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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 8, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

The March 8, 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. Bradford Bramwell, Chairman of Board of Selectmen; Mrs. Mary Steele, Vice-Chair; Mr. Timothy Giblin, Clerk; Mr. Robert Kimball; and Mr. Robert Salvo 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 3, 2012, Warrant #53, dated March 8, 2012, in the amount of \$986,354.61

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended March 3, 2012, Warrant #53, dated March 8, 2012, in the amount of \$986,354.61. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES

B. Approve bills Warrant #54, dated March 8, 2012, in the amount of \$852,240.45

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve bills Warrant #54, dated March 8, 2012, in the amount of \$852,240.45. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

C. Minutes – February 9, 2012

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated February 9, 2012, as written. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. Request from Disabled American Veterans, Cpl. William F. Reardon, Chapter 57, Taunton, MA, for permission to conduct its Annual "Forget-Me-Not Drive", on July 28th, and 29th, 2012, at Roche Bros. supermarket, 175 Mansfield Avenue, Norton, MA

Cpl. Reardon stated the Mansfield Chapter has now been absorbed by the Taunton Chapter as well as Middleboro. Afghanistan/Iraq veterans are returning home with horrendous injuries and need a great deal of care. Disabled American Veterans are always looking for donations. Usually in the Fall they hold this drive. None of this money will be used for administration offices in Boston. Roche Bros. will not give them permission unless Board of Selectmen grants permission to conduct this drive. The Forget-Me-Not drive is local. Administrative fund usually goes toward service for veterans. Donation address is P.O. Box 57, Taunton, MA 02780. For volunteering and info, the public can call 508-823-0409 from usually 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Also volunteers can assist in Forget-Me-Not drive or visit veterans in the hospital. Many veterans are young and some

are in a chronic psych ward with WWII veterans and younger, and are confined there since not able to live on their own. There are many volunteer opportunities such as being a reader, pushing patients in their wheelchairs, etc.

Mr. Kimball stated a lot of veterans are returning from overseas and many are young veterans. Mr. Kimball said he would like to make motion town to include other businesses, not only Roche Bros. (i.e., Dunkin Donuts, etc.). Mr. Kimball said this is a great opportunity for high school seniors/students that need to commit to so many volunteer hours, etc.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve request from Disabled American Veterans, Cpl. William F. Reardon, Chapter 57, Taunton, MA, for permission to conduct its Annual "Forget-Me-Not Drive", on July 28th, and 29th, 2012, at Roche Bros. Supermarket, 175 Mansfield Avenue, Norton, MA and also at any approved town location. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Kimball said he would like this information posted through Cable Access until the end of May.

Mr. Giblin said the work of the Disabled American Veterans organization and Cpl. Reardon is appreciated.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 24 is the Annual Town Election and thanked all those residents who came out for the Presidential Primary.
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February 28 correspondence from Mass DOT re: street sweeping on or about 3/19/12.
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March 9 is The 10th Annual Kathy Bailey Memorial Basketball game. This is an excellent fundraiser and helps many families in Norton. Some tickets may still be available.

Michelle Peterson and her team of volunteers were thanked by the Board of Selectmen for their hard work and effort in making this such a successful fundraiser.

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. 7:05 P.M. – Colleen E. Ryan Re: Interview for appointment to the Water Bodies Committee

Ms. Ryan has been a resident in Norton for 29 years and lives on Reservoir and interested in what happens at Reservoir but also with all water bodies in Town. She stated she is an avid kayaker and active in library and also works full-time. Ms. Ryan also has knowledge in writing grants and has good long-range vision.

Board members thanked Ms. Ryan for coming forward, and the next meeting is process of making appointments.

2. Request of Thomas R. Noel, Chairman, Norton Zoning Board of Appeals, to appoint Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals Nitin K. Choksi to the position of Regular Board Member

It was noted Mr. David Sharpe resigned.

Mr Kimball said to Mr. Sharpe should be recognized for his years of service. Mr. Nitkin has been recommended by ZBA Chairman.

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to appoint Mr. Nitin K. Choksi to the position of Regular Board Member on the Norton Zoning Board of Appeals, per request of Thomas R. Noel, Chairman of the Norton Zoning Board of Appeals. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

3. Vote to reaffirm appointment of Jason K. Brolsma, made March 1st, 2012, to the position of Associate (Alternate) Member on the Zoning Board of Appeals

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to reaffirm appointment of Jason K. Brolsma, made March 1st, 2012, to the position of Associate (Alternate) Member on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

4. Vote to appoint Board of Selectmen's Representative to the Water Bodies Committee

Mr. Kimball said this does not necessarily need to be a Board of Selectmen member, however, it is fine if a **member of the Board is interested in being appointed.**

MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to nominate Dave Lennon of Norton Kayak to be representative of Board of Selectmen to the Water Bodies Committee. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Yunits said there is still a vacancy on Conservation Commission and was told do not necessarily need to appoint someone per Conservation Commission Agent.

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Mr. Yunits said he will look at Peno land tomorrow.

Mr. Kimball referenced Peno land, and said it would be ideal to get a small canoe into water to measure depth, etc., to see if it is deep enough. It was discussed mouth may be about 30' wide.

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Mr. Yunits said next week begins budget process/Finance Committee (FinCom) meetings.

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C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Kimball spoke of Water & Sewer Commissioners and question on waiving all permit fees with town agencies (town agency working with another town agency).

Mr. Bramwell said he thought Board decided to do this and thought it was voted on.

Mr. Kimball said, yes, but more specifics are needed about what actual intent is.

Mr. Bramwell said they should: 1) research Board has not already voted on this as he thought they adopted this policy; and 2) ask town counsel's assistance with language, etc.

Mr. Salvo said he agreed with waiving building permit for high school renovation project. However, he believed wiring and HVAC permit for school project should not be waived in his opinion.

Mr. Bramwell said he understood there to be no filing fees.

Mr. Salvo said it is possible he misunderstood.

Mr. Kimball suggested to find out the answer to this.

Mr. Bramwell suggested to send to town counsel for review, etc.

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Mr. Bramwell spoke of Turtle Crossing developers and he and Mr. Yunits met with them earlier. ZBA will be petitioned in about a week and project scaled back plans slightly to be more user-friendly.

Mr. Kimball suggested to invite the developer in regarding their intentions. The Board of Selectmen actually

supported it originally; whole process is changing.

Mr. Bramwell said members of Turtle Crossing team did show a desire to speak in front of Board of Selectmen.

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

1. Appointments to Water Bodies Committee

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to enter into Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. for purpose to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, and to not return to Open Session. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet Sweeney

Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

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MARCH 8, 2012**

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 March 8, 2012, Board of Selectmen Meeting

. Letter dated February 2, 2012, from Denise J. Furtado, Adjutant-Chapter 57, Disabled American Veterans to Board of Selectmen re: Permission for Tag Fund Raising Dates

. Letter dated February 28, 2012, from Mary-Joe Perry, District Highway Director, Department of Transportation (Mass DOT), to Norton Board of Selectmen, re: 2012 Spring Sweeping

. Letter of Interest, dated February 8, 2012, from Colleen E. Ryan, to the Board of Selectmen re: interest on serving on Water Bodies Committee

. Letter dated March 2, 2012, from Thomas R. Noel, Chairman, Norton Zoning Board of Appeals to Board of Selectmen re: "Zoning Board of Appeals – Open Seat"