



TOWN OF NORTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting April 8, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The April 8, 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 Mrs. Mary Steele were present. Mr. Robert Salvo 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 April 3, 2010, Warrant #59, dated April 8, 2010, in the amount of \$992,170.77

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended April 3, 2010, Warrant #59, dated April 8, 2010, in the amount of \$992,170.77. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. Approve bills Warrant #60, dated April 8, 2010, in the amount of \$1,031,029.74

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bills Warrant #60, dated April 8, 2010, in the amount of \$1,031,029.74. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

C. Approve Minutes –

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. 7:05 P.M. - Request of Terrence O'Reilly, Farney Brothers, Incorporated d/b/a Trinity Bar & Grill, 184 West Main Street, for a change of hours on Sundays to its Common Victualer All Kinds of Alcoholic Beverages License, from 12:00 Noon – 1A.M., to 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 A.M., for Sunday Brunch
- 2.

It was noted no issues have occurred at this restaurant.

Mr. Kimball said recently a bill was filed for change time to 10 a.m. on Sunday

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Mr. O'Reilly stated the outside patio of his restaurant was up and running and they look forward to having this patio. Live entertainment available and suitable for all ages. Brunch, breakfast, and lunch served and open for special days such as Easter, Valentine's Day.

3. Application of Norton VFW Post 8049, 38 Summer Street, for Annual Poppy Drive, to be held at Roche Bros, Supermarket, Produce Barn, CVS, and Walgreen's on May 21st, and 22nd, 2010

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve Application of Norton VFW Post 8049, 38 Summer Street, for Annual Poppy Drive, to be held at Roche Bros, Supermarket, Produce Barn, CVS, and Walgreen's on May 21st, and 22nd, 2010, and to waive all application fees. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Letter received from Dr. Ansay re: Norton High School Public Forum to be held 4/27 and on 4/28 before Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, and School Committee.

Pancake Breakfast on 4/9/10 at Norton VFW from 8-11 a.m.

Blood Drive Wed., 4/21/10 at Roche Bros plaza Call 1-800-Red Cross for more info.

Norton Historical Society meeting on April 20 at Old School House at 7:30 p.m. and Mr. George Yelle will be giving a presentation on two previous anniversaries (1911 and 1961).

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. 7:15 P.M. – Recognition of the Winner and Nine (9) Runner-Ups for the Town of Norton 350th Anniversary Logo Contest

Mrs. Mary Brown, former J.S. Solmonese Principal was present as well. It was noted contest ran December to February and there were 10 semi-finalists. Logos related to history and celebration of Town and something that could be reproduced on stationery, etc. It was noted students and art teacher, Mrs. Ruby, framed all 10 entries. Winning logo will have a place at Town Hall.

Names of all students read as well as winner of contest. Awards were presented to all.

Mr. Attorney Dan Rich presented a monetary gift to winner.

Mr. Giblin congratulated all contestants and stated they did a great job.

- 2 7:30 P.M. – Norton Board of Library Directors/Head Librarian Re: Five-Year Strategic Plan

Mr. Brian Stalters, President of Board of Directors of Library, stated library got cut 40% and like any business, library is closed when people are looking for work/employment. Cannot apply for state grants, etc. as building itself is from library's own funds. He asked how Board of Selectmen could help support Town's library?

Mr. Giblin spoke of hopes of possibly getting certification back.

Mr. Stalters said eight lost certification.

Mr. Kimball stated the Board of Selectmen did not cut any budget; Town Meeting did. Accreditation he had an issue with.

It was noted Council on Aging is no longer operating; affected by budget.

Police and fire departments were also discussed.

Mr. Kimball spoke of debt exclusion; Proposition 2 ½ is only way it will happen. Not being able to apply for state grants because of loss of accreditation he was not aware of.

Mr. Stalters asked how the library should educate people of Norton about this issue?

Mr. Giblin suggested to look at other towns and getting certification back is important. Discussion followed.

Mr. Stalters said Norton was the only town who was 40%; Norton has a long way to go.

Mrs. Steele thanked Mr. Stalters and library board of directors for coming forward. The vote to not support at Town Meeting was a difficult situation. What can Board of Selectmen do help them? However they cannot do too much without any money.

