



TOWN OF NORTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING FOR
MARCH 24, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The March 24, 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; Robert Salvo; and Timothy Giblin were present. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was also present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

A. Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended March 19, 2011, Warrant #56, dated March 24, 2011, in the amount of \$1,029,640.85

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended March 19, 2011, Warrant #56, dated March 24, 2011, in the amount of \$1,029,640.85. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. Approve bills Warrant #57, dated March 24, 2011, in the amount of \$1,360,678.71

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve bills Warrant #57, dated March 24, 2011, in the amount of \$1,360,678.71. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

C. Minutes – December 16, 2010

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated December 16, 2010, as written. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

. Rabies Clinic will be held at the Town of Norton Fire Dept., 70 East Main Street, on Saturday, April 2, 2011 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (\$13.00 per animal). Town Clerk's Office will also be open from 2 p.m.

to 3:30 p.m. On same date to obtain dog licenses.

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Request of Jonathan Rowe to be appointed to the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee. The appointment would fill the vacancy created by death of Suzanne Erickson, to expire June 30, 2011

Mr. Kimball said Mr. Rowe is out of town this week and could not attend meeting. .

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to appoint Jonathan Rowe to the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee. The appointment would fill the vacancy created by death of Suzanne Erickson, to expire June 30, 2011. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Discussion Re: Intermunicipal Cooperation – Taunton Industrial Park & Norton Commerce Center

Discussed below – under Town Manager's Report.

3. Discussion Re: June 11, 2011 Ballot

Mr. Kimball said Town Meeting to be held on the 6th and if fails on 6th still obligation to have ballot on 11th. If it passes by majority on 11th still have 90 days unless it fails.

Mr. Kimball said to Mr. Yunits he understood form of question to be same as on ballot and they have until May 6th anyway.

Mr. Bramwell said if this fails they need to notify School Building Committee, etc.

Mr. Kimball said Mr. Gouveia would need to be contacted and ask Town Clerk, Ms. Sicard, and she will look into. Trying to get final cost on whole process. Plan is to put this on Special Town Meeting to fund or use reserve account (FinCom). Discussion ensued. It was noted Ms. Sicard, Town Clerk, to be at next meeting to clarify things.

4. Vote to approve Work Hours Waiver to allow the Contractor to work from 8:30 A.M. Until 5:00 P.M. on Route 140/Mansfield Avenue Water Sytem Improvement Project, and to have Town Manager Michael D. Yunits sign letter addressed to Mass Highway on the Board's behalf

Mr. Yunits said generally state usually limits hours to 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This particular area is mostly off of road and trying to get it done quickly.

Mr. Kimball remarked it was permitted by Mass Highway.

Mr. Salvo said Board of Selectmen should direct water commissioner/water dept. as they don't want

work done during Comcast Center concert nights, etc., due to traffic, etc.. Important for flexibility to work with them regarding days, etc.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell contact Water Commission/Water Superintendent, regarding working around events at Comcast Center/TPC so roads are not blocked during busy times. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

March 25th is last day to buy tickets for Tri-Centennial Ball
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Mr. Yunits stated he was working on FY12 budget and it is moving along.
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Hill Street resident called Mr. Yunits re: surveying and answer is it is state surveying.
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Mr. Kimball said they need to make IDC aware State will have surplus land and IDC should reach out to State immediately for possibly acquiring. Possibly some land the Town could utilize effectively (South Washington/buffer zone on Hill Street, etc.).

They could also contact Condyne and possibly partner up with them (57 acres and will carve out about five acres). Need to “keep an eye on it”.

Mr. Yunits spoke of topic of surveying; Mayor of Taunton reached out and city councilmen regarding how towns could work together. It was a good meeting. Also an offer of help from State. Condyne concerns were also raised.
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Mr. Yunits said he met with Charlene Fisk and Police Dept. Seven computers needed to be replaced this year; and plan 25% of computers replaced each year so not all need to be replaced together.
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Snow and ice deficit - Rep Barrow and Rep Howitt spoke of hopefully some relief to towns regarding this.

D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Kimball said Heather Graf will be at Board's next meeting regarding Southcoast Rail project. Stoughton Rail was chosen as the preferred route which is good news to Norton, and good news to Taunton also. Ms. Graf and CATTs did a great job for Town.
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Mr. Kimball referenced TPC/Deutschebank account/funds to a “Host Community” for improvements made to town buildings. Perhaps could use some money toward Tri-Centennial. He also understands schools need some help. This account is earmarked for certain things so would need to look into it.

Discussion ensued.
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Mr. Bramwell said in future he would like Board of Selectmen to look into fees for schools; possibly a townwide policy regarding different entities of town and permitting discussion. Invite Water and Sewer Commission/someone from Inspection Dept., Fire Dept., and anyone else involved in permitting/assessing fees.

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

1. In Recognition of Steven Lee Ford, Jr., Specialist in Army National Guard
2. One-Day All Alcohol application
3. Run 4 Norton High 5K Run/Walk Permitting
4. Discussion Re: Southcoast Rail; Report from Heather A. Graf, Selectmen's Representative to the Commuter Rail Task Force

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Adjourn at 7:30 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 24, 2011 Board of Selectmen Meeting

. Rabies Clinic Document stating date and hours

. Interest letter of Jonathan Rowe to be appointed to the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee. The appointment would fill the vacancy created by death of Suzanne Erickson, to expire June 30, 2011

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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:_____