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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF MEETING FOR JANUARY 14, 2010

- I. **CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**: The January 14, 2010, Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, Mr. Giblin.

A. **Roll Call**: Chairman, Mr. Timothy Giblin; Messrs. Bradford Bramwell; Robert Kimball; and Mr. Salvo were present. Mrs. Mary Steele was absent. Mr. James Purcell, Town Manager, was also present.

B. **Pledge of Allegiance**

II. **WARRANTS AND MINUTES**

A. **Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended January 9, 2010, Warrant #41, dated January 14, 2010, in the amount of \$955,107.31**

MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended January 9, 2010, Warrant #41, dated January 14, 2010, in the amount of \$955,107.31. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. **Approve bills Warrant #42, dated January 14, 2010, in the amount of \$758,587.21**

MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to approve bills Warrant #42, dated January 14, 2010, in the amount of \$758,587.21. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

C. **Approve Minutes - September 17, 2009 Executive Session**

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve the Board of Selectmen "Executive Session" Minutes of Meeting of September 17, 2009, as written. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. **LICENSES AND PERMITS**

1. **Application of Kathleen M. Twitchell, for Parade/Motorcade Permit for 5K Run/Walk Road Race for Norton High School Fundraiser, to be held Sunday, May 2, 2010, 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

Mr. Giblin stated this was also done last year and he did not ask Ms. Twitchell to be present this

evening. Start is at Parker Street to John Scott Blvd.

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IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, is Special Election (1/19) and polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and absentee ballots available (Friday, 1/15 being last day for absentee ballots and must be obtained by 5 p.m.).

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. 7:05 P.M. - Donna Palmer, Public Health Nurse Re: Flu Clinics

Ms. Palmer provided explanation of flu vaccines and stated schools had clinics. Yelle School clinic to be held on Saturday from 9 a.m. -12 noon.

Mr. Purcell stated Ms. Palmer and entire health organization are doing great work. H1N1 is issue right at this time; next year it could be something different. Ms. Palmer and health dept. are on front lines and he thanked them.

Mr. Giblin said he wanted to commend Ms. Palmer and her department as well.

Ms. Palmer recognized the school nurses who were tremendously helpful also and will have lots of volunteers on Saturday are are "good to go".

2. 7:15 P.M. - Bill Lippincott Re: Update – Employment Support Group

Mr. Lippincott stated there are Tuesday morning meetings for the employment support group from 7:30 a.m. - 8 a.m. Ann Crawford is one of their volunteers and she was with him this evening.

This group is open to Norton and surrounding communities and is available to: 1) unemployed; or 2) underemployed; and 3) hold mock interviewing but help them do networking as well. Norton has led effort in community and region and generally have about 10-15 people attend group each Tuesday. Tri-town chamber has been helpful and supportive also. Trying to be an advocate for those unemployed who are not employed. He thanked all in Town for their assistance; good press also in Norton Mirror, Sun Chronicle, and Boston Globe. Those interested can contact the church where group is held at 285-4710.

Ms. Crawford, who is a life coach spoke and explained her capacity with group and said they do and like to hear from different hiring managers about how to build skillsets etc.

3. 7:30 P.M. - Thomas R. Stanton Re: Interview for appointment to the Recreation Commission

Mr. Stanton said he has been in Norton from about 1998/1999 and lives with his wife and children, and wants to help kids go in a positive direction. Last six years he has been in a sales/management capacity.

Mr. Kimball said this is a brand new group with lots of energy.

MOTON was made by Mr. Kimball to appoint Thomas R. Stanton to the Recreation Commission. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Kimball said they can extend members on this Commission if needed (can add to group as long as group is being proactive, etc.).

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Vote to appoint Selectman Robert S. Salvo, Sr. a member to the Norton High School Building Committee

It was noted Mr. Bramwell and Mr. Giblin were voted to be on School Building Committee, and Mr. Salvo also has interest in it too but was not present at that particular Board of Selectmen meeting.

Mr. Salvo said he has the background in the construction field and his experience is why he is interested.

Mr. Kimball said he had one concern; three sitting members (open meeting law issue).

Mr. Kimball suggested possibly Mr. Giblin or Mr. Bramwell could step aside. He said Mr. Bramwell also has School Building Committee experience.

Mr. Giblin responded he understood and agreed.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball that in best interest of School Building Committee, to replace Mr. Giblin with Mr. Salvo to bring extra experience to said Committee. Second by Mr. Bramwell.

Discussion: It was discussed Mr. Giblin and Mr. Kimball will be involved with Dr. Ansay, etc. and keep updated on issues, meetings, etc.

Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Vote to designate Liaison to the Ethics Commission regarding Conflict of Interest Law for Municipal Employees – General Laws Chapter 268A

Mr. Purcell explained in last September 2009, an amendment to States Conflict of Interest law occurred, to set up a system of accountability and ongoing education of employees. Conflict of interest law to all school employees; town employees, etc., and sent out. Additional training requirements and arrangement with town counsel being made and he recommended Janet Linehan (acting town clerk). He also recommend Janet Linehan formatting this (probably using Excel) and town clerk responsible for making all new hires and existing personnel every two years and keeper of records.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to designate/appoint Acting Town Clerk, Janet A. Linehan, as Town's Liaison to the Ethics Commission regarding Conflict of Interest Law for Municipal Employees – General Laws Chapter 268A. Second by Mr. Bramwell.

