

Norton Republican Town Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 19, 2012
Norton VFW, 38 Summer Street, Norton, MA

Attending members at this meeting are as follows: The Chairman Spider Smith, The Vice Chairman Charlie Campbell, Treasurer Horace Mello, and Secretary Pat Campbell, Members Ray Issler, Richard Leitch, Fran Gallagher, C. J. McMahon, Chris Deleo, Richard Leitch, Janine Izzo, Pam Kulibaba, and Tim O'Connell. Others attending were Bryan Simmons and Chris Simmons of Attleboro and Peter Hoogerzeil of Seekonk

7:00PM Chairman Spider Smith opened the meeting, brought it to order, and welcomed all of the members.

7:01PM The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

7:02PM Chairman Spider Smith announced the schedule for the next three meetings:

February 16, 2012
March 22, 2012
April 19, 2012

7:03PM Chairman Spider Smith thanked Charles Campbell for taking a brave stand in confronting and asking tough questions to Senator Scott Brown about his horrible voting record on several issues when he opened up the meetings. There was a picture in The Sun Chronicle of Treasurer Horace Mello, Vice Chairman Charles Campbell and Chris DeLeo but it wasn't reported not as the Republican Town Committee but the Tri-centennial Committee.

It was also mentioned that it took four days to straighten out the PO Box that the Republicans own. Since Treasurer Horace Mello did not have a second picture ID Chairman Spider Smith had to put it in his name.

7:06PM Peter Hoogerzeil is running for State Committee man. He spoke about helping to get Republicans elected. He feels that local candidates should be the main focus of getting Republican conservatives elected and raising their own money. He was asked by Pam Kulibaba how he felt about the election of the MASSGOP Chair Bob Maginn and said he was taking and wait and see attitude. He knows that money was given to the Democrats.

7:15PM Treasurer Horace Mello is also running for State Committee man. He spoke on "getting our house in order" first. He is outraged with the one step forward and two steps back the Conservative Republicans seem to take. He wants to see more people in the Republican Town Committee Meetings. He wants to hit the ground running. He wants to see change from the bottom to the top and not from the top down.

7:18 A vote was taken to approve the minutes of last months meeting held on December 15, 2011. The minutes were unanimously approved.

7:19PM Bryan Simmons brought pictures of the first burial ground in Norton. Buried there are the four major first families of Norton and War veterans of the Revolutionary War and King Philipp War. It is located on Bay Road with a Historical marker but the Cemetery is badly neglected with overrun brush and damage to the fence. It was mentioned that anywhere 10 or more graves are that the cemetery should be maintained according to state law. Keith Silver is in charge of the maintenance of Cemeteries in Norton. Chairman Spider Smith will get in touch with him. It was mentioned that high school students have to do 50 hours of volunteer service and maybe some of them would be willing to help put this in order.

7:35PM Chairman Spider Smith mentioned that we should concentrate on local candidates as well as the Presidential Primary for the March 6, 2012 elections.

7:50PM It was mentioned that Town Elections are coming up and there are vacant seats to be filled. It was also mentioned that C.J. McMahon would like to run for School Committee.

8:11PM The meeting was adjourned.