton dispatcher, regarding a 11/13/11 domestic disturbance call with a woman pinned between two cars. Also, a 12/31/11 shooting incident and Ms. Bieshke handled these calls calmly and efficiently.  
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Mr. Bramwell recognized North Easton Savings Bank for donating ropes, etc., for new polling locations. North Easton Bank is always helpful and generous.

Mr. Giblin said North Easton Savings Bank donated \$6,995 to head librarian, Lee Parker, for library use.

#### **B. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

##### . Update – Wheaton Pedestrian Crossing

Police Chief Clark set up a meeting with public safety at Wheaton College. A speed limit sign at Pine Street intersection changes to 40 m.p.h. and should move beyond town hall as there is a lot of pedestrian traffic in this area. It was noted, Mr. Silver, Highway Superintendent, to work with Mass Highway and Rep Howitt next week.

##### . Update – Hill Street State Land Sale

Mr. Yunits spoke of the 120 day waive period There was no waive period and hoped their position was different. If it was known land was to be sold for such a small price, Norton could have generated funds. It sold for \$175,000 at auction.

Mr. Kimball said City of Taunton contacted Norton regarding some land. It is the same state agency involved (200 acres of land for \$1) as long as used for passive recreation; it abuts Norton's industrial park.

Mr. Kimball said Norton needs to send a stronger message back to them that they will not allow sale of land and should be given some consideration. He advised Mr. Yunits to contact legal counsel in morning and Norton will not support this. Norton to give \$175,000 or be given same consideration as Taunton. Why shouldn't Norton take advantage of this and not be given correct information? Why should Norton need to conduct the appraisal?

Mr. Kimball respectfully requested Mr. Yunits to ask counsel the following:

1. Who did appraisal?
2. How does Norton acquire property in same fashion as Taunton?

3. What is connection between purchaser and State?

Mr. Kimball stated a clear message needs to be given to State that Norton will not back down on this and we would like to improve our tax base and be given same opportunity.

Mr. Kimball said city of Taunton deserves 200 acres they acquired, but Norton should have opportunity to do same.

**C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

1. Resignation of Jeff Martin from the Norton High School Building Committee;

Mr. Martin received a promotion and does not have time to devote to this Committee that it deserves.

It was noted Mr. Martin was extremely knowledgeable.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to accept resignation of Jeff Martin from the Norton High School Building Committee. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

2. Request of Superintendent of Schools, Patricia H. Ansay, Ed.D., to approve appointment of Brian E. Bechet to the Norton High School Building Committee, due to the resignation of Mr. Martin

It appeared Mr. Bechet is just as qualified as Mr. Martin. Mr. Bechet's resume is lengthy and so appropriate to what Committee is doing. He also worked with architecture and in the construction industry.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve Request of Superintendent of Schools, Patricia H. Ansay, Ed.D., to approve appointment of Brian E. Bechet to the Norton High School Building Committee (due to the resignation of Mr. Martin). Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

3. Resignation of Philip Landry from the Parks & Recreation Commission, effective January 5, 2012

**MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to accept the resignation of Philip Landry from the Parks & Recreation Commission, effective January 5, 2012. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Mr. Kimball asked that letters be sent to these people who resigned thanking them for their service to the Town.

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

Correspondence received from Haskins Pharmacy regarding proper disposal of old medication and a possible future "disposal day". This should be passed onto the Board of Health.

**VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Second by Mr. Salvo. 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 January 12, 2012 Board of Selectmen Meeting**

. Document: "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Town of Norton, Agents or Seller's License, Class II, For The Sale of Second-Hand Motor Vehicles" to Trans International Auto Exportation Co.(License No. 2012-11); Date Issued: January 1, 2012 with expiration date of December 31, 2012

. Resume of Brian E. Bechet for Appointment to the Norton High School Building Committee accompanied by letter from Patricia H. Ansay, Superintendent of Schools, dated January 4, 2012, to Michael Yunits, Town Manager, requesting said appointment by Board

. Letter to Board of Selectmen, dated December 13, 2011, from Patti Tessitore, Wheaton College, regarding interest in serving on Town Common Committee as Wheaton College's representative

. Memorandum to Michael Yunits, Town Manager, dated December 30, 2011, from Chief of Police, Brian M. Clark regarding recognition of Jack Fitzgerald and his various donations to Norton Police Dept. and other Town departments.

. Letter addressed to Donald Benson, dated December 30, 2011 (with copy to Michael Yunits, Town Manager) regarding appreciation of cabinets and carpentry work performed

. Letter, dated January 4, 2012, to Town Clerk, from Philip Landry regarding resignation from the Park and Recreation Department

. Document received from Office of the Town Clerk entitled, "Notice For Changes For Voting" detailing streets/addresses that have changes regarding voting precincts