

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
APRIL 25, 2013**

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

The April 25, 2013, Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mr. Kimball, Acting-Chairman, at 7:00 p.m., held in the First Floor Selectmen's Conference Room.

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES**

A. Approve bills Warrant #64, dated April 25, 2013, in the amount of \$2,005,723.47

**MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to Approve bills Warrant #64, dated April 25, 2013, in the amount of \$2,005,723.47. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

B. Approve Minutes – January 31, 2013

**MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated January 31, 2013, as written. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**III. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

1.Application of Arnie Larson for a one-day Beer and Wine License, to be utilized at Everett Leonard Park, August 10, 2013, 12:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M., for private party

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve Application of Arnie Larson for a one-day Beer and Wine License, to be utilized at Everett Leonard Park, August 10, 2013, 12:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M., for private party. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

2. Application of Edward J. Brault for Memorial Day Parade Permit, May 27, 2013, 10:00 A.M. – Approximately 12:00 – 12:15 P.M.

Mr. Kimball referenced a letter from Mr. Brault and also noted the dedication of Memorial Park for Sgt. Master Trent to be held also. He was proud to say the Memorial Park will be completed by that time, and he was very pleased the Veterans Council will allow them to join in and be a part of that parade.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve Application of Edward J. Brault for Memorial Day Parade Permit, May 27, 2013, 10:00 A.M. – Approximately 12:00 – 12:15 P.M. , and to include the Dedication of Memorial Park to Sgt. Master Trent. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Mr. Kimball also noted, the School Committee kindly offered the use of the H.A. Yelle School at end of parade for refreshments.

#### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

April 27 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. is Town of Norton Cleanup Day from 9-11 a.m. More info can be obtained at: [www.keepnortonbeautiful.com](http://www.keepnortonbeautiful.com).

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Annual Town Election and Special State Primary to be held Tuesday, April 30; polls open 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Norton High School.

Annual Town Meeting to be held on May 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Norton Middle School.

Absentee ballots for the April 30 Elections available beginning Monday, April 8. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is April 29 at 12 noon.

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An email was received from Town Moderator, Bill Gouveia, regarding the three police officers from Norton who assisted in the Boston Marathon bombing incident and to be recognized at Town Meeting.

Police Chief Clark spoke of letter he sent Town Manager of this recognition. He explained the special training they have, and acknowledged Lt. Petersen and Officers Chmelinski and Schepis as they assisted with the Boston Marathon bombing investigation and also assisted with security needs with visit from President and other officials. These officers were called upon to go into Boston and are part of METRO.

Mr. Kimball stated how proud he/the Board was and also the Board would like the three of these officers in before the Board of Selectmen for this commendation.

Mr. Yunits read aloud the letter Police Chief Clark sent to him (letter of commendation).

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**V. BUSINESS**

**A. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Norton Community Task Force Re: Community Clean Up Day in Norton, Saturday, April 27, 2013, 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

An update was provided on Norton Cleanup Day by Norton High School students. There are many volunteers (about 350 on website) but hope more to come forward. Their hope was to clean about thirty different roads; mostly main roads and some roads they did not clean last year. Discounts will be given to volunteers from restaurants after this cleanup. The Selectmen were thanked for their support as well as the DPW, and all the sponsors and others who assisted. Mr. Kimball acknowledged the many businesses who donated/contributed.

2. Vote to change split to 70 – 30, for PPO Health Insurance, for Non-Union Employees and Retirees, effective July 1, 2013

Mr. Yunits said a few years ago Town started raising the percentage that the employees pay for health insurance; PPO never changed. Mr. Yunits explained and spoke of negotiations with unions. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve to change split to 70 – 30, for PPO Health Insurance, for Non-Union Employees and Retirees, effective July 1, 2013. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**B. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Review, Reconsider, and Vote on May 13, 2013 Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Article 4: TIF – South Shore Millwork plans to hire at least five people with preference given to Norton residents. Mr. Yunits further explained.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to support Article 4. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Article 5: Mansfield, Foxboro, and Norton Regional Wastewater District

Mr. Yunits stated he needed to contact Water & Sewer Commission on Tuesday and understood there was an agreement reached this week and Representative Barrows was to write up a press release, but has most recently heard otherwise, so needs to contact the Water & Sewer regarding this.

Mr. Kimball believed the Town needed to take a position on this regional wastewater district. This is a frustrating process. It was discussed to hold-off on this Article until the next meeting.

Article 12: Capital Improvements

It was discussed to hold-off on this Article at this time. No Action Taken.

Article 14

All budgets were voted on except School Dept. budget. Mr. Yunits stated his recommendation is what is before the Board now; not Finance Committee's recommendation. This is based on his recommendation and what School Dept. feels they need to continue the program they have now.

Mr. Kimball said this year it appears school dept. is looking for more money than general government. It is important to think of Council on Aging.

Mr. Yunits said this year there are hiring needs for various departments: Highway Dept. in need of a new employee; Police Dept. needs a hire as they are down one due to injury; and Fire Dept. one person added because of the raise in ambulance fees.

Article 21 - Stabilization Fund Article

Mr. Yunits said this could probably wait until October.

Article 15-Demolition Delay

Finance Committee's had a concern with this Article. Important to have some timelines included and action would need to be taken per Finance Committee. Under Section C—town engineer needs to be consulted, however Town does not have an official town engineer, but four people in Town who could act as this town engineer together. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kimball said he wanted to ensure they did not trigger anything. Historical district was referenced. Last time this Article failed . Putting in timelines to getting it done is important. Mr. Yunits said he would look into this.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to support Article 15. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Special Town Meeting Warrant:

Article 1-Unpaid bills

Article 2- Collective Bargaining Contracts

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Article 3- FY13 Operating Budget Supplements

Mr. Yunits said this was currently being worked on; not certain if it will be on warrant.

