

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING**

MARCH 7, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

The March 7, 2013, 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; and Mrs. Mary T. Steele were present. Absent: Mr. Bradford K. Bramwell. 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 2, 2013, Warrant #53, dated March 7, 2013, in the amount of \$1,016,195.60

MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to Approve bi-weekly payroll, for the period ended March 2, 2013, Warrant #53, dated March 7, 2013, in the amount of \$1,016,195.60. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. Approve bills Warrant #54, dated March 7, 2013, in the amount of \$2,596,788.04

MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to Approve bills Warrant #54, dated March 7, 2013, in the amount of \$2,596,788.04. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

C. Approve Minutes – November 8, 2012

MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to Approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated November 8, 2012, as written. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. Application of Kelley's Place at the Corssing, inc., 294 East Main Stsreet, for a Common victualler's License

Applicant also owns a restaurant at Cobbs Corner in Canton. Days and hours were described. Target for opening is May 1st.

When asked by Chairman of the Board, no one had questions or comments from audience.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve Application of Kelley's Place at the Crossing, Inc., 294 East Main Street, for a Common Victualler's License, subject to final inspection. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Application of Christopher Vinson, Catering Director, Wheaton College, for a one-day Beer and Wine license to be utilized at Clark Center, Wheaton College, Saturday, March 16, 2013, for a private party (Norton Gold Star Committee Event)

It was noted the Chairman was not certain if anyone was present from Wheaton College this evening. Mr. Kimball said the Gold Star Committee (and he is also a Committee member) approached Wheaton College regarding this fundraiser for Master Sgt. Trent, who was a 1992 graduate of Norton High School and lost his life due to injuries sustained in the war. Tickets are still available at \$15/per person and can be purchased at the Swirling Vine or at Town Hall. There are many donated items such relating to Red Sox; Patriots; Blue View Nurseries; Gold's Gym. It was noted that bottles of wine dedicated to Master Sgt. Trent are also being sold at Swirling Vine.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve Application of Christopher Vinson, Catering Director, Wheaton College, for a one-day Beer and Wine license to be utilized at Clark Center, Wheaton College, Saturday, March 16, 2013, for a private party (Norton Gold Star Committee Event). Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

3. Application of David Bamford, Assistant Director of Public Safety, Wheaton College, for the Wheaton College John Mitchell Memorial 5K Road Race/Walk, on Sunday, April 28, 2013, 9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

It was noted this was signed off by both fire and police departments. Route was discussed.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve Application of David Bamford, Assistant Director of Public Safety, Wheaton College, for the Wheaton College John Mitchell Memorial 5K Road Race/Walk, on Sunday, April 28, 2013, 9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

. Norton Firefighters Local 2678 Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, Thursday, March 14, 2013, at American Legion Post 222, 85 East Main Street, Norton with proceeds to benefit MDA (tickets \$7.00)

. Norton Police Association Fundraiser for MSG Gregory Trent at Norton VFW Post 8049, 38 Summer Street, Norton on Friday, March 22, 2013; 6 p.m. to Close (admission: \$20.00 per person). Tickets available at Norton Police Dept. or the Norton VFW.

. SRPEDD meeting to be held at Norton Public Library on March 12 to discuss the Norton Bike Path- Public Info Session.

. April 22 is Town of Norton Cleanup Day.

. Comcast informed the Town of Norton that as of April 22, WHDH will no longer be available on Limited Basic ch 297.

. Option of First Refusal of Town of Norton to be held Thursday March 14th, 2013 at 8 p.m. at Norton Public Library- Option to Purchase (Reilly property). Mr. Yunits indicated that notice was sent to the Reilly's.

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It was noted power generator for elderly housing (Elmwood Terrace) is being explored with the assistance of Senator Timilty. When generator is found, Town will need some funding for it. The Board thanked Senator Timilty for staying on top of this and this is good news.

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. 7:05 P.M. – Thomas J. Scanlon, CPA, Re: FY12 Audit

Mr. Scanlon was unable to attend the meeting this evening due to the inclement weather, so will try to reschedule this agenda item to a future meeting.

2. 7:30 P.M. – Ronald McGann Re: Interview for appointment to the Norton Open Space Committee

Mr. McGann moved to Norton about 6 ½ yrs ago and has recently retired and has extra time on his hands. He said he would like to learn more about the Town and its open spaces, etc.

Mr. Kimball commented that the open space is dwindling fast.

Mr. McGann responded that he is aware of this.

Mr. Giblin thanked Mr. McGann for coming forward.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve appointment of Ronald McGann to the Norton Open Space Committee, effective immediately, being a three year appointment through June 30, 2015. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Giblin stated there is one more vacancy that is available and two vacancies as alternatives.

