

Norton Republican Town Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 17, 2012
Norton VFW, 38 Summer Street, Norton, MA

Attending members at this meeting are as follows: Chairman Bill Lippincott, The Vice Chairman Charlie Campbell, and Secretary Pat Campbell, Ray Issler, Richard Leitch, Chris Deleo, Pam Kulibaba, Pam Lippincott, Stephen Sicard, Ed Schoppe, Steven Howitt, Jay Barrows, and guest Keven O'Neal

Chairman Bill Lippincott opened the meeting, brought it to order, and welcomed all of the members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Bill Lippincott introduced Kevin O'Neal, the Chairman of the Building Fund at Norton High School. He explained at the current time the project is under budget. The Construction Management Risk Team was brought in during the planning of the project. The High School is a forty-year old building. This way they would be able to identify any surprises that might happen during this project.

Fourteen to fifteen trades are involved in the project. Bids were submitted and the lowest qualified bidder was awarded the contract. At the present time the project is under ½ million dollars. If there was enough money alternate projects such as the overhang at the front and back entrances, air conditioning for cafeteria and bookcases for classrooms would be added back into the project.

The last two months have been spent in connecting sewage from the Yelle School and the High School to the Middle School. There will be no on site leaching fields. By the end of June the new foundation will be poured. Internal work will begin in January, 2013. WP Rich Construction will have a Project Manager on site overseeing the Architect Firm blue prints. The Construction Management will be over the Trade Men. Furniture and Technology will run about \$40,000. The Architect Firm was 7.9 million and the Sewage project was 8 grand. The state will reimburse 22 million on this project. The roof work will be under warranty for 20-25 years.

Steven Howitt, State Representative, for re-election was our next speaker. His area is two precincts in Norton and Swansea, all of Seekonk, and Rehoboth. He has an opponent that is professor at BCC for the Green Rainbow Party. He reminded everyone that they are invited to attend his kickoff campaign on Sunday, May 20 at the Hillside Country Club, 82 Hillside Avenue, Rehoboth, MA at 4-6 pm.

Jay Barrows, State Representative, also spoke. He mentioned that Norton School ranked 38 out of 300 plus schools. We spend \$9,000 per student to educate them. Community Service was done on 57 roads in the Norton area as the groups cleaned litter from the sides of the roads. The DARE Program involves about 70 children in the area. The dog

drug snuffing found nothing. Horizon Beverages is now in our area. Our property taxes have 12-13% commercial properties in this area. On June 2, Saturday the Annual BBQ and 2012 campaign Kick-off from 4-8 pm.

Ray Issler reminded everyone that the Tea Party would be on next Tuesday.

Pam Kulibaba mentioned that it would cost \$100 to rent the space as the VFW for our annual cook out. All donations accepted.

The next meeting will be the third Thursday in June which is the 21st at 7PM.

Richard Leitch made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ray Issler seconded it.