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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING FOR
AUGUST 26, 2010**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The August 26, 2010, Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, Mr. Kimball.

A. Roll Call: Chairman, Mr. Robert Kimball; Vice-Chair, Mrs. Mary Steele; Messrs. Bradford Bramwell, Clerk; Timothy Giblin; Robert Salvo were present. Mr. James Purcell, Town Manager, was absent due to a planned vacation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

A. Approve bills Warrant #10, dated August 19, 2010, in the amount of \$212,561.73

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Approve bills Warrant #10, dated August 19, 2010, in the amount of \$212,561.73. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended August 21, 2010, Warrant #11, dated August 26, 2010, in the amount of \$370,371.15

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended August 21, 2010, Warrant #11, dated August 26, 2010, in the amount of \$370,371.15. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

C. Approve bills Warrant #12, dated August 26, 2010, in the amount of \$1,450,117.49

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Approve bills Warrant #12, dated August 26, 2010, in the amount of \$1,450,117.49. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

D. Approve Minutes – April 8, 2010
April 15, 2010 Executive Session

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MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated April 8, 2010, as written. Second by Mr. Giblin. Voe: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting of Executive Session, dated April 15, 2010, as written. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. Requests to serve liquor at 10:00 A.M. on Sundays:

. V.F.W. Post No. 8049, Summer Street

Mr. Cameron, representing the V.F.W. said they serve breakfast, brunch, and sandwiches and are requesting to serve liquor at 10:00 A.M.

Mr. Giblin said no establishments on agenda this evening (three establishments) have ever had any problems/issues.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to grant request of V.F. W. Post No. 8049, Summer Street, to serve liquor at 10:00 A.M. on Sundays. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

. Alberto's, 241 Mansfield Avenue

Mr. McCarthy, owner of Alberto's, said they are open seven days a week until 10 P.M., and said they plan to have a full brunch beginning mid-September. He said business was doing well.

Mr. McCarthy also spoke of traffic concern in Comcast Center area and felt they needed to open their gates earlier. He said it was unfair to people of Norton.

It was noted the Board of Selectmen will meet on 8/31st at 6 p.m. re: Tri-Town agreement and traffic concern at Comcast will be addressed.

Mrs. Steele recommended Mr. McCarthy send a letter to Board of Selectmen and suggested other businesses in town do same regarding this concern.

Mr. McCarthy indicated he has spoken to Police Chief Clark and Mr. Purcell about this. He had no problem sending a letter.

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Mr. Giblin said it would be beneficial to open gates earlier and keep police inside. Traffic was discussed.

Mr. McCarthy spoke of detour taking vehicles to Mansfield Crossing; part of Main Street-Mansfield is closed, so detour takes vehicles to Mansfield Crossing.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to grant request of Alberto's, 241 Mansfield Avenue, to serve liquor at 10:00 A.M. on Sundays. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

. The Chateau Restaurant, 48 Bay Road

Representative from Chateau said Sunday brunch served 10-1 p.m.

Mr. Kimball stated he appreciated all that Chateau did for the Town (fundraisers, school assistance, etc.).

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to grant request of The Chateau Restaurant, 48 Bay Road, to serve liquor at 10:00 A.M. on Sundays. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Application of Joseph A. Costa, Adjutant/Treasurer, Disabled American Veterans, Westcott-Houghton Chapter 56, N. Attleborough, MA for annual Forget-Me-Not Drive permit to be held Thursday, September 23rd, Friday, September 24th, and Saturday, September 25th, 2010, Rain Date Sunday, September 26th, 2010, at Roche Bros. Supermarket, 175 Mansfield Avenue

It was noted 100% of donations goes to veterans at Brockton V.A. Hospital.

Mr. Giblin thanked them for their service to the country and also for this effort.

It was noted to donate people can write to chapter noting "donations" and send to "Westcott-Houghton Chapter 56, North Attleborough". About \$6,000 was raised last year.

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1. Application of Norton Parks and Recreation for Halloween Parade Permit, to be held Sunday, October 24th, 2010, 12:00 Noon

Mr. Kimball stated there was one change this year and referenced a letter received from Police Chief Clark stating in past the police dept. could absorb costs through grants, etc., however, due to \$53,000 cut in budget unable to assist. If anyone can help defray cost, it would help as times are tough. It was noted parade will run from area of Bedrock Granite to St. Mary's Parish.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve Application of Norton Parks and Recreation for Halloween Parade Permit, to be held Sunday, October 24th, 2010, 12:00 Noon, and to waive all fees. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Steele referenced the Sun Chronicle newspaper article regarding Mini-Fenway Park, and stated they are in final phases of discussions. Mini-Fenway has proposed baseball/softball fields which Norton Youth can use; Rec Dept. can also use and is fiscally a self-sufficient business; and new business to Town of Norton. They will announce news/updates of proposed project. She said Mr. Giblin deserves credit with his "out of the box" thinking to give Norton this opportunity.