3. Vote to approve and sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Norton and AFSCME, Council 93, Local 1702, for the Highway and Water/Sewer Union, effective July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve and sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Norton and AFSCME, Council 93, Local 1702, for the Highway and Water/Sewer Union, effective July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Liquor Policy Revisions

Mr. Giblin said Mr. Bramwell is not present this evening, and would prefer to have everyone Board member present for this agenda item. For an actual vote all members should be present. He asked that this be placed on next week's agenda.

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Updates:

. Reilly Chapter 61A Hearing

This was discussed earlier in meeting.

. Norton Bike Path Public Meeting

Mr. Yunits said a notice was sent to any owner(s)/abutters of land of bike path. This meeting will take place at Norton Public Library on March 12, 2013 from 6-7 p.m.

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Mr. Yunits stated he, Mr. Kimball, and Mr. Knapp (Water/Sewer Superintendent) had a meeting earlier this week re: Tri-town Agreement and any discussed possible grants/ low interest loans.

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Mr. Yunits thanked Police Chief Clark, as he had a meeting with Wheaton Public Safety re: crosswalks, etc.

Mr. Salvo referenced crosswalks and has seen so many accidents and many Wheaton students step out without looking and many motorists stop short and get rear-ended. The students need to be more educated also. The lighting in area is terrible also. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Yunits said he noticed many people don't use light button.

Mr. Salvo suggested that National Grid change the bulb(s) and asked if this could be requested of them.

Mrs. Steele said her concern is mainly out-of-towners driving in Town who are not aware of these crosswalks.

Mr. Kimball suggested to put reflectors on road/buried in pavement.

Mr. Yunits said it seems like there are too many crosswalks in the location.

Mr. Giblin asked Mr. Yunits to check with Mass Highway about reflectors.

Mr. Yunits said a number of times this was discussed and police chief referenced speed limit sign should be changed.

Mr. Giblin said an analysis to be conducted in this area would be beneficial.

Mr. Salvo said he'd like to see the arrows going left on Route 140; coming eastbound from CVS; and to take measurements, etc., and it can be improved.

. Priority Parcel Inventory

Mr. Yunits indicated he spoke with Jennifer Carlino, Conservation Agent, for priority parcels for development and for protection and they will come to Board to provide Board with that info. Ms. Carlino has done a good job of protecting open space.

D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mrs. Steele stated that March 15 is the 11th Annual Kathy Bailey Memorial Basketball Game with all proceeds to go to families who have lost a parent or have a seriously ill parent. Tickets will not be sold at door. They are still looking for donations of soda, Gatorade, and candy. Mrs. Steele commended the volunteers who do a lot of work and Michelle Peterson heads it up.

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Mr. Kimball referenced Next Step Living, who conduct energy audits/reduce energy consumption. Mr. Kimball further described program. Possibly this could be put on next agenda.

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

1. Mark Morris, Business Manager, Southeastern Regional School District Re: FY '14 Budget

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Mr. Giblin said hopefully Next Step Living can come in for the next meeting, and also hopefully GATRA rep can come in to provide an update (trying to do some things in the industrial park).

It was noted next week's Board of Selectmen Meeting will be held at Norton Public Library.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous.
MOTION CARRIES.**

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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 March 7, 2013, Board of Selectmen Meeting

- . Draft Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated November 8, 2013
- . Letter dated February 13, 2013, to Board of Selectmen, from David Bamford, Assistant Director of Public Safety, Wheaton College re: John Mitchell Memorial 5K Road Race with accompanying Request for Parade/Motorcade Permit
- . Town of Norton Application for One Day Liquor License for Wheaton College-Clark Center for March 16, 2013, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.
- . Letter dated February 22, 2013, to Board of Selectmen, from Comcast (Gerry Buckley, Government & Regulatory Affairs) regarding effective April 22, 2013, WHDH will no longer be available on limited basic channel 297.
- . Town of Norton Application for License/Permit for Kelly's Place, 294 E. Main Street, Norton, MA
- . Letter of Interest from Ronald McGann to Selectmen, dated March 4, 2013, regarding interest in appointment to the Norton Open Space Committee
- . Letter dated February 19, 2013, from James E. Timilty, State Senator, Bristol & Norfolk, to Ms. Secretary Ann L. Hartstein, Secretary, Executive Office of Elder Affairs, One Ashburton Place, Room 517, Boston, MA (with a copy to Town Manager of Norton, Mr. Yunits) regarding request of an emergency power generator
- . Notice of Public Meeting On the Town of Norton's Option to Exercise its Right of First Refusal for the so-called Reilly Property off Pine Street and Crane Street
- . Town of Norton Board of Selectmen Policy Statement Draft Revised with Selectmen Changes and Town Counsel Recommendations, revised 3/6/13 (Liquor Licenses)
- . Memorandum of Agreement between Town of Norton and AFSCME, Council 93, Local 1702, For A Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement, July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014 (Highway and Water/Sewer Union)