

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
JANUARY 26, 2012**

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

The January 26, 2012, 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; Mrs. Mary Steele, Vice-Chair; Mr. Robert Kimball; and Mr. Robert Salvo were present. Absent: Mr. Timothy Giblin, Clerk. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was also present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES**

A. Approve bills Warrant #43, dated January 19, 2012, in the amount of \$454,556.32

**MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to approve bills Warrant #43, dated January 19, 2012, in the amount of \$454,556.32. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

B. Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended January 21, 2012, Warrant #44, dated January 26, 2012, in the amount of \$999,106.90

**MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended January 21, 2012, Warrant #44, dated January 26, 2012, in the amount of \$999,106.90. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

C. Approve bills Warrant #45, dated January 26, 2012, in the amount of \$1,235,899.70

**MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to approve bills Warrant #45, dated January 26, 2012, in the amount of \$1,235,899.70. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

D. Minutes – July 28, 2011

**MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated July 28, 2011, as written. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**III. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

1. Application of McMahon's Countryside Grille, LLC, 336 Old Colony Road, Norton, MA, for a Live Entertainment License

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the application of McMahon's Countryside Grille, LLC, 336 Old Colony Road, Norton, MA, for a Live Entertainment License. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

2. 7:30 P.M. HEARING – Application of Horizon Beverage Company, 45 Commerce Way, Norton, MA for a license for aboveground storage of diesel fuel totaling 13,247 gallons, as required per Massachusetts Fire Code (527 CMR), as amended, for fuel storage greater than 10,000 gallons. The property is located at 45 Commerce Way, Norton, MA, and is identified on Assessor's Map 25, as Parcel 1

This Hearing is being rescheduled to February 16, 2012. Mr. Bramwell said it will be an open hearing per Mr. Kimball's suggestion since advertised in newspaper, etc.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to continue Hearing – Application of Horizon Beverage Company, 45 Commerce Way, Norton, MA for a license for aboveground storage of diesel fuel totaling 13,247 gallons, as required per Massachusetts Fire Code (527 CMR), as amended, for fuel storage greater than 10,000 gallons. The property is located at 45 Commerce Way, Norton, MA, and is identified on Assessor's Map 25, as Parcel 1, to February 16, 2012. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

#### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Steele referenced “circuit breaker”. State reps created a brochure and available at Town Hall. This is a tax credit to Massachusetts senior citizens (“Senior Circuit Breaker”).  
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Open Space Committee (under ConCom) issued a list of upcoming events on website (animal tracking/vernal pools, etc.).

#### **V. BUSINESS**

##### **A. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Vote to sign one-year Memorandum of Agreement between Town of Norton and AFSCME, Council 93, Local 1702 for a successor Collective Bargaining Agreement for Highway/Water & Sewer Departments effective July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Mr. Yunits stated there was no salary increase. Employees pay 30% of PPO and no cost to Town.

Mr. Kimball said Town is in trying times and it is good to see this cooperation and in everyone's best interest.

Mr. Bramwell said agreed and said it probably saves job(s) for fellow employees.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to vote to sign one-year Memorandum of Agreement between Town of Norton and AFSCME, Council 93, Local 1702 for a successor Collective Bargaining Agreement for Highway/Water & Sewer Departments effective July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

2. Interviews for appointments to the Water Bodies Committee

. Brian Brady

Mr. Brady said it was a major battle with the weeds and he has interest on joining this Committee.

Mr. Bramwell said there are ten applicants thus far and if it is ok with Board he would like to table this until Board speaks with all the applicants.

. Herb Ellison

Mr. Ellison said he knew more about Reservoir than other bodies of water in Town. In his experience teaching at Wheaton College, they looked at chemicals/nutrients with students. It is worth studying. He spoke of brief history of Reservoir.

. Frank Hovey

Mr. Hovey stated he lived on Reservoir for 62 years and knew it well. Otters, muskrats, blue herring, etc., are some of the wildlife in Reservoir (wildlife has changed). He would enjoy helping anyone working on Reservoir.

Mr. Bramwell said someone with a stake in bodies of water would be ideal.

. Dave Lennon

Mr. Lennon said he was a “certified instructor” and has a unique perspective with water safety and would bring in a different view. Cleanup of Reservoir in past years has been successful. Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012, is next planned cleanup of Reservoir.

. Lee Parham

Mr. Parham said he resides at 47 Island Road and it is near Reservoir. He worked for Foxboro Water Dept. in the 1980's and has experience in samples, Foxboro Reservoir, etc. Also, he is a volunteer with Nation Park Service for last 12 years. It is important to advise people/residents the quality of water and he is so conscious of this. He paddles with a biologist and naturalist and also conducts paddles. Water quality is great but weed plume is coming in more and more, and needs monitoring. He would like to become involved in this. He can see both ends of Reservoir from his residence. There is great wildlife at Reservoir and would like to get involved in any capacity.

Mr. Bramwell thanked all five people for coming in and for their interest.