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Mr. Kimball said there were some questions about screening committee; and will be first of year when Mr. Purcell is leaving (not sure of exact date). Letter indicating date Mr. Purcell will retire from Town of Norton needed. Screening Committee to be established and nine people it will be consisted of. They need in writing from Mr. Purcell when he is departing Town which has not been received as yet. Within 14 days Board to establish a salary range; advertise vacancy, etc. Need to screen all applicants and no more than 120 days probably convene on a Saturday morning, and that is the process. Timeline explained.

Mr. Kimball stated, per his conversation with Mr. Purcell, there will be a transition period (no interim town manager needed). Some money needed as some candidates may come from out of state (airfare; rental car, lodging, etc.).

Mr. Bramwell said they should look at least expensive airfare and hotels as there are limits on financial part. He said he was on past screening committee.

Mr. Kimball said they will ask for Mr. Bramwell's consideration.

Mr. Bramwell said he would be honored.

Mr. Kimball said they would keep him under consideration.

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Resignation of Bill McCarthy from the Norton Cable Access Committee effective December 3, 2009

Mr. Kimball said a letter should be sent thanking Mr. McCarthy for his service to Town.
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Philip Landry – Rec Committee to rejoin the commission and said he witnessed positive changes, and Mr. Kimball said he waived having him appear this evening as he had a prior commitment.

Mrs. Steele said some communication also happened between Mr. Landry and Sherri Cohen, Chair of Rec Commission, and felt no need for him to be present this evening.

Number of members was discussed. Possibly eight members.

Mr. Kimball said the one thing Rec Commission needs is someone with prior experience and not many have prior experience.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to appoint Philip Landry to Recreation Commission. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

A letter was referenced from Fire Chief Gomes to Keith Silver, Highway Superintendent, thanking him and his department for recent demolition and removing old shed and old fire station.
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September 14 is Primary and Town is not allowed to hold any Hearings, per correspondence from Town Clerk's Office.
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A letter received from Mass Selectmen's Association regarding 9/15/10 meeting and light dinner to be provided from 6-8 p.m. at Francis Farm.

Mr. Kimball said he would try to attend this meeting, however, it is difficult to plan ahead with his work schedule.
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Mr. Kimball said he wanted to take a moment to recognize Mike Gelbwasser, newspaper reporter from Sun Chronicle, who is taking another position.

Mr. Gelbwasser said he has a new job on AOL and a new venture. He said it is difficult to leave and he enjoyed covering Norton.

Mr. Kimball thanked Mr. Gelbwasser and said lots of info people had received from Sun Chronicle during the last three years.
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Mr. Kimball said on 8/31 at 6 p.m. at Mansfield Town Hall – Tri-town agreement meeting.

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

Mrs. Steele said for next meeting's agenda; would like to ask Mr. Purcell about Roche Bros status.
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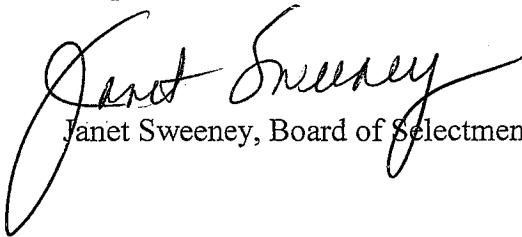
Possibly Mansfield Avenue property discussion (possibly Executive Session).

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Janet Sweeney, Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

**Attachments/Documents Distributed or Reviewed at August 26, 2010 Board of
Selectmen Meeting**

- . Request for Parade/Motorcade Permit (Applicant: Norton Parks and Recreation); Purpose: Halloween Parade & Community Celebration to be held Sunday, October 24, 2010

- . Correspondence from Town Clerk, dated August 23, 2010 re: Resignation of Bill McCarthy from Norton Cable Access Committee effective December 3, 2009 (term expires 6/30/10)

- . Commendation letter dated August 12, 2010 from Fire Chief Gomes to Keith Silver, Norton Highway Superintendent re: demolition and removal of the old shed to rear of the Chartley Fire Dept. and the needed removal of a tree and stump

- . Correspondence from Town Clerk, dated August 11, 2010, to Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board, and Housing Authority re: Public Hearings on Election Days