

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2011**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

The December 7, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mr. Bramwell, Chairman, at 7:00 p.m., held in the Municipal Center, First Floor Selectmen's Conference Room,

A. Roll Call: Mr. Bradford Bramwell, Chairman of Board of Selectmen; Mrs. Mary Steele, Vice-Chair; and Mr. Robert Kimball were present. Mr. Timothy Giblin arrived at 8:36 p.m. Absent: Mr. Robert Salvo. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was also present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance
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The Board wanted to send it condolences to the families of Peter Leddy, former Norton High School Science teacher, and Al Briand, of the Norton Fire Dept. with over 30 years as a firefighter, who both recently passed away.

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

A. Approve bills Warrant #31, dated November 23, 2011, in the amount of \$1,063,624.61
MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to Approve bills Warrant #31 dated November 23, 2011, in the amount of \$1,063,624.61. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended November 26, 2011, Warrant #32, dated December 1, 2011, in the amount of \$1,220,463.23
MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended November 26, 2011, Warrant #32, dated December 1, 2011, in the amount of \$1,220,463.23. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

C. Approve bills Warrant #33, dated December 1, 2011, in the amount of \$427,871.56
MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to Approve bills Warrant #33, dated December 1, 2011, in the amount of \$427,871.56. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

D. Minutes – July 14, 2011

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated July 14, 2011, as written. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. Application of Lt. Harold A. Healy Post 222 d/b/a American Legion, 85 East Main Street, Norton, MA, for Change of manager, from Vickie J. Cotterill, to Kim Gates on its All Alcoholic Beverages Club License

It was noted Ms. Gates is aware of Norton's strict alcohol policy.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to approve the Application of Lt. Harold A. Healy Post 222 d/b/a American Legion, 85 East Main Street, Norton, MA, for Change of manager, from Vickie J. Cotterill, to Kim Gates on its All Alcoholic Beverages Club License. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Application of Pot Belly Jim's LLC, 175 Mansfield Avenue, Norton, MA fro a Live Entertainment License. *Subject to Fire Dept. stipulation noted on application.

Owner of Pot Belly Jim's said they plan to have a trivia night or small band. He said business was good. Fire alarm system interface was referenced. Owner said it is not pumping through PA system, only through amp so need to fix.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve Application of Pot Belly Jim's LLC, 175 Mansfield Avenue, Norton, MA for a Live Entertainment License, and this is subject to Fire Dept. stipulation noted on application. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous.

3. Request for 2:00 A.M. Closing, for New Year's Eve Celebration:

a) Fillmore-Nason Post #8049 V.F.W. Of USA, 38 Summer St., Norton

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve Request for 2:00 A.M. Closing, for New Year's Eve Celebration for Fillmore-Nason Post #8049 V.F.W. Of USA, 38 Summer St., Norton. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

b) Farney Brothers, Inc. d/b/a Trinity Bar & Grill, 184 West Main St., Norton

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve Request for 2:00 A.M. Closing, for New Year's Eve Celebration for Farney Brothers, Inc. d/b/a Trinity Bar & Grill, 184 West Main St., Norton. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Yunits to look into noting this on future licenses to allow for one night (make part of actual license if businesses/establishments so desire).

4. 2012 License Renewals/New

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve all of the mentioned CV, CVAA , CVWM, RPAA, and RPWM licenses (as listed on sheet entitled, "2012 Renewals/New Licenses", and a stipulation that requires liability insurance and all final inspections. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Class I, II & III

*It was noted to hold off on all Goosebrook Garage & Recycling LLC d/b/a Goosebrook Garage licenses until a future meeting.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve all Class I, II, and III licenses as listed on "2012 Renewals/New Licenses" except for Goosebrook Garage & Recycling LLC d/b/a Goosebrook Garage. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

LIMOUSINE

Bristol County Coach, Inc.
145R W. Main Street

Limo – 5 Vehicles

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve License (Limousine) for Bristol County Coach, Inc., 145R W. Main Street for Limo – 5 Vehicles. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Kimball referenced limousine license and inquired about the inspection on limos. Mr. Yunits said, yes, it is part of process to have inspections.

