

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 6, 2012**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

The December 6, 2012, Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mr. Giblin, Chairman, at 7:00 p.m., held in the First Floor Selectmen's Conference Room.

- A. ROLL CALL: Mr. Timothy Giblin, Chairman; Mr. Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Vice-Chair; Mr. Robert S. Salvo, Sr., Clerk. Mrs. Steele arrived at 7:20 p.m. Absent: Mr. Bradford K. Bramwell. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was absent due to a planned vacation.

II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES

- A. Approve bills Warrant #34, dated December 6, 2012, in the amount of \$765,821.93
MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Approve bills Warrant #34, dated December 6, 2012, in the amount of \$765,821.93. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.
- B. Approve Minutes –
No Minutes were approved/reviewed.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. 2013 License Renewals/New

It was noted this agenda item was not ready to review this evening and will plan to put on a future agenda. Mr. Salvo said he would like a status on Goosebrook Garage. Mr. Giblin said he will ask Mr. Yunits for the status.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were read.

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

7:05 p.m. – Jacqueline Boudreau, Treasurer/Collector, re: vote to issue and sign Short Term Note related to the High School Project.

It was explained this is a second borrowing toward the project and a temporary one year note, and once project finished will borrow the exact amount and. Borrowing/signing-off on \$6M and come due in a year (short term) and if not finished then to refund until project is finished. Will permanently bond once they have final cost of project.

Vote of the Board of Selectmen:

MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo:

Voted: that we hereby determine, in accordance with G.L. c. 70B, that the amount of the cost of the high school project authorized by a vote of the Town passed on June 6, 2011 (Article 1) not being paid by the school facilities grant is \$12,556,617 and we hereby approve of the issuance of notes and bonds in such amount under said G.L. c. 70B.

Further Voted: to approve the sale of a \$6,000,000 1.00 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note (the "Note") of the Town dated December 13, 2012, and payable December 13, 2013, to TD Securities (USA) LLC at par plus a premium of \$42,300.

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Note, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated November 20, 2012, and a final Official Statement dated November 29, 2012, each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a significant events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Note for the benefit of the holders of the Note from time to time.

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and

execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

1. 7:15 P.M. – Lee Desmarais, Veterans’ Services Office Secretary Re: Norton Energy Fund

Ms. Desmarais updated the Board. From 2011-2012 they assisted 24 households in Norton (oil and one propane delivery). Sept. 1st to present will be able to help two Columbia Gas customers and provide six oil deliveries. Bulk mailing to 600 businesses in Norton and received about \$3,000 in donations from those local businesses. That combined with balance from last year leaves the account with \$7,000. \$40,000 was goal so it is significantly short. To easily and quickly raise money would be the \$1 challenge which she explained. She currently have 50 cans ready and looking for businesses who have retail counter space and ask for a donation of \$1 from people/public. If each registered voter donated \$1; \$12,000 could be easily raised. Last year Walgreen’s wanted five cans immediately and will take those five cans back again this year. Ms. Desmarais saw 23 people in the month of November and appeared to be brand new applicants for fuel assistance and they were not aware of help available.

Mrs. Steele arrived at 7:20 p.m.

Norton Energy Fund address is: P.O. Box 250, Chartley, Ma (new address) for making donations. Or residents may call Ms. Desmarais at 285-0218. The web site is: www.nortonenergyfund.com and is on Facebook as well. And on the blog entries there is \$1 challenge.

Mr. Giblin recommended to post this at the Senior Center.

Mr. Kimball commended Ms. Desmarais. He said a lot of proud people are out there who have lost their jobs, and asked residents to please pay attention to their neighbors, especially the elderly or single parents.

Ms. Desmarais said the elderly are a very difficult population to reach as they are proud. She explained they are a taxpaying citizen and these are “their own” tax dollars coming back to them. She encouraged them to not be too proud to receive assistance.

Mr. Kimball suggested to set something up with Roche Bros. (a can drive) and he will be the first to volunteer to assist in this can drive to ask for donations.

It was noted the “Weatherization Program” has been affected, therefore, not like last year.

