

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2011**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

The December 15, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mr. Bramwell, Chairman, at 7:00 p.m., held in the First Floor Selectmen's Conference Room in the Municipal Center.

A. Roll Call: Mr. Brad Bramwell, Chairman of Board of Selectmen: Mr. Timothy Giblin, Clerk; and Mr. Robert Salvo were present. Absent: Mrs. Mary Steele, Vice-Chair, and Mr. Robert Kimball. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was also present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

A. Approve bills Warrant #34, dated December 8, 2011, in the amount of \$628,757.14

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve bills Warrant #34, dated December 8, 2011, in the amount of \$628,757.14. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended December 10, 2011, Warrant #35, dated December 15, 2011, in the amount of \$1,018,929.81

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended December 10, 2011, Warrant #35, dated December 15, 2011, in the amount of \$1,018,929.81. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

C. Approve bills Warrant #36, dated December 15, 2011, in the amount of \$300,609.59

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve bills Warrant #36, dated December 15, 2011, in the amount of \$300,609.59. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

D. Minutes – No Minutes were approved/reviewed.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. Request of Paul Dionne, Reach the Beach Relay, for permission to have their Relay Race run through Town, May 19, 2012, between the hours of 2:30 A.M. and 9:30 A.M.

It was noted there appeared to be no map/route outlined but it was signed off by Police dept. and Fire Dept. Times noted above should work out ok.

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2. 2012 License Renewals/New:

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve Request for name change from Kenneth Paul Gilchrist d/b/a Goosebrook Garage to: Goosebrook Garage & Recycling LLC, d/b/a Goosebrook Garage, 36 Dean Street, for a Class II License for 2012. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve Goosebrook Garage and Recycling LLC d/b/a Goosebrook Garage, 36 Dean Street, for a Class III License for 2012. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Discussion: Mr. Yunits stated he visited Goosebrook Garage and Recycling site and cleanup from roadway into site occurred and they will continue to clean-up site.

Mr. Giblin asked if DEP needs to get involved?

Mr. Yunits said license is up to Board of Selectmen's discretion.

Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr Giblin to approve Edward F. Breault d/b/a Edd's Auto Repair, 32 King Phillip Road and 16 Samoset Street Rear, for a Class II License. For 2012 Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr Giblin to approve Midway Collision Center, Inc., 85 Mansfield Avenue, for a Class II License for 2012. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

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Common Victualler:

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve a Common Victualler License for 2012 for Mekaeal, Inc. d/b/a Jeffrey's Pizza, 63 East Main Street. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve a Common Victualler License for 2012 for The Best Sandwich Shop, 175 Mansfield Avenue. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Menorah Lighting at Town Common on Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m. with hot cocoa being served.**

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Brockton NAACP Jan 14 from 9-12 p.m. At Shaw's Center, Brockton. Tickets are \$30/\$15-children (\$35 at door).

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**Norton Kayak-a 20% off sale for info call 740-7728 or [info@nortonkayakco.com](mailto:info@nortonkayakco.com)**

Norton Police Dept. Grant "Drive Sober or get pulled over"; \$5,000 grant will be utilized for this program.

Mr. Yunits said he will write a letter to restaurants in Town regarding this as when a person is arrested for drunk driving they are asked where the last establishment they were served alcohol and restaurants need to be aware.

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. 7:05 P.M. – Swearing-In Ceremony – Firefighter Andrew R. Gomes

Chief Schleicher said the father of Andrew Gomes is (Retired) Fire Chief Richard Gomes. Andrew started in Norton Fire Dept. on Dec 6, 2010 and obtained good grades. He is involved in SAFE program. Town Clerk, Danielle Sicard, swore in Firefighter Andrew R. Gomes. He was congratulated by all.

(Retired) Chief Richard Gomes pinned his son with his original badge from Engine 2 from 1971.

2. 7:15 P.M. – 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

Commendation letter dated November 7, 2011, was read aloud by Mr. Giblin regarding structure fire in Raynham and Mr. Ferreira who was instrumental in fighting this fire was off-duty at the time. Captain Myles, whose shift Firefighter Ferreira is on, was present also with other members of fire dept.