Discussion: Mr. Salvo stated he took test and it was 25 questions and very informative and he knew most of the answers.

Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Kimball stated there was a letter received from a citizen regarding issues with cable in recent weeks. Color/background and lettering of notices/announcements/ freezing of televised programs, etc. Issues with fiber links but this needs to be addressed. He asked Mr. Purcell to please follow on this with members of Cable Commission.

Mr. Kimball said if Cable Commission is serious, a telephone number where people can call in to Cable Commission should be visible for problems with this type of issue.

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A letter received from Epoch of Norton President about article in Sun Chronicle and Route 140Roche Bros. Plaza. He had great concerns to assisted living and wanted to pursue this with plaza owners/or state, etc. He suggested: 1) clean out retention basin(s); 2) traffic light at main entrance; and 3) one way at Dunkin Donuts only.

Mr. Kimball said Mrs. Steele wants present owners involved/in; seems to be a new owner of that plaza frequently. Mr. Giblin asked if a certified letter was sent out yet?

Mr. Purcell said discussions with Mass Highway, Gator Investments, trustees of Great Brook condos and Representatives Barrows and Poirier occurred. Funding on traffic lights concern. Traffic lights may not be eligible for state funding because two private ways intersect with it. Two state reps suggested to talk with Mass Highway etc. Until ready to do that, should hold off on any public meetings is his recommendation.

Mr. Salvo said if Town needs to “dig deeper” at Route 138-Roche Bros. in Easton, there is a traffic light there at that location, and intersects with two private ways. However, he was not certain who paid for this.

Mr. Giblin referenced Mass Highway and one way in entrance and have Gator Investments in for a meeting.

Mr. Purcell referenced one way in; one way out by Dunkin Donuts - a Mass Highway issue and should pursue that singularly.

Mr. Purcell said second part was that he spoke to Tom of Gator Investments and landscaping company got order to clean up basin.

Mr. Kimball said the Board has been talking about this for awhile. Easton Roche Bros. he would think developer put traffic light in; he did not see Mass Highway putting that light in. Discussion ensued.

Discussion on exit (making it toward Smith Street possibly a better exit).

Mr. Kimball said drainage and detention pond can be worked on and can get Mass Highway involved in situation. Mr. Kimball questioned if "in and out" was in right location?

Mr. Giblin said it is important to get some issues done fairly quickly then work on Plan "B" and Plan "C".

Mr. Salvo said Dunkin Donuts exit should not even be there. Many businesses have one large main entrance built.

Mr. Kimball said he would not like to close exit by Dunkin Donuts as could have impact on business of Dunkin Donuts.

Mr. Kimball said they should act on one piece first (two choices: 1) work with Town or 2) Town is "shutting it off" as it is a huge safety issue). His recommendation is to start with Mass Highway and bring two state reps in too. Town and developer could possibly work with Mass Highway.

Mr. Purcell said it is "in the works", he has spoken to state reps, etc.

Mr. Bramwell stated by McDonald's, snow is plowed/piled on left of exit and visibility is terrible.

Mr. Giblin asked Mr. Purcell to send info to Gator Investments.

Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Purcell to please get something from Mass Highway.

Mr. Purcell said two studies were done: 1) right-turn in; and 2) right-turn out only.

Mr. Kimball said plan should be presented to Mass Highway showing them that this is what Town currently has regarding plans, etc.

VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Purcell referenced cable and stated Board of Selectmen authorized him to keep fiber optic contract

and it was done fairly quickly. Old server locations located in "old interrogation room"; they had to be moved out of station (six servers). A new out-building is at police station parking lot (less than \$10,000) and will receive supplies and materials; vacated bay to host new server room. \$35,000 additional to do that; and a substantial benefit to police costs/cooler temperatures needed, etc. This was a plan that was a long time coming.
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Mr. Purcell said Norton is one of 17 members of health purchase insurance groups. No change in this year's plan design; higher deductible plan for employees to work with. Another meeting to take place next week to tweak rates. HMO = 5.5% premiums and PPO plans to go up 19% and hope to develop some more ideas.

80% currently-next year goes down to 75%. Concessions saved a lot of positions (is 12% of Town's total operating budget).
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A meeting with FinCom next Wednesday evening: 1) reserve fund transfer and 2) snow and ice deficit-\$18,000.
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January 22 will be "D" Day. Governor's Office should give some indication of local aid for the coming year, and tell "us" which direction in which we are headed.
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Condolences to Wayne Graf of Finance Committee on the recent passing of his Mother.
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Mr. Purcell spoke of Town's capacity to deal with pandemic issues. Purchased with grant money, a small trailer with light, etc., and enhances Town's ability to go out to where people are.

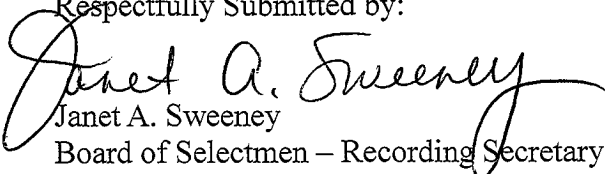
VIII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Janet A. Sweeney
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