Mr. Kimball said there are a lot of water bodies in Town. A person with grant experience would be ideal.

3. Vote to approve and sign the greater Attleboro/Taunton HOME Consortium (GATHC) Mutual Cooperative Agreement for a three-year period beginning on July 1, 2012

Mr. Yunits stated this was a great program and opportunity for first time homebuyers or those who wish to renovate their house (it is based on income guidelines). Mr. Yunits said he will work with Consortium and it is a great opportunity for senior citizens to bring their homes up to code. Discussion

ensued.

**MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to Vote to approve and sign the Greater Attleboro/Taunton HOME Consortium (GATHC) Mutual Cooperative Agreement for a three-year period beginning on July 1, 2012. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**B. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Yunits said he spoke of Horizon Beverage and things are moving along/forward.  
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Mr. Yunits stated he met with Sysco this week. June 22 and/or 23 they will move out. He is looking to get another business in that location. He offered Town's help to Sysco if the needed it.  
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Mr. Yunits said Governor's Budget came out this week and level-funded on Cherry Sheet. Veterans' benefits are cut and he is working with State Reps on that and hopefully they will come back.

Ch70 increased he heard, but not to many towns.  
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Chief of Police, Brian Clark, sent correspondence to Mr. Yunits, dated January 25, 2012, regarding "Recognition" of various police personnel at their annual department meeting held January 24, 2012. Officers recognized were: Sgt. Robert Whitfield and Detective Todd Bramwell for 25 years of service with the Police Dept. Patrolman Jesse Winters for establishing a Facebook page to better communicate with the public. Detective Jeffrey Zaccardi for his commitment and dedication to the safety and training of police personnel. Patrolman David Schepis received the Top Gun Award for excellence in Firearms. Patrolman Schepis also presented the department with an American Flag that was flown over Afghanistan on October 12, 2010, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom for 3 combat hours. The flag was given to the Norton Police Department from the pilots of Delta Company "Death Dealers" 1<sup>st</sup> Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division.

**C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

1. Request of Sara Lyons for appointment to the Norton Park and Recreation Commission

**MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to approve the request of Sara Lyons for appointment to the Norton Park and Recreation Commission. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

2. Resignation of Marc Holloway from the Norton Industrial Development Commission effective January 19, 2012

A thank you letter should be sent to Mr. Holloway for his service to the Town.

3. Request of Tom Beauchene, Chairman, to appoint William Lippincott as a full member to the Norton Industrial Commission, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Marc Holloway, term to expire June 30, 2012

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve Request of Tom Beauchene, Chairman, to appoint William Lippincott as a full member to the Norton Industrial Commission, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Marc Holloway, term to expire June 30, 2012. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Mr. Bramwell said Mr. Lippincott is very active in the community.

4. Request of Tom Beauchene, Chairman, to appoint Peter Ward as an alternate member, to the Norton Industrial Commission

**MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to approve the Request of Tom Beauchene, Chairman, to appoint Peter Ward as an alternate member, to the Norton Industrial Commission. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

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

Mr. Bramwell referenced Wheaton College and the amount of fees (commuter bus) – annual fee information would be helpful.

Mr. Kimball said Dr. Crutcher will probably come in for his annual visit and update Board as they usually have him in. He asked Mr. Yunits to extend invitation to Dr. Crutcher.

Condolences were given to the family of Dorothy Helmreich who recently passed away. Paul Helmreich is a member of Norton Finance Committee. Dorothy was a school teacher and very involved in the Town of Norton. Both Paul and Dorothy were recognized in Town Report a couple of years ago.

Norton Board of Appeals has Ashley Place LLC on agenda to discuss release of funds. Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Salvo said he spoke to Highway Superintendent, Keith Silver, earlier in week regarding residential mailboxes. Mr. Salvo said he is a firm believer a mailbox in front of a person's house should be able to be maintained by homeowner (post should be sturdy/mailbox sturdy). Town should not get involved with mailbox the business.

#### **VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

#### **VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet A. 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 January 26, 2012 Board of Selectmen Meeting**

. Application for License/Permit for McMahon's Countryside Grille, LLC, 336 Old Colony Road, Norton, MA 02766 for Live Entertainment License

. Memorandum from Town Clerk to Board of Selectmen, dated January 19, 2012, regarding Resignation of Marc Holloway from the Industrial Development Commission effective January 19, 2012 (term to expire June 30, 2012)

. Letter from Thomas Beauchene, Chairman of Industrial Development Commission, dated January 19, 2012, regarding appointment of a full member and an alternate members to this Commission

. Memorandum from Thomas Noel, Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals, dated January 19, 2012, addressed to Board of Selectmen/Mr. Yunits, Town Manager, regarding "Ashley Place, LLC, Chapter 40B Comprehensive Permit Funds"

. Email correspondence, dated January 25, 2012, from Chief of Police Brian M. Clark, regarding "Recognition" of various Police Department personnel.