



TOWN OF NORTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING FOR
MARCH 17, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The March 17, 2011, Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, Mr. Kimball.

A. Roll Call: Chairman, Mr. Robert Kimball; Messrs. Bradford Bramwell, Clerk; Timothy Giblin; and Robert Salvo were present. Vice-Chair, Mrs. Mary Steele was absent. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was also present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

A. Approve bills Warrant #55, dated March 17, 2011, in the amount of \$389,388.82

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve bills Warrant #55, dated March 17, 2011, in the amount of \$389,388.82. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. Minutes – January 14, 2011
December 2, 2010
January 6, 2011 Executive Session

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated January 14, 2011, as written. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated December 2, 2010, as written. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting of Executive Session, dated January 6, 2011, as written. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. Application of Norton Tri-Centennial Committee, Daniel M. Rich, Chairman, for 300th Anniversary Parade Permit, to be held Sunday, June 12, 2011

Mr. Daniel Rich described parade, etc. Parade to start at Norton High School as it will be a large parade with well over 20 floats. The video of the 1961 parade will be shown. The route will be long so no one under 12 will be allowed to march.

Mr. Rich said he met with police and fire chiefs and both have approved everything thus far.

Parking was discussed. Mr. Rich said vehicles could possibly park at St. Mary's. Wheaton College offered their lot also. This is publicly funded and they are doing ok with fundraisers/donations. State Reps Betty Poirier, Jay Barrows, and Mr. Howitt, along with some other politicians, will attend, as well as Miss Massachusetts. Donations can be made to Norton Tri-Centennial Committee, however, they are not tax deductible.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve the application of Norton Tri-Centennial Committee, Daniel M. Rich, Chairman, for 300th Anniversary Parade Permit, to be held Sunday, June 12, 2011, commencing at 12 noon at Norton High School and disbanding at J.C. Solmonese School, and to close all roads/traffic on Route 123, and to waive all application fees. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. In Recognition of Steven Lee Ford, Jr., Specialist in Army National Guard

It was noted Mr. Lee was not present at this evening's meeting and possibly the Board can reach out again to him.

2. Request of Town Clerk Danielle Sicard to set the polling hours for the June 11, 2011, Special Town Election to be 8:00 A.M. through 6:00 P.M.

It was noted the Town Clerk's office also gathered data from other communities.

Mr. Freeman, resident of Freeman Street, said there was a lot of discussion on various meetings and elections and it was confusing as to dates, etc. Election cost he heard was about \$8900 and janitors' salaries/fixed expenses. On April ballot, could they have election? They could have override during April election possibly to get it all done at once.

Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Yunits to look into the possibility of changing it.

Mr. Freeman spoke of discussion on ballots/meetings and keeping one less election.

Mr. Kimball said they will find out if they can do that.

Mr. Bramwell said June dates were requested by School Building Committee as they need letter from State for exact info/numbers, etc.

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3. Notification from Massachusetts State Lottery Commission regarding its intent to install a KENO monitor to existing KENO TO GO agent Sun Market, 181 West Main Street, Norton, MA 02766-1240

Date of letter is March 3, 2011; the Board has 21 days to respond.

Mr. Kimball said no action was needed to be taken.

4. Discussion – Public Drunkenness By-Law

Mr. Kimball said copy of bylaws was sent by Police Chief Clark. Mr. Bramwell read aloud letter from Chief Clark. The town of Foxboro is getting involved in this.

Mr. Kimball said it is not approved by Attorney General's office but Norton should “keep an eye on it”.

Mr. Kimball said he recommended to see what happens with Foxboro and Norton could possibly adopt bylaw themselves.

Mr. Freeman said he read about this (a civil infraction)/peoples' rights are not protected. It could set a bad precedent and become a money maker. A civil vs. criminal matter.

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Yunits said he met with a lot of department heads, as well as Fire Dept. and Police Dept. He also attended the corned beef and cabbage MDA fundraiser sponsored by the Norton firefighters.

Mr. Yunits said his concentration has been on the warrant articles. He said he attended a Finance Committee meeting the previous evening. Free cash to be used for snow/ice deficit and some free cash into capital stabilization account. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Yunits said regarding revenue for this year it is at 75%; some are lower. Some medicaid reimbursement will be received in future and waiting for it to arrive.

D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Reappointment of Cynthia Gouveia, 111 Maple Street, Norton, MA 02766, as a Democratic member of the Board of Registrars effective April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2014

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to reappoint Cynthia Gouveia, 111 Maple Street, Norton, MA 02766, as a Democratic member of the Board of Registrars effective April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2014. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Cultural Council Awards invitation was received and this event to be held April 7 at Norton Public Library from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Mr. Kimball said if there is no business that evening for Board of Selectmen, the Board/some members of Board can attend that event. If needed, they can also hold a Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:30 p.m. Rather than 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Salvo spoke of an opening on IDC. The IDC meets periodically and those interested should send a letter of interest to Town Hall.

Mr. Kimball referenced ConCom report/letter, dated March 15, 2011 regarding Norton Reservoir Dam and Chartley Pond Dam repairs/bids (addressed to Mr. Edward Hughes, MA DCR, with a copy to Board of Selectmen).

Mr. Kimball said this is something the Board should look into.

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Adjourn at 7:45 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 17, 2011 Board of Selectmen Meeting

. MassDot Application for Permit to Access State Highway-Purpose: Town-wide Celebration for Norton's 300th Birthday (Applicant: Daniel Rich)

. Memo to Board of Selectmen from Danielle Sicard, Town Clerk, dated March 9, 2011, regarding: Special Town Election (polling hours)

. Memo to Town Manager, Michael Yunits, from Brian M. Clark, Chief of Police, dated March 17, 2011 regarding "Public Intoxication Bylaw"

. Memo to Town Manager and Norton Board of Selectme, from Martha J. Mitchell, The Norton Democratic Town Committee, name for Board of Selectmen appointment for Cynthia Gouveia for reappointment as a Democratic member of the Board of Registrars effective April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2014.

. Letter to Edward Hughes, MA DCR, with copy to Mr. Robert Kimball, Chairman, and Norton Board of Selectmen, regarding Norton Reservoir Dam and Chartley Pond Dam

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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:_____