



TOWN OF NORTON
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING FOR
MARCH 3, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The March 3, 2011, Board of Selectmen Meeting, held in the Municipal Center, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, Mr. Robert Kimball.

A. Roll Call: Chairman, Mr. Robert Kimball; Vice-Chair, Mrs. Mary Steele; Messrs. Bradford Bramwell, Clerk; and Timothy Giblin. Mr. Robert Salvo was absent. Mr. James Purcell, Acting-Town Manager, was absent.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

A. Approve bills Warrant #52, dated March 3, 2011, in the amount of \$93,663.43

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve bills Warrant #52, dated March 3, 2011,, in the amount of \$93,663.43. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. Minutes –
No Minutes were reviewed/approved.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. Vote to modify address on Class II License issued to Edward F. Breault d/b/a Edd's Auto Repair, 32 King Phillip Road to include "and 16 Samoset Street Rear"

It appeared the Registry was looking for a more specific address.

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IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association) Benefit by Fire Dept. to be held Friday, March 11th-St. Patty's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage.
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Last Day to register to vote is 8 p.m. on April 6, 2011-Town Clerk's Office.

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. 7:05 P.M. - "Butch Rich", Co-Chairman, Tri-Centennial Ball Committee, Re: 300th Birthday Celebration Ball being held April 2, 2011, at the Mansfield Holiday Inn

Mr. Rich said he was representing the Ball Committee and working with several others. He hoped everyone will support Town in this Tri-Centennial. Dress code is smart casual to tuxedo and anything in between. And Tri-Centennial Committee will plan to go in costume. Tickets are \$65.00 each or \$120.00 per couple. Tickets can be purchased at The Cameo Shop, on Town webpage, or at Butch Rich's house. There are no tickets available at town hall. He hoped Town employees would help support this by attending these functions. A report on parade will be upcoming.

Mr. Giblin encouraged residents and others to attend this on April 2.

2. Daniel M. Rich, Chairman, Tri-Centennial Committee Re: Request for waiver of administrative charges on Police Outside Detail Fees

Mr. "Butch" Rich said Daniel Rich could not attend this meeting this evening and he discussed detail fees. He referenced bills from police dept. being received. Roche Bros, Easton Savings Bank and other businesses/organizations have been very generous. Parade will also cost a lot of money.

Mr. Rich said Alec Rich II, Alec Rich III, Dan Rich and himself have also contributed to this.

Fees were discussed.

Mr. Giblin said they are not waiving detail cost; only administrative fees/charges.

Mr. Giblin congratulated Mr. Rich and his Tri-Centennial group/volunteers and all the businesses in Town who have donated.

Mr. Kimball suggested to waive all administrative charges for all outside details also.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to waive administrative charges on Police Outside Detail Fees, per Tri-centennial Committee Request, relating to Tri-Centennial. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

It was noted tickets were also available from Chartley Post Office; (website: norton300.org); and will also be available at town hall soon at Town Clerk's office. It is certain to be a great event.

3. 7:15 P.M. - Luis G. Lopes, Ed.S., Superintendent, Southeastern Regional School District, Re: 2012 Preliminary Budget Presentation

FY12 Assessment for Norton = \$1,098,468. 137 students attend Southeastern Regional from Norton.

Preliminary budget FY2012, dated 2/15/11, was shown to Board. The school committee and his business manager he commended for their efforts. No cuts to positions in this budget due to grant. Increase in non-salaries due to insurance at 10-12%.

A decrease of 16% from previous year-decrease in transportation. \$30M of renovation and addition; an 80% reimbursement-MSBA project. No need for proposition 2 ½ and debt exclusions. No assessment to communities and great timing as they are in need a new roof soon. Small addition off back for new gym and will break ground in November 2014 is plan. They will end school early – June 4 - to eliminate “school vacations” is plan.

Mr. Bramwell said he is a member of the Norton High School Building Committee and is aware of projects such as these and is very impressed with what Mr. Lopes has done and decreased a \$40M project. Discussion ensued.

It was noted they are part of Gateway Group Consortium (towns of Carver, Mattapoissett and Marion are also involved). It is not GIC.

Through this grant to Southeastern, adults interested, who are unemployed or underemployed and interested in field of electricians/HVAC, it is free of charge through this grant.

4. Kathleen Ebert-Zawasky, Chairman, Tri-Centennial Park Committee – Update Re: Tri-Centennial Park

Mr. Rich said Land Preservation Society did not have a project for Tri-Centennial so turned over to Land Preservation Society.

Mrs. Ebert-Zawasky distributed plan “Tri-Centennial Park” to Board. Also vision statement was distributed.

Brandan Jones is using this as his Eagle Scout project also.

