

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
FEBRUARY 16, 2012**

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

The February 16, 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; and Mr. Robert Kimball were present. Absent: Mr. Timothy Giblin, Clerk, and Mr. Robert Salvo. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was also present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES**

A. Approve bills Warrant #49, dated February 16, 2012, in the amount of \$313,770.88  
**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Approve bills Warrant #49, dated February 16, 2012, in the amount of \$313,770.88. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

B. Minutes – August 25, 2011  
September 22, 2011

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated August 25, 2011, as written. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated September 22, 2011, as written. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**III. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

1. Application of Nick Zelinski for a one-day beer and wine license to be utilized at the Everett Leonard Park, Saturday, June 23, 2012, 1:00 – 6:00 P.M., for private party

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the Application of Nick Zelinski for a one-day beer and wine license to be utilized at the Everett Leonard Park, Saturday, June 23, 2012, 1:00 – 6:00 P.M., for private party, with stipulation that Norton Police Dept. be contacted prior to this event to discuss specifics. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

2. 7:30 P.M. - CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING OPENED THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2012, 7:30 P.M., IN THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, NORTON MUNICIPAL CENTER, 70 E. MAIN ST., NORTON, MA on the 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 Assessors' Map 25, as Parcel 1

**MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to remove Public Hearing from Table and Reopen Application for Public Hearing. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Mr. Yunits said green certified mail cards were returned regarding notifications.

Mr. Mark Dibb of C&A Engineer provided a quick overview of project. It was noted this was the former General Motors facility building and under construction currently.

Aerial map (drawing) shown of site (Drawn by C&A Engineering Services - "Horizon Beverage").

Mr. Dibb spoke of a 9500 gallon diesel fuel facility and additional 300 gallon diesel tank associated with water pump for tank. Applicant decided on diesel generator due to lower cost. Gas services to site are not adequate supply and life safety components. The 24-hour diesel generator was decided upon.

Purpose of license was discussed.

All diesel; no gasoline in any of the tanks and meets Fire Department requirements per Code of State and local codes. All are separate tanks.

Mr. Kimball said a larger tank is a better idea.

Mr. Yunits said Fire Chief sent communication stating he is aware of this, and stipulated all applicable local and state laws must be adhered to and applicant required to pull permit to store annually.

Mr. Dibb said generator is for life-safety and to run the conveying equipment.

Mr. Kimball said the generator is facing away from all residential areas. Noted it is a backup generator so hopefully will not be used often.

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#### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Town Offices will be closed Monday, February 20, 2012, in observance of Washington's Birthday (Presidents' Day)

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Mr. Kimball commended the Norton Lancer's Basketball Team (Tri-valley league). Team players Steve Burrill and Colin Feeney had a great year and congratulated extended to entire team!

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Norton High School Parent Board 5K Run/Walk to be held on 4/29/12 at Everett Leonard Park at 10 a.m. and will also have a Kids Fun Run. [Run4Nortonhigh@comcast.net](mailto:Run4Nortonhigh@comcast.net) is website for more info.

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Norton High School groundbreaking ceremony to be held on March 2, 2012 at 1 p.m.

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Pesticide spraying exclusions must be filed by March 1, 2012 at Town Clerk's office.

Kathy Bailey Memorial Basketball Game to be held on March 9, 2012 at 7 p.m. at Norton High School (tickets are \$8 each).

**V. BUSINESS**

**A. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Request of Marc R. Pacheco, State Senator, First Plymouth and Bristol District, to sign onto a letter or Resolution in support of keeping the Taunton State Hospital open**

They plan to move staff and patients to Worcester and Senator Pacheco is trying to keep this facility open.

Mr. Kimball said he did not know that much about this. Dept. of Mental Health made a lot of reductions and many people are homeless. Worcester will benefit with the additional staff, however, point of matter is there is a need for this. Taunton is located in Southeastern Massachusetts, and even if they do not use entire building/property, there is a need for this type of facility in this area. There are also a group of houses around perimeter of building. Mr. Kimball stated he agreed with Senator Pacheco's proposal and a strong letter supporting Senator Pacheco's view should be sent out. Worcester is not an easy ride and employees/families of patients would need to make this ride.

Mr. Bramwell agreed with Mr. Kimball.

