

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
MAY 24, 2012**

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

The May 24, 2012, Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mr. Giblin, Chairman, at 7:00 p.m., held in the First Floor Selectmen's Conference Room in the Municipal Center.

A. Roll Call: Mr. Timothy Giblin, Chairman; Mr. Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Vice-Chair; Mr. Robert S. Salvo, Sr., Clerk; Bradford K. Bramwell; and Mr. Robert Salvo were present. Absent: Mrs. Mary T. Steele. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was also present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES**

A. Approve bi-weekly Payroll for the period ended May 12, 2012, Warrant #68, dated May 17, 2012, in the amount of \$992,235.50

**MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to Approve bi-weekly Payroll for the period ended May 12, 2012, Warrant #68, dated May 17, 2012, in the amount of \$992,235.50. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

B. Approve bills Warrant #69, dated May 17, 2012, in the amount of \$1,164,293.70

**MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to Approve bills Warrant #69, dated May 17, 2012, in the amount of \$1,164,293.70. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

C. Approve bills Warrant #70, dated May 24, 2012, in the amount of \$1,336,433.23

**MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to Approve bills Warrant #70, dated May 24, 2012, in the amount of \$1,336,433.23. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

D. Minutes – No Minutes were reviewed/approved.

**III. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Town Offices will be closed Monday, May 28, 2012, in observance of Memorial Day – Parade to step off from the Henri A. Yelle School Parking lot at 10:00 A.M. Hopefully it will be well attended by all.  
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Founder's Day Picnic to be held June 23 at H.A. Yelle School (website for info is: nortonfoundersday.org).  
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Mr. Salvo read aloud Proclamation of EMS week.

**A. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. 7:10 P.M. - Swearing-In Ceremony for Deputy Fire Chief William David Myles**

Fire Chief Schleicher stated Mr. Myles was a 23 year member of the fire department; he resides in Raynham with his wife, Sandy, and four children. He is a 1994 graduate of the fire academy and also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science and is working on his Master's Degree.

Mr. Myles thanked the Board of Selectmen, Chief Schleicher, as well as the Town Manager, stating it was an honor. He also thanked the men and women of Norton Fire Department, as well as his brother, Ken, and his wife and four children as without their love and support he would not be here today.

**2. Fire Chief Paul J. Schleicher Re: Presentation of Citizen Awards**

John and Connor Cohen were presented Citizens Awards for a house fire on Harvey Street they observed on March 27, 2012 and relayed this information to their Mother, Sheri Cohen. The award was presented by Fire Chief Schleicher and citizen award pins presented by Board of Selectmen on behalf of Mr. Giblin.

**3. Craig S. Andrade, Associate Dean of Health and Wellness/Director of Student Health Services, Wheaton College Re: EMS Services**

He indicated that Jennifer Gibson, who had accompanied him this evening, was one of first Wheaton EMS students. Practicing of EMS is taking place on campus. Mr. Andrade thanked Norton Fire Dept.; 673 people trained in CPR. He referenced the "Ecology of Sams": "Safety Always Matters Most". Dave Bamford of Wheaton College was also in attendance.

Ms. Jennifer Gibson said from a student's point of view she wanted to communicate how much it means to them for this opportunity and makes it easier and great experience working closer with fire safety.

Mr. Giblin commended Mr. Andrade, Ms. Gibson, and Fire Dept.

It was noted 20 students graduate from EMT course. They will advertise on Norton website as well.

Mr. Kimball suggested for them to possibly branch out to High School in future.

Mr. Andrade agreed and said, yes, that is vision.

**4. Michael J. Epstein, Horizon Beverage Company Re: Donation of Thermal Imaging Camera to the Norton Fire Department and Tasers for the Police Department**

Fire Chief Schleicher spoke of this major contribution of thermal imaging camera. It will be beneficial in a dark building or for someone to be found in a timely manner and thanked for Mr. Epstein for this generous gift.

Police Chief Clark said they depend on donations for the police department as it helps the department, and appreciated this.

Mr. Epstein thanked the residents of Town and he and Horizon were glad to be in Norton.

Mr. Giblin indicated he had taken a tour recently of Horizon Beverage. Mr. Kimball said they will all stop by to take a tour soon, and asked Mr. Epstein to let Board know if they can help in any way.

**5. Fire Chief Paul J. Schleicher Re: Proposed increase in Ambulance Fees**

Fire Chief Schleicher stated he learned the Town has not increased their ambulance fees in a while, and need to make somewhat of an adjustment.

Mike Wilson, firefighter was also present, and said Medicare sets rates.

Chief Schleicher said Norton's new rates will still be on the low-end. He said the doctors and hospitals are expecting a high level of care before a patient arrives at the hospital.

Chief Schleicher referenced his five year plan in which he is working on: 1) keeping Chartley Station open in future; 2) additional day person to keep up with fleet maintenance/technology, etc.

Mr. Kimball thanked Firefighter Mike Wilson as an accident occurred near his house in the woods and thanked the fire dept. for their professionalism and excellent handling of this situation.

Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Yunits to put on calendar one time per year (possibly in June) to check on area rates where it appears Norton is lower than other communities. Town could possibly subsidize their manpower through fees, etc., and this is the direction in which to go.

Chief Schleicher said a lot of other fees are capped by law, but can review them.

Mr. Giblin suggested for this type of item to even come before Board twice per year for first couple of years. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to accept current ambulance rates as presented with proposed date of 7/1/12. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: All In Favor except for Mr. Salvo voting "present".**

6. 7:40 P.M. - Victor Rodriguez, NCAC Chairman Re: Update in regard to NCAC

Jason Benjamin and Charlene Fisk, members of Board of Directors, were also in attendance.