Mrs. Ebert-Zawasky said there has been interest generated. There was a verbal donation of two trees and four benches. A general menu of memorial benches and asking Board to consider this passive recreation and longtime commitment by Norton

Mr. Peter Hunt said Brendan Jones joined him and a few others and plotted it out. Plan was reviewed as to what park would look like, and they do want ideas from others. A formal layout presented and playground pointed out, where parents can watch kids in playground/on benches and 1697 Campbell House can be viewed from park and some history on plaques is planned.

Mrs. Ebert-Zawasky said there may also be exhibits/art sculptures (a learning environment as well). She discussed The Wild Backyards of Norton where they need 150 houses certified and to put on programs and some of Town's public places certified. Native plants/natural environment and no fertilizer planned, and will be low maintenance. One area will be for wildflowers. She was hoping

Cemetery Dept. Or Park Dept. can maintain it; same maintenance as current maintenance basically.

Mr. Kimball said Cemetery Dept. probably could maintain it and he did speak to Mr. Silver. Highway Superintendent, regarding this.

Mr. Hunt said he would like to make outside of Campbell House look as original as possible.

Mrs. Ebert-Zawasky said it has great proximity to Middle School and will work with Middle School and a great learning tool with native insects, plants, and nature lessons. Many nice trees, shrubs are currently there.

Mr. Hunt said, Campbell House represents beginning of Norton; Tri-Centennial is what it is now and Middle School is the future.

Mr. Bramwell stated the cemetery is located across street and is very historical. Sounds like a very impressive project and cannot wait to see it.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to to establish the Tri-Centennial Park for passive recreation and a long-term commitment of Town. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Hunt said they are going forward with having the Campbell House on the National Register. He said reports will be generated to Board of Selectmen periodically as well.

5. Duanne Knapp, Water/Sewer Superintendent, Re: Water/Sewer Fees and Permitting
Handout provided to Board. entitled "Permitting" document. It has nothing to do with tax dollars; those who use it pay for it. Intent is to try to keep water rates as low as they can for homeowners. Half of cost is fire protection and it is very costly. Mr. Knapp explained sheet. He spoke of tapping mains, digging, inspection fees, and said generally no fees are waived and are on meters. When used "in lieu of" some of these fees they can be waived. The Board and he looked at Town buildings and possibility for school fees to be waived; all town buildings and properties.

Mr. Kimball said it is probably good to classify as to what is "town property".

Betterments discussed and 110 gallons per bedroom is law of Commonwealth and they follow that.

It was noted Habitat for Humanity is coming in to Water and Sewer Board on Monday evening to discuss discounts, etc.

Regarding school buildings, he spoke to Ms. Wood/architects for Norton High School Renovation project and discussed fire sprinklers, etc.

Mr. Kimball spoke of a system to reuse water.

Mr. Kimball referenced high school and said the water and sewer dept. are experts. It is possible sewer division could take over treatment plant at Middle School, and possibly charge school for backflow/recharge.

Mr. Knapp said there was a brief discussion on that plan in the past. As long as school still owes money it is school's.

Mr. Kimball said school will be paid off. It is worth a conversation with School Committee and Superintendent if there is any interest there. Even if sewer dept. charged a fee there would not be a need to come up with all capital. It is especially ideal where Town now does not owe money on school.

Mr. Bramwell spoke of state funding being used; possibly some restrictions or limitations may be in place.

Mr. Giblin stated rates seem high but not sure compared to other towns.

Mr. Knapp said the Norton water rates are near bottom of list.

Mr. Giblin had concerns that if a business looks at this area they may look at Mansfield/Foxboro due to high rates.

Mr. Knapp said it would not affect it very much.

Mr. Knapp said sewer rates are at top for Norton.

Mr. Bramwell referenced the "Tri-town Sewer Agreement".

Mr. Knapp said on February 14, 2011, they will review articles with Finance Committee. On March 10, 2011 executive session will occur over pilot program; and new town manager will start on 3/10/11.

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

1. Executive Session

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30 P.M.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to Adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet Sweeney

Board of Selectmen-Recording Secretary

Documents Reviewed/Distributed at March 3, 2011 Board of Selectmen Meeting

. Southeastern Regional Preliminary budget FY2012, dated 2/15/11, was presented to Board of Selectmen.

. “Tri-Centennial Park” Plan and Vision Statement was distributed to Board

. Document entitled “Permitting” was distributed to Board by Duanne Knapp, Water/Sewer Superintendent, Re: Water/Sewer Fees and Permitting

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Chairman

Mary T. Steele, Vice-Chairman

Bradford K. Bramwell, Clerk

Timothy R. Giblin

Robert S. Salvo, Sr.

Date Approved:_____