Discussion ensued on building of casinos being looked at in Southeastern Massachusetts. Mr. Kimball said he would not want to open up this opportunity if this building is vacated, and preferred facility stay where it is today.

Mr. Kimball read aloud "Resolution".

Mr. Bramwell said it seems those in need always seem to be left behind. Priorities are not in line.

**MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to sign Resolution and/or send letter out regarding this issue. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**B. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Yunits thanked the Council on Aging for inviting him to their Valentine's Day Party.

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A volunteer came forward to assist Town on weekends at animal shelter feeding the animals, etc. There is no one currently working on weekends. Town is looking for more volunteers also.

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Mr. Yunits referenced the "Senior Work Program", there are a lot of clerical jobs but some men also are looking into jobs.

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Mr. Yunits said he signed voucher for \$5,000 for flyer for Water and Sewer Dept. (to check off on bill if resident desired online or mailed to them). If Board agreed he would like to look into this.

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High School Project: sub-bidders soon will be selected. DEP leach field at High School is progressing.

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Repaving on Route 495 including part of Norton starting on March 19, 2012. He will inquire whether it is night or daytime work.

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Mr. Yunits stated he received a letter from Mass Housing and asked Town for another meeting. They were told by Town to file with Conservation Commission and did not feel another meeting was needed. Crossing of wetlands referenced and there is no town sewer available (which they put on their plan which was incorrect).

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Mr. Yunits said last week he spoke with the Mayor of Taunton re: Waste Management and was told it is in City Solicitor's hands, and Condyne also called them. Both communities are working together.

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Dever is getting ready to move out of area.

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Finance Committee (FinCom) meetings begin on Wednesday evening for budget process. All departments submitted their budgets.

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Mr. Yunits communicated that Conservation Commission (ConCom) had a meeting Monday evening regarding Feeny Island proposed project. ConCom involved, then to Mansfield also for permits to use a piece of property in that town. Meeting continued and engineers needed more info to provide to ConCom/residents.

Mr. Kimball said now they will deal with Norton and Mansfield (two towns). There are a lot of environmental issues. Involved also are Board of Health with Title V systems and Building Inspector also involved, and in his own opinion, it is a viable project. People own property in this area, and he understood emotions do run high, but it is not right to remove flags, etc. The whole purpose of project is to use the trees. He is not sure if project will work or not, but residents need to have some respect for property owner.

Mrs. Steele reiterated this is private property. It is a proposed recreational activity and preserving the natural setting of island. No one knows who would come along next to develop this property. It is Residential R-80 and a developer could come and build a huge house and cut down trees. There is not enough info on it yet.

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Mr. Kimball spoke of a letter received from an aquatic plant company from Wisconsin which references a "swamp devil aquatic vegetation cutter" and suggested this letter be sent to appropriate Committee.

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Mr. Bramwell said Ms. Tessitore, as Wheaton rep to Town Common Committee, replaced flag light with brighter fixture. A thank you to Ms. Tessitore.

Mr. Kimball said a number of flags around Town need lighting. Mr. Kimball said his company sells a flagpole light (solar). He could obtain one and see if DPW dept. could install. Pine Street, cemetery on Plain Street, and a number of flags around Town need lighting. Also, the one in front of Yelle School was not lit up.

#### C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

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

Nothing was discussed.

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

1. Colleen Ryan Re: Interview for appointment to the Water Bodies Committee

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Second by Mrs. Steele. 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 February 16, 2012 Board of Selectmen Meeting**

. Notice of Public Hearing-Horizon Beverage, 45 Commerce Way, Norton, MA, 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.

Letter from Marc R. Pacheco, State Senator, First Plymouth and Bristol, dated February 2, 2012, re: Taunton State Hospital potential closing with accompanying "Sample Resolution" and "Sample Letter" in support of not closing this facility

. Application For One Day Liquor License at Everett Leonard Park on June 23, 2012 (Applicant: Nick Zelinski); date of filing-12/22/11

. Memorandum from Town Clerk to Board of Selectmen, dated February 13, 2012, regarding "Pesticide Spraying Exclusions"

. Letter dated February 7, 2012, from Aquarius Systems, North Prairie, Wisconsin (Dawn Klodd, Administrative Assistant) to Mr. Bramwell-Town of Norton re: surface water management equipment ("Swamp Devil Aquatic Vegetation Cutter")