Mr. Giblin said, again, it is brought to the attention of the Board of Selectmen that Norton Fire Dept. has an excellent department.

3. Conservation Agent Jennifer Carlino Re: Pond Committee

An outline was distributed to Board - "Waterbodies Committee" and explained.

Mr. Giblin asked about certain fish that he has read about that eat plants. It was discussed these fish may not be legal in Massachusetts.

Ms. Carlino stated she had lots of info in her office also.

Ms. Carlino said the dam project was moving along very well.

4. Lee Desmarais Re: Update – Norton Energy Fund

Ms. Desmarais provided an update and said they have received donations but are still in desperate need of more. A solicitor letter is being sent out to local businesses. They are looking for donations of a printer to print materials. They are on Facebook and people can "like" them for updates. She is currently building a website for Norton Energy Fund. Donations may be sent to One power Street, c/o St. Vincent dePaul Society or see Ms. Desmarais in the veterans' office. She stated there was an article in the Boston Globe recently regarding this Energy Fund in Norton. Ms. Desmarais said the working poor cannot qualify at times so some funding will be used to help these people also. Income guidelines are available in the Attleboro office.

Ms. Desmarais said if every resident donated \$1.00 it would make a huge difference. She posed this as a challenge residents of Norton.

Mr. Giblin said he would like to make a challenge also and residents in Town are generous as seen in past. Mr. Giblin also said a family member is in printing and paper business and may be able to help donate printing, etc. and he will look into this.

5. Request of Dr. Patricia Ansay, Superintendent of Schools, to authorize Town Manager Michael D. Yunits sign a Statement of Interest (SOI) to the MA School Building Authority (MSBA) for the future repair of the J.C. Solmonese School roof

Mr. Yunits said there is some issue with roof at J.C. Solmonese and this vote will allow him to sign Statement of Interest.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve Request of Dr. Patricia Ansay, Superintendent of Schools, to authorize Norton Town Manager, Michael D. Yunits, sign a Statement of Interest (SOI) to the MA School Building Authority (MSBA) for the future repair of the J.C. Solmonese School roof:**

**VOTE:**

**On December 15, 2011, the Town of Norton Board of Selectmen, having convened in an open meeting in accordance with the Town of Norton's charter, by-laws, and ordinances:**

**VOTED: To authorize the Town Manager to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated January 6, 2012, for the J. C. Solmonese Elementary School located at 315 West Main Street, Norton, MA 02766, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future for the Accelerated Repair Project for repairs to the J. C. Solmonese Elementary School as identified in the attached Exhibit "A"; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town of Norton to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES**

6. Request for Special Municipal Employee Status for the following positions:

Members of the Board of Survey;

Assistant Inspector of Wires;

Assistant Plumbing & Gas Inspector.

Mr. Yunits explained Members of the Board of Survey are unpaid positions and involve homes that are boarded up. Other two positions (assistant inspector of wires and assistant plumbing & gas inspector) are 200 hours per year.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin:**

**At its meeting of December 15, 2011, the Town of Norton Board of Selectmen:**

**VOTED: To approve Special Municipal Employee status for the following positions: Assistant Wiring Inspector; Assistant Plumbing Inspector; and Board of Survey. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

#### **B. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Yunits referenced the Senior Tax Abatement program which is open until January 31, and they are seeking applicants. Residents interested visit assessor's office to sign up. It is a first come-first serve basis and also based on qualifications of residents. There is room for 20 residents for

this program.

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Update – 495 Southbound Ramp

This ramp is now open.

Mr. Salvo asked if there was going to be a groundbreaking taking place? Mr. Yunits responded, he will check with Mansfield regarding this.

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Veterans district - all towns approved this and grant is being applied for. This is a “regional” cooperation for a veterans agent.

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State of Municipalities Update - worst two years since passing of Proposition 2 ½. Local aid but for third consecutive year fallen 32% since 2009 budget. It has been a long two years for municipalities.