Mr. Rodriguez described a 3,000 square foot studio planned behind Trinity Restaurant to be ready Sept. 2012.

Mr. Giblin spoke of an upgrade in municipal building for the cable as volume and lost connections occur; he understood some are Comcast issues also. The goal of Board is to get info out to public as much as possible. Town Meetings they would like to send out live as well.

Mr. Rodriguez stated when they have a "home" they can have live meetings. At Norton High School, they will virtually leave an entire studio for school. He said they have technology at press box.

Mr. Benjamin said it was a \$24,000 cost to move it (hub will be moved). Robotic cameras are in field but it is up to school committee. He spoke of the 3,000 square foot building with a lot of visibility, as well as continuing education/training facility with technology to continually improve. Discussion ensued.

Selectmen's Meeting Room was discussed. Mr. Benjamin said they also put a lot of money into the Selectmen's Meeting Room with new curtains, new switches, wireless microphones, etc. A lot of issues have to do with proximity of microphone.

Mr. Kimball referenced Comcast and the need to negotiate with them and stated the Board needs a date provided to them.

Mr. Benjamin said they have money in hand.

Mr. Kimball said when sound does not work the municipal center receives calls.

Mr. Benjamin said they are in that "window" with Comcast. Mr. Jerry Buckley is still the contact person. He said they can give the Board a few dates after Memorial Day Weekend.

It was noted it was important to work together to make things happen.

Mr. Bramwell spoke of schools and live feeds.

Mr. Benjamin said all schools have live feeds, but need to tie into hub. Also he referenced a generator for emergency preparedness with recent hurricane, etc. Mr. Benjamin spoke of gold standard of low tech radios.

Mr. Kimball said recommended Cable check into Homeland Security for grant money.

Mr. Benjamin and Mr. Rodriguez agreed this was a good idea.

Mr. Kimball said there is an old stage under the Selectmen's Meeting Room. He asked if they happen to have more than one location could Mr. Benjamin/Mr. Rodriguez help? Mr. Benjamin replied, yes.

Mr. Rodriguez said Mr. Benjamin can assist with the architectural piece.

Mr. Kimball said the lower floor (downstairs) is an interesting concept and something to look into.

7. SERSG Bid Awards:

. FY 2013 Paper Supplies

. FY 2013 DPW Supplies

Mr. Yunits spoke of 8 ½ x 11 paper (20 lb.) white from \$29.80 (this year) to \$24.88 (next year).

Three-hole paper from \$32.80 to \$28.48. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to accept SERSG paper bid (FY2013 Paper Supplies) based on recommendation by Town Manager, Mr. Yunits. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

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Mr. Yunits reviewed 2013 DPW supplies/prices.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to accept SERSG bid (FY2013 DPW Supplies) based on recommendation by Town Manager, Mr. Yunits. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: All In Favor except for Mr. Bramwell who voted "present" (as he disclosed a family member is employed at one of companies). MOTION CARRIES.**

**B. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Nothing was discussed.

**C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

1. Modification of Appointments – Dispatchers from Part-Time to Full-Time

1. Amanda Johansen

2. Jennifer Johnston

Mr. Yunits said this was part of an effort to place two dispatchers on all three shifts.

Mr. Yunits stated there are multiple calls and a requirement to have two on at all times.

Ms. Fiske was thankful for moving to full-time. They are not exactly where they need to be, but closer than they have ever been in the last ten years.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to appoint Amanda Johansen and Jennifer Johnston from Part-Time to Full-Time Dispatchers. Second by Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

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

Correspondence from Chief of Police, Brian Clark, dated May 9, 2012, regarding "Letter of Recognition" to the Members of the Norton Police Honor Guard

Mr. Giblin stated Superintendent Dr. Ansay is retiring and the public is invited to a community reception in honor of Dr. Ansay on June 6, 2012, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. In the Norton Middle School Cafeteria. Dr. Ansay has been Superintendent since August 2005.

**VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

1. Clarence "Butch" Rich Re: the Campbell House
2. Water/Sewer Commissioners, W/S Superintendent Duane Knapp, and Representative Jay Barrows Re: Connection Fee Legislation
3. Board of Selectmen Summer Hours

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Mr. Kimball requested for the next or a future meeting's agenda, could Plantation Products be discussed. He was curious what the status of that company was and asked Mr. Yunits to please inquire as to what is happening. Possibly they need a larger facility? He was uncertain if Mr. Raffael still owns the company.

**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 at 8:38 p.m. for purpose to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining and not to return to Open Session. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Discussion: Mr. Kimball was concerned there may not be a quorum for Executive Session. It was discussed the Board could have a discussion, however, they would not be able to take any votes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet A. Sweeney

Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

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**Timothy R. Giblin, Chairman**

**Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Vice-Chair**

**Robert S. Salvo, Sr., Clerk**

**Mary T. Steele**

**Bradford K. Bramwell**

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

**Documents Distributed/Reviewed at May 24, 2012, Board of Selectmen Meeting**

- . Document entitled “Current Ambulance Rates as of May 20, 2012” (noting 2013 proposed and current rates)
  
- . SERSG DPW Supplies IFB, Fiscal Year 2013 Contract Award Sheet
  
- . SERSG IFB for Paper for Fiscal Year 2013
  
- . Documentation to Board of Selectmen, dated May 21, 2012, from Town Manager, Michael D. Yunits, re: Notice of Modification of Appointment – Full-Time Dispatcher in the Communications Department regarding Amanda Johansen and Jennifer Johnston
  
- . Letter of Recognition to Members of the Norton Police Honor Guard, from Brian M. Clark, Chief of Police, dated May 9, 2012