Mrs. Steele spoke of senior center/Rec Dept. being gone. Values we have are going by wayside and residents need to stop waiting for others to foot bill. Increase in taxes not wanted; what kind of town does Norton want to be?

Mrs. Steele said a grass roots organization is needed. Personally she would support library. Enough is enough and situation is at bottom of barrel. During tragic events Town does come together (fires, etc.), and Town is now at that point. She said she is not sure people understand Town is at that point.

Mr. Kimball said even though Board is saying they will level-fund library this year; personnel becomes less and less.

Mr. Giblin referenced level-funding means library gets same amount of money as previous year but expenses/costs increase.

Mr. Kimball asked how much money is available and what is length of time to get accreditation back?

Forty (40) hours for \$360,210 discussed. It would have to wait one whole year to get accreditation back.

Mr. Purcell said one of Board of Library Commissioners criteria requirements be by tax levy money.

Some cultural programs; rec programs have gotten some contributions.

If funding level was brought up to 40 hours it still would not pass muster due to rule.

Ms. Elaine Jackson spoke of Friends of Library. She said in order to be recertified they need to get money from Town.

Mr. Purcell spoke on perspective on F'011. There are close to 30 categories of aid and charges on cherry sheets. \$213,000 net loss in local aid because of charter school costs that have increased. However, property tax levy has grown somewhat.

Town is probably just above water by about \$200,000; 70% of \$200,000 is available for school department and 30% for general government.

On April 14 House of Reps to announce local aid numbers (4% cut is "talk") and then Town will no longer be above water. Level-funding is a hope; not an expectation.

Ms. Jackson said \$360,210 = 40 hours library can be open. Consistency is what Board of Library Commissioners are looking for.

Mr. Kimball said at most recent MMA meeting Board attended, the Board of Selectmen met with Board of Library Commissioners and some seemed open-minded while at least one person appeared not to be open-minded.

Ms. Jackson said \$53,000 needed = 40 hours.

Mr. Kimball said if there is a way they can come up with money he is all in favor of this.

It was noted elementary school libraries are not open and run by volunteers.

Mr. Stalters referenced Mr. Freeman's idea of taxing Wheaton College, then all colleges would need to be taxed and it would be a long process.

Currently people are paying more for buses/ athletics, than they would have paid for an override.

Mr. Stalters asked Board of Selectmen, how do they go about this (grass roots, etc.)?

Mr. Bramwell said there is a strong minority in Town that appears to be negative. It must be grassroots and people must show up and vote and need to maintain services in Town. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kimball suggested they hold a meeting to formulate this. Someone has to start process; reach out to all organizations similar to theirs. What are the basic needs in 2011? Silent majority vs. vocal minority (and vocal minority is very strong).

Mr. Kimball said an example would be a meeting at library; a roundtable with a positive attitude about how changes can be made. A lot of talented people in community.

It was discussed by Board that the formal way failed twice; ask what needs of residents are. It will take a lot of effort. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Steele said parents are paying bus fees/athletics, etc. and seniors needing to drive out of town.

Mr. Kimball said a whole new group of people are needed. People need to know how it works.

Mr. Stalters said the library meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Ms. Jackson said a strategic plan made. They need to get more publicity for library. Many people did not know what the library does and help from newspapers, etc., would be ideal. She said they are not required to have a strategic plan where the library is no longer certified but they do have one.

Mr. Giblin said everything that the library does the Board of Selectmen can announce.

Library's website was noted: www.nortonlibrary.org.

Mr. Stalters thanked the Board of Selectmen and said hopefully they can have more of these meetings.

3. Hawthorne Road Affordable Housing Proposal

Mr. Purcell explained Proposal. There were two articles: One on Hawthorne and one on Holly Road. Regarding Hawthorne Road, RFP was put out on 2/12/10 and series of pre-proposal conferences and proposals due on 3/30.

Hawthorne Road Affordable Housing Proposal Chapter for Humanity received. Town's Affordable Housing Committee discussed. Was Habitat for Humanity responsive to Town's RFP was looked at and could not find any places where it was not responsive. Committee to recommend Board of Selectmen advance to next stages.

Mr. Kimball said this will be Town's fourth project-Hawthorne Road has town sewerage and water. He was very confident Old Colony will do a great job, but it is a long process. He would recommend they award this to Old Colony Habitat for Humanity. Discussion followed.

