

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 15, 2012**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

The November 15, 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.

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

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

- A. Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended November 10, 2012, Warrant #29, dated November 15, 2012, in the amount of \$1,103,046.96

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended November 10, 2012, Warrant #29, dated November 15, 2012, in the amount of \$1,103,046.96. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Approve bills Warrant #30, dated November 15, 2012, in the amount of \$438,683.00

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bills Warrant #30, dated November 15, 2012, in the amount of \$438,683.00. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Approve Minutes – July 26, 2012
November 1, 2012

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated July 26, 2012, as written. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated November 1, 2012, as written. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Thanksgiving! Town Offices will be closed Thursday, November 22nd, and Friday, November 23rd.

Blood Drive to be held Saturday, December 1, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Gillette Stadium (sponsored by Bob's Discount Furniture).

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. 7:30 P.M. – FY2013 Tax Classification Hearing

Ms. Lisa Cathcart, Assessor, explained. Tax rate increased 10% this year. 14.92 is tax rate this year (increase) but values decreased. Handouts were reviewed by Board: "Town of Norton-Tax Rate Classification Hearing Summary FY 2013". FY2013 proposed single tax rate of \$14.92. Discussion ensued.

Residents can access Assessor's webpage and view their property/values, etc.

Mr. Kimball said if State was serious about affordable housing, they could come in on a foreclosing/foreclosed house and add \$50,000 to enhance it, etc., and help with affordable housing. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Cathcart said shift burden or single tax rate is decision.

Mr. Giblin said impact on business would be dramatic. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kimball believed businesses/commercial-based industry needed some relief. More industry attracted to Town would be great.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to maintain a single tax rate with a factor of one. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to not grant a discount to open space. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to not adopt a residential exemption. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to not grant a small commercial exemption. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Vote to sign Waste Management Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement

This would be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

3. Vote to accept grant from the Division of Conservation and Recreation to implement the Gertrude Cornish Town Forest and Lincoln Woods Conservation Area Forestry Stewardship Plans

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to accept grant from the Division of Conservation and Recreation to implement the Gertrude Cornish Town Forest and Lincoln Woods Conservation Area Forestry Stewardship Plans. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

4. 7:10 P.M. – Award DPW Services Contract for 13 Months commencing January 1, 2013

It was explained this is for pavement reclamation - total of \$4,600.00. Discussion ensued on pricing, etc.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Award DPW Services Contract for 13 Months commencing January 1, 2013. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

5. Discussion – License Fees

Various license fees were reviewed.

Mr. Bramwell stated it was not detrimental to Town to be on lower-end of majority of fees. The Board decided the 10% increase on most fees would be fine and Board of Selectmen reviewed new proposed fee list. It was noted to add this to the November 29th agenda to vote on it, etc.

B. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Yunits said after the last Board of Selectmen meeting, he met with Andrea from Norton Housing Authority and Senator Timilty and he is looking to assist Norton with generator. Andrea was planning to speak to Epoch Nursing/Health Center.

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Mr. Yunits stated Mrs. Ebert-Zawasky was in town hall today and indicated all donors for Tri-centennial Park (a framed list of donors with photo of Tri-centennial Park was created).

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Due to the recent storm, the Town Meeting was cancelled and three officials needed to be at location of Town Meeting to continue it due to its cancellation. It was noted Mr. Yunits would send a letter to governor along with other communities to aid in not having to have officials travel to location where Town Meeting was being held in midst of a storm.

C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Kimball thanked Veterans Council for doing a great job for Veterans' Day Parade. It was a good turnout, but would like to see "everyone" from Town attend. Mr. Kimball said he had a work engagement commitment, therefore could not attend the Veterans' Day Parade.
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Fillmore-Nason Square and the plaque on common was referenced. In 1947 Annual Town Meeting designated a section of Library Square to be named Fillmore-Nason Square. There is a designation on Common (area around it is Fillmore-Nason Square).

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

. 7:15 P.M. – Continuance of Class II License Application for Sanford's Auto Service, Inc.

. 7:30 P.M. – Petition from Verizon New England Inc. and Massachusetts Electric Company proposing to place new poles on Leonard Street

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Second by Mr. Bramwell.
Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet A. Sweeney
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

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NOVEMBER 15, 2012

TIMOTHY R. GIBLIN, CHAIRMAN

ROBERT W. KIMBALL, Jr., VICE-CHAIR

ROBERT S. SALVO, SR., CLERK

MARY T. STEELE

BRADFORD K. BRAMWELL

Dated: _____

Documents Distributed/Reviewed at November 15, 2012, Board of Selectmen Meeting

- . License Fees List (Current Fee and Proposed Fee)

- . Draft Board of Selectmen Minutes dated July 26, 2012 and November 1, 2012

- . DPW Services Contract for a thirteen-month period commencing 1/1/13 for Pavement Reclamation

- . Town of Norton Tax Rate Classification Hearing Summary FY 2013

- . Memo dated October 23, 2012, from Jennifer Carlino, Conservation Agent, to Board of Selectmen Re: Grant Receipt (from the Division of Conservation and Recreation to implement the Gertrude Cornish Town Forest and Lincoln Woods Conservation Area Forestry Stewardship Plans) with attachment from Michael Downey, Forest Stewardship Program Service Forester to Town of Norton/Jennifer Carlino, dated October 18, 2012, re: grant.

