

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 9, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

The April 9, 2015, Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mr. Bramwell, Vice-Chair, due to the Chairman's absence, at 7:00 P.M., held in the First Floor Conference Room.

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

- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

- A. Approve bills Warrant #61, dated April 9, 2015, in the amount of \$1,417,464.84
MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve bills Warrant #61, dated April 9, 2015, in the amount of \$1,417,464.84. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Approve Minutes – No Minutes were reviewed/approved.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. Application of Karen B. Goulet for a one-day Beer and Wine License, to be utilized at Everett Leonard Park, June 21, 2015, 12:00 Noon – 6:00 P.M., for private party

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the Application of Karen B. Goulet for a one-day Beer and Wine License, to be utilized at Everett Leonard Park, June 21, 2015, 12:00 Noon – 6:00 P.M., for private party, with all required sign-offs. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion Regarding Appointment of Special By-Law Review Committee

Mr. Giblin said he would be interested in serving on this Committee.

Mr. Bramwell said they are also seeking four concerned citizens and asked Mr. Yunits to advertise this on cable also.

2. Vote to approve Exemption for Assistant Wiring Inspector

Conflict of interest refresher course was discussed and employees who may not work a lot of hours for Town were referenced. There is an electrician, Clifford Archer, who fills in and does inspections that the actual wiring inspector cannot do. Mr. Yunits said the Board will have to acknowledge they received the disclosure under Mass General Laws.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve Exemption for Assistant Wiring Inspector; the Board of Selectmen has received disclosure under G.L. c. 268A, Section 20(d) from a special municipal employee who seeks to have a financial interest in a contract made by a municipal agency of this Town; the Board of Selectmen understands that the special municipal employee participates in, or has official responsibility for, activities of the municipal agency that made the contract; and the Board approves this exemption under Section 20(d) regarding the financial interest identified by the special municipal employee. Second by Mr. Giblin.

Discussion: Mr. Giblin asked whenever a job is done, does Mr. Archer need to make disclosure?

Mr. Yunits responded he will check into this. MOTION CARRIES.

3. Memorandum of Landfill Lease Agreement –Rescind vote taken on March 26, 2015, and revote to have Vice-Chairman Bradford K. Bramwell sign said Agreement

Mr. Bramwell said they need to put in date, but Mrs. Steele is not present this evening. Need to rescind March 26 vote and have a new Motion to allow Mr. Bramwell to sign in her absence.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Rescind vote taken on March 26, 2015, and revote to have Vice-Chairman, Bradford K. Bramwell, sign said Memorandum of Landfill Lease Agreement. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review and/or Vote on Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrants and FY16 Budget

Mr. Yunits referenced the updated scoresheet of budget itself, and noted quite a few budgets will be voted on next week also.

Discussion on the need to hire a full-time Town Planner and Economic Planning Developer.

Mr. Kimball said under Planning Board, it is important to have a full-time Town Planner.

Mr. Yunits said the Town previously had a full-time Town Planner and full-time secretary; now part-time positions. There was a need to try to develop the Town so there is more incoming revenue.

Mr. Kimball referenced the cost of \$2100 being spent every year on printing of Town Report. He said he was not indicating they should not be printed, however, with online services that are available, it should be considered along with having some printed copies available.

Mr. Yunits said there was a possibility one of the Southeastern Regional Vocational students could print them. He also noted to order a larger quantity vs. a smaller quantity is usually less money.

Mr. Salvo commented that some communities use a type of binder for Town Reports; similar to the street listing.

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Yunits stated last night at the Finance Committee (FinCom) meeting, they asked the Superintendent of Schools to come back regarding full day kindergarten as they are now saying they need more money for that.

Mr. Yunits explained over \$100,000 was cut from the Police, Fire and Communications Departments. He indicated they are working to reconstitute the Fire Department to full strength and to man Chartley Fire

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Station, and there is nowhere else to find money. Mr. Yunits stated he asked Town Accountant to print out report from DOR (Department of Revenue) and Free Cash in October and DOR basically communicates it is not a bad idea to have "Free Cash".

Mr. Kimball said the Town only has so much money they can spend and we need to share. He understood the need for full-day kindergarten and the School Department is trying to do other things, as the General Government is also trying to do. He believed the Board has a good rapport with the School Department and hoped it stayed that way. He noted the Town Municipal Center (Town Hall) needs updating which is one of the Town's needs. Also, it is important to have public safety be maintained at a certain level. This will be a difficult year and need to live within the Town's means.

Mr. Yunits said \$862,416 is increase in School Department budget.

It was discussed that the School Department has ability to change money from account to account unlike General Government.

It was noted the Superintendent of Schools spoke of possibly utilizing the "School Choice" money for full-day kindergarten.

