

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
MARCH 15, 2012**

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

The March 15, 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; and Mr. Robert Kimball were present. Absent: Mr. Robert Salvo. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was also present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES**

A. Approve bills Warrant #55, dated March 15, 2012, in the amount of \$397,551.80

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve bills Warrant #55, dated March 15, 2012, in the amount of \$397,551.80. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

B. Minutes – October 27, 2011

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated October 27, 2011, as written. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**III. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Firefighters Local 2678 will hold a St. Patty's Day Luncheon at 85 East Main Street (tickets can be purchased at door or call/see Judy at fire station).

.....

Historical Society meeting to be held Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m.

**V. BUSINESS**

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. 7:05 P.M. – Duane Knapp, Water/Sewer Superintendent Re: Proposed Construction Projects for 2012-2013

Mr. Knapp explained list of proposed projects and reviewed construction projects. Cottage Street will be a \$300,000 project.

3/15/12 Bd. of Selectmen Minutes

Page 2

Mr. Kimball stated it was important to let residents be made aware if Town may be coming onto their property. Digsafe is being utilized for safety and areas/properties being marked.

Mr. Knapp indicated Water/Sewer usually draws white stripes and no reason to go on a resident's property. From curb stop to main tie-in Water/Sewer may mark.

Mr. Knapp stated North Worcester Street is their priority first and then to Oak Street. Route 123 to house 113 for services still needed (service lines to be done).

Mr. Knapp said they are trying to solve dirty water problems and pilot testing of wells 4, 5, and 6.

Mr. Kimball said he has heard more one bedrooms are being proposed regarding Turtle Crossing Ch40B project rather than two bedrooms.

Mr. Knapp said he understands it will be 176 units with two bedrooms now and one bedroom units as well as some with three bedrooms.

Mr. Kimball said impression he received was one bedroom units; he had not heard about three bedroom units. This is a smaller development than originally planned.

Mr. Knapp said he believed Turtle Crossing was going before ZBA for design change.

Mr. Giblin said it is important to consider it as a brand new plan.

Mr. Kimball said there is a lot of brown water in Norton.

Mr. Knapp said taking more a/c pipe out of the ground the better and most piping out of ground is a/c pipe. Home filtration systems help and can receive a good rate with area businesses like Aubuchon Hardware.

Mr. Kimball said powdered bleach vs. liquid bleach is much better as Mr. Knapp had indicated at a prior meeting. Also, "Iron Out" or "Red Be Gone" can be used.

Mr. Kimball said it would be beneficial having a few supplies available at town hall for this problem,

since it is more difficult for residents to get to water and sewer dept.

Mr. Knapp said they have delivered products to homes as well. He said the previous night there was a fire and a hydrant was used and over 20,000 gallons of water used. Dispatch left message last night and this morning regarding this to him. They will flush dirty water. Discussion ensued.

Old main will be abandoned Mr. Knapp stated.

2. Appointments to Water Bodies Committee

Discussion on a floating member from Conservation Commission. Will appoint all ten of people who volunteered and 11<sup>th</sup> to be floating member from Conservation Commission.

**MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to appoint the following residents to the Water Bodies Committee: Brian Brady; Herb Ellison; Frank Hovey; Dave Lennon; Lee Parham; Patrick Daly; Joe McFarland; Carol E. Zwicker; Marcia Anderson; and Colleen E. Ryan. Second by Mr. Kimball.**

**Discussion: It is important that various areas of Town are being represented and ways to improve quality of waterways. Not a focus on parks or island, etc. It is important to ensure this Committee starts out right and follows protocol especially with new laws governing bodies of water. Mr. Kimball would like to volunteer to get this Committee started and there should be a chair, vice-chair, and clerk. There is no available money so it will be necessary to take turns at taking minutes of meeting. Some concern with alternate Conservation Commission (ConCom) member since important they attend. It would be less of a concern if an actual ConCom member be appointed but maybe alternates will have different views, etc.**

**Mr. Giblin said all volunteers are all qualified individuals and he would like to be part of first meeting also to ensure group is focused on water bodies.**

**As long as minutes are being taken (initially a concern with a not consistent ConCom person but may work well).**

**Mr. Bramwell said this was his concern too, therefore, if not enough info from ConCom, Board of Selectmen should be advised and they can address, etc.**

**Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Mr. Bramwell congratulated all the members appointed to this Committee.

**B. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Discussion Re: The Campbell House

Mr. Yunits stated a person broke into The Campbell House and was trying to steal copper and was arrested. He needs to obtain more info on House as to who controls the House, etc.

Mr. Bramwell said for a short time the School Committee had control. Historical value of House has been butchered with work done to it, then discussion on restoration of historic value (to take out some things that were added to it) and salvage shell of house. Archeological studies, grants and Historic Register were discussed. Historic Commission is group to contact regarding House.

Mr. Giblin said Butch Rich was involved/had knowledge of House as well. Historic Commission or Butch Rich could be contacted regarding this House.

Mr. Kimball said dormer in back of house was added. Barn has no historical value at all and it had a fire at one time. It is a responsibility to take care of it. It is supposed to be one of the oldest homes in Bristol County. Grants would be helpful and power was believed to be still turned on.

Discussion as to if power was still actually "on"/activated.

~~~~~

Mr. Yunits said Brian Douglas, is new V.P. of Finance and Education at Wheaton College and Mr. Yunits expressed Board's interest in Wheaton tying into sewer system and concerns etc.

~~~~~

Mr. Yunits stated he spoke to people at COA and of their concern there is no COA director in Town. It is great that activities are starting up. In future, possibly a COA director can be looked at.

~~~~~

Mr. Yunits said state reps will be at town hall the next day to meet with residents.

#### C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

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

Mrs. Steele said Eascare Ambulance Service is new in Town and they are a nice group of people. They are located on Old Colony Road. Mrs. Steele welcomed them to Town and possibly they can come in and introduce themselves.

~~~~~

Mr. Kimball referenced flagpoles not being lit in different areas of Town. He tried to use a light he brought from work but it did not work well. Mr. Yunits had sent National Grid a letter for possible ideas. Also, flagpole in front of Senior Center is not up yet. If flag goes up it gets wrapped in wires. Need to figure out whether wires are live or not. Mr. Kimball said he has a meter in which he can test wires to see if they are live or not. Center Cemetery also, flagpole needs to be looked at. Mr. Kimball referenced various areas in Town that need assistance.

Mr. Yunits said National Grid responded to his letter and there is a 250 watt light on that pole and they asked request to be put on Norton town stationery.

#### VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

1. Luis G. Lopes, Ed.S., Superintendent, Southeastern Regional School District Re: FY13 Budget
2. President Ronald A. Crutcher, Wheaton College, Re: Update on the current year at Wheaton
3. Discussion Re: FY13 Town Budget

#### VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION was made by Mrs. Steele to Adjourn at 8 p.m. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet Sweeney, Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
MARCH 15, 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 15, 2012, Board of Selectmen Meeting**

- . Copy of Street Map presented by Mr. Knapp, Water Superintendent
- . “Proposed Construction Projects 2012-2013” from Water and Sewer Department
- . List of Applicants for Appointment to Water Bodies Committee Document