



TOWN OF NORTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2010

- I. **CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**: The February 18, 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. Robert Kimball; Robert Salvo; and Mrs. Mary Steele were present. Mr. Bradford Bramwell arrived at 7:15 p.m. Mr. James Purcell, Town Manager, was also present.

B. **Pledge of Allegiance**

II. **WARRANTS AND MINUTES**

A. **Approve bills Warrant #49, dated February 18, 2010, in the amount of \$195,097.84**
MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to approve bills Warrant #49, dated February 18, 2010, in the amount of \$195,097.84. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. **Approve Minutes – October 5, 2009**
MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated October 5, 2009, as written. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. **LICENSES AND PERMITS**

1. **7:05 P.M.** - Request of Morton E. Morin, Commander, Disabled American Veterans, Cpl. William F. Reardon Chapter 57, Taunton, MA for annual "Forget-Me-Not Drive" in Norton, at Roche Bros. Supermarket, 175 Mansfield Avenue, July 31st and August 1, 2010

Mr. Morin was present to request permission for this Drive and all money received used to distribute to Disabled vets and families.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve request of Morton E. Morin, Commander, Disabled American Veterans, Cpl. William F. Reardon Chapter 57, Taunton, MA for annual "Forget-Me-Not Drive" in Norton, at Roche Bros. Supermarket, 175 Mansfield Avenue, July 31st and August 1, 2010nd waive all application fees. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Morin asked if he finds some other place(s) to solicit does he have to come before the Board of Selectmen again?

Mr. Kimball said they can do a blanket for this. Mr. Morin said establishment(s) can call (508)-823-0409 or home (508)-828-1818 if they are interested in assisting.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to make a Friendly Amendment to above Motion to allow Mr. Morin to solicit at additional establishments if he so desires without having to appear before the Board of Selectmen.

Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Kathy Bailey Memorial Basketball Game will be held on March 3, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at Norton High School.

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. 7:10 P.M. - Sheri Cohen, Chairman, Recreation Commission Re: Update-Programs

Ms. Cohen was requesting and would appreciate an increase to nine from seven for members on this Committee. There are many programs for schools, senior center, Red Mill Village, seven karate programs and all goes back to Recreation and some to give this Committee a portion. They just contacted a driver's education organization. They need some class space, archery camp for June being planned, and campus and use of school or Wheaton College.

Ms. Cohen said the skating party needs to be cancelled due to weather (ice is slushy). 3/27 at 1 p.m. is Spring Egg Hunt. A possible dance next year at Middle School. Advertising needs to be increased; a Facebook page to be created; and Sun Chronicle newspaper and cable advertising usage.

Mr. Bramwell arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Eagle Scouts to help clean up Everett Leonard Complex also (painting, etc.) and woodworker to donate two benches (woodworking business across from Tsang's). Blue View Nurseries donation of shrubs and flowers, and other various donations from other businesses which is appreciated.

Mr. Giblin thanked those businesses for helping.

Ms. Cohen said businesses in Town have been unbelievable. A need for recreation in Town is needed and people see that it is a great board to join.

She said people can go to website: "Parks and Recreation" and her e-mail is highlighted.

Mrs. Steele thanked her for all her effort and for all the programs implemented.

Mrs. Steele said pool being up and running this summer and will cost a lot of money; donations by businesses will help.

Ms. Cohen said she also would like residents to support local businesses.

Mr. Kimball spoke of Recreation Commission [possibly hanging a banner out front; same idea as what Red Mill sometimes uses.

Mr. Purcell indicated Maribeth Moriarty in Town is contact for banner, etc.

Mr. Kimball said Recreation Dept. brochure is excellent and great to see program getting back on track and up to speed.

Mr. Kimball said Parker Street area continues to be #1 property for recreation and need to utilize it. If pool not opened for one year, it won't be able to be opened again. Hoping to redevelop this program and get it up and running as it needs dollars to get started. Mrs. Steele and Mr. Purcell can help get info together. Once up and running eventually it will be self-funding. If pool is decertified, entire property will go away.

Parking needs to be cleared; use of sand or something else needed, as some kids running near where cars are parking.

Mr. Kimball wanted to recognize the fact that Ms. Cohen and Recreation Commission are making great strides. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Cohen said she definitely needs the community help; cannot do it with just the current seven member board.

Mr. Giblin said he has access to paper to create the brochure.

Ms. Cohen said pamphlet is on the website as well.

2. 7:20 P.M. - Daniel Rich, Chairman, Tri-Centennial Committee Re: Update – Tri-Centennial Celebration

Mr. Rich provided an update and said they will do fundraisers by private donations, etc. Logos are all in and will choose final logo at their next meeting.

Mr. Rich spoke of opening 1961 time capsule in 2010 as well as fundraisers being planned. Kickoff is Dec. 31 in Norton center with hayrides, bands, and it will involve the whole center hopefully and use two schools with events for young kids and older kids. Brian Coughlin is helping with the planning.

A Ball to be held possibly at Holiday Inn in Taunton/Mansfield. Also, Wheaton College has been very

helpful. Saturday night Feb 20 the Sadie Hawkins dance at Oasis from 7 p.m. to midnight with a \$10 donation is one of the upcoming fundraisers.

Town parade (3-4 hours in length) to be centerpiece of it. 6/12 is a Sunday and 300th Anniversary. Ralph Stefanelli has gone to other towns about getting more info and flyers. CFS will do some mailings at a less expensive rate.