Mr. Giblin said it is not free to person purchasing home.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to accept RFP as a letter of interest regarding Hawthorne Road Affordable Housing Proposal. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mt. Purcell declared a "Point of Order" and said above Motion should include Habitat be given mutual rights.

Mr. Kimball said he would include that in second Motion.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Further Move Board of Selectmen be given mutual rights to negotiate between Town of Norton and Old Colony Habitat. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Purcell said there is a 30-day window in which he described and purchase and sale, and time schedule discussed.

B. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Audit Report:

The F09 audit report was completed and they will be in next meeting or the week thereafter.

Seven page findings in past and now Town only has two pages. One has to

do with schools-Schedule 19 (calculation of indirect costs)—school employees, health insurance, etc., and recommended a formal agreement between Town and school department.

Other item is Water Dept. capital purchases have been authorized by a separate means (it should go through Town's Capital Committee). Mr. Purcell spoke to water superintendent about this and he is fine with it.

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Review June 7, 2010 Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrants

Town Clerk's Position:

Resumes for this position are being received and deadline is on 4/12/10. Screening Committee to find 19 or 20. Resumes and qualities of applicants are outstanding. Screening Committee meeting to be held on 4/12/10, and one more category to fill in. Eval forms are useful tools; education, experience, and KSA (knowledge, skills and ability) which measures someone's aptitude. They will interview up until election and perhaps will have three finalists in mind. Screening Committee is working hard. Finance Committee was unanimous in making this position an appointed position.

Mr. Giblin stated the Board of Selectmen supports "appointed" position as did Finance Committee.

Mr. Purcell referenced:

Article 2: Finance Committee voted to re-amend it; \$432,639 – an affirmative vote authorized Town's continued participation in Ch90 program

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to support Article 2. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote- Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 12-Triennial evaluation is a state requirement - \$86,000

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to support Article 12 in amount of \$86,000. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Article 18 – An obstacle/snag with on-site testing parameters. Site came up passable (federal). Mass General Laws 21E applies so peer review of Army Corps work and 21E a variance in one category to a very minor degree. He said they reached out to PRP group and Attorney Hand was a great help. McGinn property appears was included in Record of Decision. McGinn property was staging area so Town complies within R&D parameters.

It is important to get property under public control; don't want people to build houses in 50-60+ years on that property. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kimball said he is pleased at outcome and glad peer review was conducted.

Mr. Purcell said Planning Board continued public hearings on some articles.

Mr. Purcell said that is all info he had on Annual Town Meeting and he will pass on Special Town Meeting this evening.

C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Kimball referenced Cultural Council which has gone to the wayside and looking to get program up and running again.

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Discussion on taking position on Town Clerk's position possibly next week.

Mrs. Steele stated she would not be present at next week's meeting.

Mr. Kimball suggested the week after next week – 4/22/10.

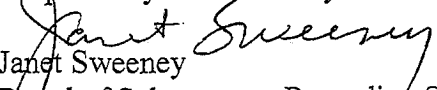
VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Bramwell to Adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

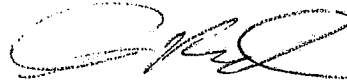
Respectfully Submitted by:


Janet Sweeney
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

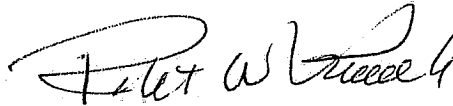
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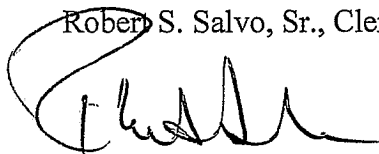
Timothy R. Giblin, Chairman



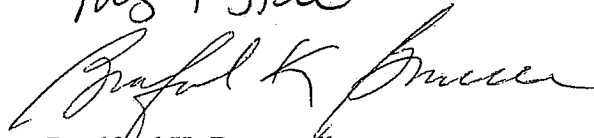
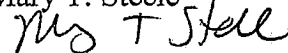
Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Vice-Chairman



Robert S. Salvo, Sr., Clerk



Mary T. Steele



Bradford K. Bramwell

Dated: 08/26/10