Article 4 – FY 13 Water Budget Supplements

Mr. Yunits said he was not sure if this will be on this warrant.

Article 5- FY13 Sewer Budget Supplements

This Article was discussed.

Article 6-High School Feasibility Study to High School Construction

Mr. Kimball said he will not personally support Article 6; this could wait until Fall 2013 Town Meeting. There is new wording/language; this is the old wording. Mr. Kimball said he was not inclined to support this in its present form and not inclined to open up a bunch of warrants at last minute and believed it could wait until Fall.

Mr. Bramwell said a lot of things may need to be ordered in spring/summer and it may be tight possibly to wait until Fall 2013.

Mr. Yunits said if he is calculating correctly, this warrant needs to be posted tomorrow.

Mr. Kimball noted there is not a full Board here this evening so that is another dilemma.

Article 7 – Transfer of FY09 Overlay Account Funds

Article 8 – PILOT-DG Clean Power on DeFiore Land

Article 9 – Renewable Energy Power Purchase/Net Credit

Article 10-Capital Improvements Appropriation

Article 11 – FY13 Capital Amendment

Mr. Yunits stated the Highway Dept. needs to replace a truck that was damaged. Check was received for about \$13,500.

Mr. Kimball commented a "loss of use" Town should receive.

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Article 12 – Daggett-Crandall First Refusal: Lot 5, Map 5

Discussion on need for cemetery land and Mr. Kimball asked about amount in special account. Mr. Yunits responded he would find out what amount is.

Article 13 – By-law Amendment: Sewer connection

Article 14 – Affordable Housing in Norton

Article 15 - Municipal Relief with Respect to Temporary Recognition of Approved Affordable Housing

**C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Yunits said Easton voted to exit out of Veterans District. Remaining members of district are meeting Tuesday evening (Mansfield, Norton, and Foxboro). Plan now will be to stay in district ensuring finances are right, etc. Next Thursday some info will be provided.

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Mr. Yunits indicated Housing Authority has some improvement projects are ongoing (windows/toilets).

Mr. Salvo said if the plan is to replace 130 toilets it should be set up as a blanket and that was the problem he had with it being done individually (\$270K). It was discussed State is paying for it. Mr. Kimball suggested to hire contractors to do work; bidding was discussed.

**D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

1. Appointment of Full Time Civil Service Police Officer, in the Norton Police Department, effective May 5, 2013

It was noted there was a request to have this effective May 7, 2013.

Chief Clark explained this was to fill a vacancy that occurred in November. Mr. Nicholas Crugnale holds a Bachelor's degree from U-Mass Dartmouth and he was a community service officer for Nantucket for two summers. He is a team player, reliable, and comes cstrongly recommended.

Mr. Crugnale thanked both the Chief of Police and Board of Selectmen and stated he was glad to work in the community in which he grew up.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve Appointment of Full Time Civil Service Police Officer, Nicholas Crugnale, in the Norton Police Department, effective May 5, 2013. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

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Police Chief Clark referenced Article 20 regarding second hand pawn shops. He spoke to Mr. Stentiford of the Cameo Shop on North Worcester Street, who had some concerns with this Article. Chief Clark said after these discussions, he made some adjustments to it including a trade-in exception and shop owner to get a license plate, and antiques and second hand furniture to be deleted as well. After changes, Mr. Stentiford said he would support this Article. This will allow the shops to register with police department and can find some property that may have been stolen in these shops from house breaks.

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

Route 495 off-ramps 495 were referenced and Mr. Salvo said a machine has been in this area to help with the safety issues and cutting of brush, etc. On East Main Street, Mass Highway has an office they are renting/using and Mr. Salvo respectfully asked permission from the Board to speak with them. He said he could report back to the Board once he speaks with them. The consensus of Board was that it would be ok for Mr. Salvo to do this.

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Mr. Salvo thanked the townspeople of Norton for the last nine years he was able to service the Town. He appreciated their support in the upcoming election.

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Mr. Kimball referenced a letter regarding Southeastern Technical School Assessment; target share reduction. Mr. Kimball said he is in favor of this which entails towns which are less financially secure. He respectfully requested that a letter of support be sent to support West Bridgewater and also be sent to the senator and state reps and support Governor Patrick and his proposal as well as the town of West Bridgewater.

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Mr. Kimball said he is at the end of his 18 years of serving on the Board of Selectmen, and enjoys the position and would be pleased to serve for an additional three years. He stated he really enjoys what he is doing and enjoys helping the community and helping Norton develop policies and procedures. He thanked the Board of Selectmen members for all the years of working together, and whether they agreed or disagreed, they moved ahead in the right direction. He said he also enjoys living in Norton and there is a lot more work to do. He thanked the residents for considering him at next Tuesday's election.

**VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

Plan to finish up with Annual and Special Town Meeting Articles/discussions.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Adjourn at 8:39 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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**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 April 25, 2013, Board of Selectmen Meeting**

. Board of Selectmen Draft Minutes of Meeting, dated January 31, 2013

. Application of Edward J. Brault for Memorial Day Parade Permit, May 27, 2013, 10:00 A.M. – Approximately 12:00 – 12:15 P.M.

. Town Meeting Warrant Articles - May 13, 2013