LODGING HOUSE

Peter G. Berg
8 Pine Street

Lodging House

North Cottage Program, Inc.
69 East Main St.

Lodging House

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve License (Lodging House) for Peter G. Berg, 8 Pine Street and North Cottage Program, Inc., 69 East Main Street. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Kimball referenced lodging houses and asked Mr. Yunits to ensure, at some point, that inspections are conducted and all lodging houses are safe.

Mr. Bramwell said this process was started and interrupted with change of personnel.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blood Drive at Gillette Stadium (Bob's High School Heroes) on December 10, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Greater Attleboro Area Council for Children, Inc. sent letter regarding “The Christmas is for Kids” gift drive with a drop-off center located at 135 County Street, Attleboro, for donations, etc. Website is:

<http://www.councilforchildren.org>.

Condolences to Donna Palmer, Town of Norton public health nurse, whose Mother passed away recently.

The Recreation Commission was thanked for an excellent tree lighting ceremony on Norton Common.

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. 7:30 P.M. – Water/Sewer Commissioners and W/S Superintendent: Duane Knapp Re:

a) Water Quality Report

b) MMA Consulting Group, Inc. Management and Organization Study of the Water and Sewer Department

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Mr. Knapp referenced water quality report., and stated sometimes water is clean but then can be brown/black. Iron ore is in ground and it is not a health issue. There has been disruption to water system. Cast iron water main on Leonard Street (12") and photo distributed to Board of Selectmen.

Flushing program discussed. Mr. Knapp spoke of lateral flushing.

Mr. Bramwell stated by now he would think Town should be beyond this problem. He asked will it eventually work?

Mr. Knapp responded will be there until residents get iron manganese filters.

Cottage Street elevation storage tank photos distributed to Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Knapp discussed "looping". He said they are in need of a filter system. It is hard to test for copper, lead, contaminants, etc. Surface supply does not have iron manganese problems. He stated they looked at Winnecunnet and Reservoir (Winnecunnet owned by state). Reservoir, if used, would dredge to 10' with no boating; no swimming, etc. if Town utilized.

Mr. Knapp said all their wells are in wetlands. They do not know which system they want. Pilot programs are being conducted on which way to go.

Mr. Knapp said powder bleach should be used by residents not liquid bleach due to iron-manganese.

Mr. Knapp said when they flush pipes they do advertise on website/cable/Sun Chronicle, and Norton Mirror.

Mrs. Steele said this was helpful information, and it's important to educate people to alleviate complaints. Helpful hints also beneficial such as using powder bleach vs. liquid bleach.

Mr. Knapp said the Water Dept. periodically has messages to residents on water bill.

Ms. Diane McElligott said a periodic "water works" article/column for public outreach is done also.

Aerial map shown of Town of Norton, showing wells.

"Town of Norton Drinking Water Quality and Supply", dated Dec. 7, 2011, presentation to Board of Selectmen was distributed to Board.

Model /example of "filtration" discussed.

It was noted a total of ten alternatives were looked at, and discussed "preferred alternatives".

Mr. Kimball stated on November 10, 2011, the Board of Selectmen sent a letter to Taunton.

Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Yunits to find out exactly what was going on with those wells in Taunton location.

Mrs. Steele said pressure filtration appeared to be best alternative in her personal opinion, however, it was expensive.

Mr. Kimball said he would like Norton to have their own water and their own control Norton would be at another municipality's will if Norton went with another town or city such as Taunton. Norton has water; need to pressurize filtration.

Mr. Knapp said a town can always produce it's own water cheaper than purchasing it.

Mr. Knapp said his idea was to have 4, 5, and 6 together in one treatment plant.

Mr. Knapp discussed Dever area. He said Board of Selectmen in past had looked at Dever wells.

Mr. Kimball said he thinks this process just died (Water Commissioners and Board of Selectmen tried to get some legislation together but it died). Discussion ensued.

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Title V failure rate discussed.

Resident of 8 Fordham Drive asked about a water bill deduction for whole house filters?

Mr. Knapp said home filter units/systems do work and with right filter will do right job. Most homeowners won't change filter until it is plugged up/clogged. A good maintenance plan necessary.