Mega, the Town's workmen's comp carrier is no longer their workmen's comp carrier. This company had a problem with their funds. Each town will get an assessment for 2004, 2005, and 2006 and spread through FY '13, '14, '15 and he understands it was written in contract.

Mr. Giblin asked if this company is allowed to do this legally?

Mr. Yunits said in checking Mega policies they say it can be done.

Mr. Giblin said with current company Town is now using, ensure this type of language is not written in contract.

Mr. Yunits said he met with Mayor-Elect of Taunton and MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Waste Management project was discussed and Mayor-Elect sent it to City Solicitor for review. Mr. Yunits thanked the Mayor-Elect for meeting with him, etc.

C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Appointment of Patricia Bobst to the position of Police Matron in the Norton Police Department

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to appoint Patricia Bobst to the position of Police Matron in the Norton Police Department, effective December 16, 2011. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

2. Appointment of Briana Giarrusso to the position of Police Matron in the Norton Police Department

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to appoint Briana Giarrusso to the position of Police Matron in the Norton Police Department, effective December 16, 2011. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

3. Resignation of Monica Key from the Town Common Committee, effective December 6, 2011

Resignation letter received by town clerk; letter dated November 30, 2011. Patty Tessitore to be new rep of Wheaton College to this Committee.

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Giblin noted some surrounded towns have put more of a tax burden on their local businesses. He asked Mr. Yunits to reach out to IDC for businesses that may be looking for other space due to added tax burden (some out of town businesses may want to look elsewhere).

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Mr. Bramwell referenced Wheaton College crosswalk and 40 m.p.h. sign posted before crosswalk and another 30 m.p.h sign posted. Zone should be extended toward town hall, etc. He asked Mr. Yunits to ask Police Chief about this.

Mr. Giblin said this may be able to be done through State only.

Mr. Salvo spoke of lighting in front of college being dangerous; pedestrians need to take responsibility as well as drivers. Lights need to be changed. Glare of lights at night is terrible. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Bramwell said lamp-posts by President of Wheaton College's house are very bright and may need a lamp-post in other areas.

Mr. Salvo asked for a meeting with Wheaton and/or National Grid to devise a way/plan that is safer in this area and look into lighting being changed.

Mr. Giblin said pedestrians should wear fluorescent clothes or a flasher when walking, especially at night when walking on side of road with no sidewalk as it is dark.

Mr. Bramwell said the Town Common is lit beautifully. Light on flag, however, is still not lit and promised to veterans about six months ago that this would be done.

Mr. Giblin said he believed Town is in process of getting lights on pole.

Mr. Yunits said also the Pine Street flagpole is getting lights.

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Mr. Salvo spoke of Mansfield to Taunton/toward Easton area. Could Town look into sidewalks and school children walking without sidewalks. There is a way to do this if it is planned ahead of time with redoing of streets to also install sidewalks. Also, Pine Street/Plain Street area for L.G. Nourse students. He asked that a plan be put together.

Mr. Yunits said Mr. Silver and he met with an engineer who started a process on Route 123 and will resurface that and notify neighbors and plan to put on for funding

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

1. 2012 License Renewals/New

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Documents Distributed/Reviewed at December 15, 2011 Board of Selectmen Meeting**

**. State of Massachusetts Application for Parade Permit or Other Activity Conducted on State Highway or Municipal System for New Balance Reach the Beach Relay for May 19, 2012, 2:30 a.m. To 9:30 a.m.**

**. 2012 Renewals/New Licenses**

**. Memo from Chief Brian Clark, dated Dec 13, 2011, re: 2012 Traffic Enforcement Grant**

**. Memo, dated December 7, 2011, from Dr. Ansay, Superintendent of Schools to Town Manager, Michael Yunits, re: Required Form of Vote to Submit a Statement of Interest to the MA School Building Authority (MSBA) for future repair of the J.C. Solmonese School roof**

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:\_\_\_\_\_**