Ms. Desmarais thanked the Board and said she will pass the can drive/info along to fellow committee members.

3. Request from Building Inspector, Scott Barbato, to increase certain fees under the Building Dept. Fee Schedule

Mr. Barbato spoke of the adjusted proposed fees. Mr. Giblin reviewed list with Board.

Mr. Kimball said since 2005, Town has not raised fees for these types of fees. Mr. Giblin said there were about twenty different types of fees and amounts do not seem unreasonable.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve the Request from Building Inspector to increase certain fees under the Building Dept., as presented. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

4. Request to extend hours to 2:00 A.M. closing for New Year's Eve

. Fillmore-Nason VFW Post 8049, 38 Summer Street

Mr. Giblin said there were no issues in past.

Mr. Kimball stated that any establishment who has a liquor license and wants extended hours needs to get this request in.

MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to approve Request of Fillmore-Nason VFW Post 8049, 38 Summer Street, to extend hours to 2:00 A.M. closing for New Year's Eve (for January 1st). Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

C. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Kimball thanked the residents for the great turnout for the tree lighting ceremony last Sunday evening. The lines for Santa lasted until 6:20 p.m. and the Recreation Dept. effort was excellent, as well as the efforts of many other Town departments such as Highway and Fire. It was a great success and weather cooperated. Mr. Kimball thanked all companies/businesses who donated.

Mr. Giblin commented that the Norton Singers did a wonder job along with all the other volunteers.

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Mr. Kimball referenced a commendation letter from Police Chief Clark regarding a well-being check Patrolman Schleicher conducted recently, and the Board of Selectmen also wanted to recognize him on this effort.

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Mr. Kimball said last week's Board of Selectmen meeting was, unfortunately, not televised. Master Sgt. Gregory Trent Memorial was discussed. The Water Dept. authorized the Town to use and near CVS. This Memorial is part of Gold Star Committee. Mr. Kimball provided history of Master Sgt. Trent enlisting in U.S. Army in August of 1998, and Master Sgt. Trent succumbed to injuries serving his country. He left a wife, daughter, brother, and his parents.

Mr. Kimball thanked newspaper reporter, Heather Harris, for her recent article on this.

A gift account was established and for more info or to donate, please call 285-0218, Veterans' Agent Mr. Johns, or nortongsc@gmail.com. Mr. Kimball showed a rendition of what Memorial will look like. It is a piece of land and now will raise funds to create this Memorial. Gold Star Gift Account established for past and present military veterans and described fund. Checks can be made payable to Town of Norton, c/o Gold Star Committee and can be sent to Town Hall. The intent is to have project completed by Memorial Day of 2013. Any questions can be answered by Mr. Kimball or Michael Johns.

Mr. Giblin said donations are important and a worthwhile cause. Also Mr. Kimball said a link is being established as of today and is currently under construction, which will describe it more fully.

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Mr. Giblin attended the first meeting of the School Superintendent Search Committee, and stated there were a good range of individuals on Committee (students, Finance Committee, residents, and teachers). There are twenty-nine candidates currently, and next Wednesday is the next meeting. It was a productive and informative meeting with a good group of people forming the Committee.

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Condolences were extended to Town of Norton employee, Judy McCarron, and her family, whose husband passed away recently.

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

. 2013 License Renewals/New

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Declaration of the Chairman at 7:43 p.m.: Under G.L. c30A, Section 21(b)(3) and (4), the purpose of the executive session will be to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, as a discussion of this strategy with respect to collective bargaining in open session could compromise the purpose for the executive session; and the Board shall not return to open session at the conclusion of the executive session.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet A. Sweeney
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

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DECEMBER 6, 2012

TIMOTHY R. GIBLIN, CHAIRMAN

ROBERT W. KIMBALL, Jr., VICE-CHAIR

ROBERT S. SALVO, SR., CLERK

MARY T. STEELE

BRADFORD K. BRAMWELL

Dated: _____

Documents Distributed/Reviewed at December 6, 2012, Board of Selectmen Meeting

- . Vote (language) to issue and sign Short Term Note related to the High school Project

- . Building Dept. Fee Schedule Document