Mr. Kimball asked if Water Dept. would install and change filter.

Mr. Knapp responded they would need to look at liability with 5,000 service connections.

Mr. Wiseman, a Water Commissioner, said it is important to know what chemicals are trying to be treated. Filters are not expensive.

At 8:36 p.m. Mr. Giblin arrived.

A chemical analysis is done and any resident can visit water office; a lot of money is spent on this analysis.

Mr. Wiseman said they are available to help and their meetings are open (telephone number is 508-285-0280).

Mr. Knapp said water flushing is done twice per year (spring and fall).

Mr. Giblin asked if it was necessary to flush twice per year?

Mr. Knapp responded it was necessary to flush twice per year.

Mr. Kimball said they need to sit down and discuss between two boards.

Ms. McElligott said consultant will be at one more meeting and could have that meeting with Water and Sewer and Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Bramwell said the Board of Selectmen will attend the Water and Sewer Commission meeting with consultant, etc.

"Mass Dept. of Environmental Protection – Drinking Water Program Secondary Contaminant Report" was distributed to Board of Selectmen.

2. Vote to Ratify vote taken at the November 17, 2011, 2012 Tax Classification Hearing

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to ratify vote taken at the November 17, 2011, 2012 Tax Classification Hearing. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

3. Request of Kathleen Ebert-Zawasky, Tri-Centennial Park Leader, and Land Preservation Society of Norton, Co-President, for contribution of \$1,625 for the Gomes Garden at the Tri-Centennial Park

Ms. Ebert-Zawasky was not yet present.

B. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Vote to authorize Town Manager Michael D. Yunits sign the Municipal Agreement for the Crossroads Veterans' Services District

Mr. Yunits stated Norton will maintain clerical staff and Easton will also.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to authorize Town Manager, Michael D. Yunits, sign the Municipal Agreement for the Crossroads Veterans' Services District. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous.

Mr. Yunits said a rep was also needed.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to nominate Mr. Giblin to be Board of Selectmen's rep

to Crossroads Veterans' Services District. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Vote to set location for the May 14, 2012 Spring Annual Town Meeting

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to set location for the May 14, 2012 Spring Annual Town Meeting at the Norton Middle School. Second by Mrs. Steele.

Discussion: Mrs. Steele said they can change location if needed if large crowd is expected.

Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

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Mr. Yunits said last week the Attorney General's office had an "Ethics" program and over 60 people were in attendance. This is to protect everyone to be aware of rules/laws, etc.

**C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

**VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL**

Mr. Giblin apologized for being late to the meeting this evening but he had to attend a conflicting work meeting.

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Mr. Bramwell said an e-mail was received from Lee Parker, of Norton Library, regarding North Easton Savings Bank Board to fund new telephone system for library for \$7,000. Board of Selectmen wished to send their thanks, also.

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Mr. Yunits said on Nov. 29, 2011 there was an auction on surplus vehicles and Town made about \$9,000.

**VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

1. Swearing-In Ceremony – Firefighter Andrew R. Gomes
2. Fire Chief Paul J. Schleicher Re: Presentation of Commendation Letter, on behalf of Town of Raynham Fire Chief James T. Januse, to Firefighter Chris Ferreira
3. Conservation Agent Jennifer Carlino Re: Pond Committee
4. 2012 License Renewals/New

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball at 8:58 p.m. to enter into Executive Session for purpose to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and not to return to Open Session. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet Sweeney

Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

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**Bradford K. Bramwell, Chairman**

**Mary T. Steele, Vice-Chair**

**Timothy R. Giblin, Clerk**

**Robert W. Kimball, Jr.**

**Robert S. Salvo, Sr.**

**Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Documents Distributed/Reviewed at December 7, 2011 Board of Selectmen Meeting**

**. 2012 License Renewals/New**

**. Photo distributed by Duane Knapp, Water Superintendent, of cast iron water main on Leonard Street**

**. Photo distributed by Duane Knapp, Water Superintendent, of Cottage Street Elevation Storage Tank**

**. Aerial Map of Town of Norton showing “wells”**

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