Mr. Kimball said the Town of Norton schools currently have empty classrooms/empty floors and understood Town is down 1,000 students. He said there is so much empty space and if the School Department can come up with a creative way to come up with \$150,000 to fund a full-day kindergarten, that would be ideal. Some ideas may be to reach out to a college or other institution to possibly rent classroom space, etc. He suggested it may be beneficial to find out how many empty classrooms are in the School System.

Mr. Bramwell agreed and said there are ways of utilizing the space with financial gain.

Mr. Kimball said the Town Hall does not even have an occupancy permit and needs cooperation from all Town agencies to make that happen.

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Mr. Yunits discussed Articles for the Annual Town Meeting.

Article 2: Accepting Ch 90 funds from the State.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to support Article 2. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

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Article 3: This Article is still being reviewed. No Action Taken.

Article 4: Collective Bargaining Agreements - still being reviewed. No Action Taken.

Article 5: Water Pollution Abatement Trust Program

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to support Article 5 in the amount of \$10,000. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 6: Household Hazardous Waste Day

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to support Article 6 in the amount of \$10,000. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 7: Norton Rail Trail Project

Mr. Yunits said he would like to have Committee in before Board to discuss.

Mr. Yunits referenced letter generated to Governor and noted Myles Standish companies were looking forward to this. It was noted \$500,000 was needed for engineering and design.

Article 8: All revolving funds in one Article

Increase limit from \$30,000 to \$60,000.

Discussion on boat ramp and Mr. Kimball indicated he thought there was a type of drawing somewhere in the Town Hall files regarding area for boat ramp; the plan should be somewhere in Town Hall.

Mr. Bramwell said he would support increase, but would like to do more research.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to support Article 8 with revision of increasing limit from \$30,000 to \$60,000. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 9:

Mr. Yunits said this Article would be helpful so Mr. Silver, Highway Superintendent, can continue to go out and clean up trees that are hazardous, etc.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to support Article 9. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 10: Repair of Spillway

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MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to support Article 10. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Yunits said he would like to wait on the other Articles until the next meeting.

Mr. Yunits said he met last night with the Superintendent of Schools, Water & Sewer Department, and FinCom regarding tie-in with L.G. Nourse School, which is Article 9 on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. He explained this was being reviewed by Town Counsel; asking for \$440,000 to tie L.G. Nourse into sewer system; \$300,000 for pipe in the street; \$75,000 is for decommission of septic system on site and connection to L.G. Nourse, and rest are sewer connection fees. The Town cannot borrow sewer connection fees; it is not allowable to borrow. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Yunits said Water & Sewer Department could not attend this evening's Board meeting this evening, but will ask them to attend next meeting. He needs clarification on whether \$300,000 is going to be paid by taxpayers or other means. Discussion followed on tie-ins by homeowners, etc.

Mr. Kimball asked where line is going to be placed and how close to his lawn will it be as he resides on Pine Street? He wanted to be able to see set-up.

Article 10 – There was a placeholder on this Article. Mr. Yunits stated he received a call from Lloyd Geisenger/Thorndike Development and he indicated he needed a very small strip of land by Krickets Korner, owned by the Rich family, and he was trying to work out an agreement with landowners for easement for sidewalk and mandated for his MEPA. Since then, Mr. Yunits found out easement may not be needed (telephone poles instead of easement). If Thorndike builds project, those telephone poles are sitting on top of street; if Thorndike does not get easement, the only other way is to move telephone poles back from what Mr. Yunits understood. He thought moving telephone poles back would be better if that would be a solution.

Mr. Yunits stated he asked Mr. Geisenger earlier today to move telephone poles back and they need to talk to public safety and he provided the phone number for National Grid and phone company and hopefully they get moving quick on that.

Mr. Giblin said it was important Mr. Geisenger be aware this Article is very important.

D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

. Reappointment of Board of Selectmen's Representative to the SRPEDD Commission – Ralph Stefanelli

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to reappoint Ralph Stefanelli as Board of Selectmen's Representative to the SRPEDD Commission. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

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. Reappointment of Board of Selectmen's Delegate to the JTPG – Highway Superintendent Keith Silver

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to reappoint Highway Superintendent Keith Silver as the Board of Selectmen's Delegate to the JTPG. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

. Reappointment of Board of Selectmen's Alternate to the JTPG – Town Manager Michael D. Yunits

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to reappoint Town Manager, Michael D. Yunits, as the Board of Selectmen's Alternate to the JTPG. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Nothing was discussed.

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

. Public Meeting at 7:15 P.M. for the purpose of receiving oral comments on the Municipal Energy Aggregation Program

. Meet with Water & Sewer regarding info for Town Meeting Warrant

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Mr. Kimball asked that 274 East Main Street be added to the next meeting's agenda also.

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Mr. Giblin said the Board spoke about the Spring Cleanup a couple of weeks ago and wondered about status.

Mr. Yunits said he was aware one person was possibly interested; he will check into this.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Adjourn at 8:15 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 April 9, 2015, Board of Selectmen Meeting

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. Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrants and FY16 Budget

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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: _____