Mr. Rich said they plan to meet every couple of weeks. He urged residents to call as they need a lot of people to do a lot of work. He said they should keep calling as he has been busy and has many phone calls to return, etc.

There will be a website for it and his telephone number is listed and will get back to them. They have a good core now so it will work better. Discussion followed.

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mrs. Steele spoke of Industrial Development Committee. She referenced article in Boston Globe of top ten communities poised for growth. Anyone interested should contact Board of Selectmen's office.

Mr. Giblin asked Mr. Purcell if this info could be put on front page of Town's website?

Mr. Kimball said former brochure of what IDC is all about is somewhere in the files and it would be helpful if they could try to find it.

Mr. Salvo referenced Town website, and asked if they can find out how many people view it?

Mr. Purcell said Mr. Golota has almost or entirely stepped away from this area. He commended him for a great job and helped with the website.

Mr. Purcell said Mr. Golota has been invaluable in getting it started.

Discussion ensued on possibly counting "hits" to website.

Mr. Purcell referenced IT support services he is looking into and one function is to maintain website and make it a more robust site. MMA consulting group is also making recommendations.

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Mr. Kimball said letter was received from Mr. Gouveia, town moderator, regarding the town charter. A charter review needed with year ending in zero.

Mr Kimball said there were nine members from various boards/committees: Board of Selectmen; School Committee; Board of Assessors, etc.

Mr. Kimball said they should come up with one rep from Board for this.

Mr. Giblin said Board of Selectmen should review/think about it and next week they can revisit it and add to agenda.

Mr. Kimball said a letter was received from Dr. Ansay to Mr. Purcell regarding very exciting news with energy efficiency; solar array project. This is Norton's first step in going "green" and need to do bids, etc. This is a grant opportunity and Mr. Purcell was thanked by Dr. Ansay for his efforts.

Mr. Kimball said it appears the cafeteria in middle school is perfect for doing a solar project and Mr. Purcell assisted. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Purcell said there was access to a Trust Fund and National Grid customers (approximately \$7000). Discussion followed. General government does not have a winning proposal and thought school would and turned grant over to state. Mr. Pete Fine from Attleboro (scientist) helped put application packet together. Mr. Fine found a lot of school's infrastructure with various conduits already in place and can do more on top.

School is very excited about incorporating whole solar subject into curriculum; a teaching tool as well as energy saving.

Mr. Kimball spoke of reaching out to Ansar who is working on landfill and give him some direction and maybe Ansar can help through process and work with school project together. It was determined Ansar would be contacted.

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Mr. Kimball discussed Hawthorne Road: purchase of Town-owned property. RFP available. Hopefully Habitat for Humanity will apply. He thanked Mr. Purcell and Michelle Brown for their help and involvement with this.

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Mr. Kimball said he recommended for future agendas to have "Town Manager's Report" listed first, then "Old Business", and then "Selectmen's Report and Mail". A lot of times Mr. Purcell does not have opportunity to give updates and discuss his agenda and bring Board new subjects, etc.

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Mr. Bramwell stated he just attended School Building Meeting and custodial dept. did a great deal with schools. Walking through school this evening it is well maintained on surface. It was built in 1973 and is a bare-bones building and everyone should take a look at it. It is showing its age. Some things probably are not up to code and he spoke of needed renovations and/or expansions. It was an "eye-opening" experience and he welcomed all to take tour he took. Needed updates are for safety of students/faculty and just for building itself. It served Town well but now needs improvements.

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Mr. Purcell said last week he misinterpreted a conversation and he wanted to clarify. School Building Authority made it clear to him they are not funding any septic projects. He interpreted literally vs. the correct way. Schools are not on septic systems would not get funded. First clarified by school superintendent and then clarified by Boston; and he was corrected. It is viable with state and need to get info straight is correction for record.

Mr. Kimball said this evening they obviously have a Board of Selectmen meeting but would like to have gone on tour. He would like Mr. Bramwell to please convey back to them that Board of Selectmen cannot do tours, etc., on Thursday evenings due to the usual scheduled Board of Selectmen meetings.

Mr. Kimball said if they took a tour of L. G. Nourse, J.C. Solmonese, Town Hall, etc., there would be same issues in various buildings. Fire/safety issues especially with electric heating system. It is necessary to get involved and open it up so residents can take tour, etc.

Mr. Bramwell said he thought Tuesday nights had been decided, so he was not sure how Thursday nights had been ultimately decided.

VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Purcell said the next meeting's agenda will be for the cell tower lease for execution and they have agreed to Town's terms.

Tuesday night Water and Sewer Commissioners to meet and want to be sure ground lease placement and layout, etc. in accordance with wWater and Sewer Department's desires (pads need to be built, etc.). Documents he will send to Water Dept. and he spoke to Water Superintendent, Duane Knapp. This is the end of an 18 month project.

Mr. Kimball wanted to emphasize everyone has right to put things on agenda for Board of Selectmen meetings.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to enter into Executive Session for purpose to discuss purchase, exchange, taking, lease, or value of real property, and return to open session for purpose of adjournment. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

VIII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

1. 7:05 P.M. - Chris Cox, Chairman, Historical Commission Re: The Campbell House
2. 7:30 P.M. - Package Store Beer and Wine Liquor License transfer hearing – The Swirling Vine, Inc., 50 West Main Street

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Re: To consider the purchase, exchange, taking, lease, or value of real property

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Adjourn at 8:15 pm. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet A. Sweeney
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

