

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

The February 19, 2015, Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mrs. Steele, Chairman, at 7:00 P.M., held in the First Floor Conference Room.

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

- A. Approve bills Warrant #49, dated February 12, 2015, in the amount of \$191,066.56

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve bills Warrant #49, dated February 12, 2015, in the amount of \$191,066.56. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended February 14, 2015, Warrant #50, dated February 19, 2015, in the amount of \$1,068,665.65

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended February 14, 2015, Warrant #50, dated February 19, 2015, in the amount of \$1,068,665.65. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Approve bills Warrant #51, dated February 19, 2015, in the amount of \$944,320.76

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve bills Warrant #51, dated February 19, 2015, in the amount of \$944,320.76. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Approve Minutes – February 5, 2015
October 9, 2014 Executive Session

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Town Census: Residents should have received their Annual Town Census Forms as they were mailed out the first week in January. Residents are reminded that census forms need to be returned even when no changes are necessary to their census information. Blank census forms are available on the Town's website under "Town News" on the home page for anyone who does not believe they received one.

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Dog Licensing: Dog Licensing for 2015 must be completed by the end of next week, February 27, or online by March 1st to avoid late fees. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the online licensing system which can be accessed from the home page of the Town's website by clicking on "Pay Town Bills Online". Licensing forms can also be found with the annual census form.

Annual Town Election: Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election in Norton are currently available at the Town Clerk's Office. The last day to obtain nomination papers is Friday, March 6, at 5:00 P.M. The Annual Town Election in Norton will be held on Tuesday, April 28th. A full listing of available offices and calendar of candidate deadlines as well as additional information for potential candidates is available on the Town's website at www.nortonma.org.

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Pesticide Spraying Exclusions: Please be advised that requests for 2015 Pesticide Spraying Exclusions must be filed with the Town Clerk by March 1st.

Mr. Bramwell arrived at 7:10 P.M.

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Lloyd Geisinger, Thorndike Development Corp. Re: Request to approve Final Road Design for 274 East Main Street Project

Mr. Geisinger provided update and said this was 100% good to go, and will start as soon as snow is gone; hopefully by early May 2015. Everything was approved by ZBA and they worked out sewer connections. Discussed was the flattening of vertical and horizontal curb on road, as well as site distance and safety of improvements. Map/rendering of "274 East Main Street" was displayed; as well as "Traffic Control" map.

Mr. Eastridge explained and spoke of installation of 12" water line from Dunkin Donuts to entrance of Red Mill Village. He said he had full sets of construction drawings available if anyone was interested in seeing them.

Mr. Eastridge said a sign will be installed regarding this construction as well.

Mr. Yunits stated, as a condition, a meeting with any businesses and residents in that area to get their input in advance and proof of such would be needed.

Mr. Kimball agreed with Mr. Yunits to ensure all neighboring businesses/residents are aware of this.

Mr. Salvo said he had an issue with trucks such as those from Bernie & Phyl's coming off Route 495; taking a left; and travelling down Leonard Street, then Burt Street; then going around to get to Bernie & Phyl's.

Mrs. Steele said Thorndike Development Corp. should also reach out to Bernie & Phyl's; she was not certain if Corporate Fulfillment Systems would be affected.

Mr. Geisinger spoke of reaching out and holding a meeting at the Red Mill Community House and they will get all involved.

Mr. Eastridge said they need the Board's blessing where it is in right of way. He referenced information distributed to Board regarding "Water Line" and "Sewer Force Main".

Mr. Eastridge said gas line was surveyed and they are aware where it is located; gas line will need to be lowered as road is lowered, and the pump station will need to also be relocated.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve road opening for installation of water main and force main to serve 274 East Main Street, and approval subject to Police, Fire, and Highway Department input, and contingent with meeting with local businesses and schools. Second by Mr. Bramwell.

Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. 7:30 P.M. – Emergency Management – Snow Issues

Mr. Cord hoped there would be federal reimbursement with the many snow issues/emergencies. He said the largest problem was the shortage of road salt and this was an Eastern Massachusetts issue. He said people must be careful at intersections with the tall snow banks and pedestrians walking, etc. He said many volunteers shoveled out fire hydrants. Boy Scouts Troops 12 and 61 assisted with their leaders in this endeavor.

He wanted to alert residents to ensure gas meters are cleared out and to check on neighbors especially if there is a power outage. He said he will visit senior center shortly to attend meeting on shelters, and Peg Meyers is heading this up.

Mr. Salvo told residents to also ensure they clear the snow drifts to outside vents. Discussion followed on rain forecasted for this weekend on top of snow which will make the snow very heavy on roofs, etc.

Mr. Yunits described certain scams occurring in Town regarding shoveling off roofs. He said residents must ensure they hire a reputable company.

Mrs. Steele said if residents need help getting out of their homes (shoveling, etc.), there are quite a group of volunteers to assist, however they will not shovel off roofs. The number to call is: 285-0235.

Mr. Yunits said the Town buildings roofs appear to look ok; but he was not certain about the schools.

Discussion ensued that the L.G. Nourse School roof did not look strong. Mr. Yunits said he would have that checked into tomorrow.

Mr. Yunits thanked the Highway Department as they put in lots of hours and thus far \$147,000 to date the Town has spent regarding this.

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

. ALL rescheduled Meeting update

This ALL meeting has been tentatively rescheduled to March 10, 2015 from March 3, 2015.

. Snow and Ice update

This was discussed earlier in meeting.

D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

3. Appointment of Dispatchers in the Communications Department

Michael MacDonald and Emily Archer were appointed by Town Manager as Dispatchers in the Communications Department. Their background and experience was provided to the Board.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to accept Appointment of Emily Archer and Michael MacDonald as Full-Time Dispatchers in the Communications Department, with an effective date of February 22, 2015. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

4. Vote to reappoint Heather Graf, Town of Norton's Representative, to serve on the South Coast Rail Task Force

It was noted Mrs. Graf would like to be reappointed.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to reappoint Heather Graf, as Town of Norton's Representative to serve on the South Coast Rail Task Force. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

5. Resignation of Russell Bergevine, Esquire, effective January 31, 2015, from the Permanent Building Committee

It was noted this was the attorney-position; Mr. Bergevine is relocating to California.

6. Appointment of Mark Gershman, who holds the Temporary position on the Permanent Building Committee, to fill the position created by the resignation of Russell Bergevine, Esquire, term to expire June 30, 2016

It was noted this position does not have a requirement that the appointee needs to be an attorney.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Appoint Mark Gershman, who holds the Temporary position on the Permanent Building Committee, to fill the position created by the resignation of Russell Bergevine, Esquire, term to expire June 30, 2016. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Giblin wished to thank the Highway Department for all their efforts with the snow removal, etc.

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Adjourn at 8:00 P.M. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet A. Sweeney
Board of Selectmen – Recording secretary

Documents Distributed/Reviewed at February 19, 2015, Board of Selectmen Meeting

. Draft Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting dated February 5, 2015 and October 9, 2014 Executive Session

. Map/rendering of “274 East Main Street” and “Temporary Traffic Control Plans” map of East Main Street (Route 123)

. Information distributed by Thorndike Development Corp. re: “Water Line” and “Sewer Force Main”

. “Public Safety Advisory On Potential Roof Collapses-Dangers Associated with Heavy Snow Loads on Roofs” distributed by Mr. Cord – Emergency Management Director

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MARY T. STEELE, CHAIRMAN

BRADFORD K. BRAMWELL, VICE-CHAIR

TIMOTHY R. GIBLIN, CLERK

ROBERT W. KIMBALL, JR.

ROBERT S. SALVO, SR.

Dated: _____