

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 2013**

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

The December 12, 2013, Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mr. Kimball, Chairman, at 7:00 p.m., held in the First Floor Selectmen's Conference Room.

A. ROLL CALL: Mr. Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Mary T. Steele, Vice-Chair; Mr. Timothy R. Giblin; and Mr. Robert S. Salvo, Sr. Absent: Mr. Bradford K. Bramwell, Clerk. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was also present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES**

A. Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ending December 7, 2013, Warrant #35, dated December 12, 2013, in the amount of \$1,081,406.60

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ending December 7, 2013, Warrant #35, dated December 12, 2013, in the amount of \$1,081,406.60. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

B. Approve bills Warrant #36, dated December 12, 2013, in the amount of \$ 6,169,801.56

Mr. Kimball explained this is a payment toward the school project.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve bills Warrant #36, dated December 12, 2013, in the amount of \$6,169,801.56. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

C. Approve Minutes – September 5, 2013

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated September 5, 2013, as written. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**III. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

1. 7:05 P.M. - Application of J.M.A. Restaurant Group, Inc. d/b/a Mangia Neopolitan Pizzeria, 288 East Main Street, Norton, MA 02766 for a Common Victualler License

Ms. Christine Aoyotte was present representing J.M.A. Restaurant Group.

The present restaurant has been closed and it is similar to a franchise. Food will be Italian food, pizza, basically similar to what they had last time. It was noted this is scheduled to be opened in four to six weeks.

Mr. Giblin commented that prior experience is good. It is a good location with a lot of traffic in and out so he would expect them to do well.

Mr. Kimball wished them well and asked them to let the Board of Selectmen know when they are open and possibly they can do some public relations for their business.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve Application of J.M.A. Restaurant Group, Inc. d/b/a Mangia Neopolitan Pizzeria, 288 East Main Street, Norton, MA 02766 for a Common Victualler License. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

2. 2014 Renewal/New Licenses

Mr. Kimball said the Board is basically caught up with these 2014 licenses. If there is any outstanding paperwork regarding these licenses, the Board can do next Thursday at the lunchtime holiday celebration as there should be at least three Board of Selectmen members available at that time.

2. Request for 2:00 A.M. Closing for the New Year's Eve Celebration:

Mr. Kimball said he thought the Board was adding in a stipulation, but he did not see any.

Mr. Yunits responded next year they will add stipulation to all of the appropriate licenses.

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

It was noted the Board of Selectmen will not be meeting again until the first of the year.  
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Mr. Salvo said on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, he wanted to extend condolences to the Branco family in the recent passing of Ernie Branco, who passed away suddenly in an automobile accident. Ernie was an excellent mentor to the youth soccer program, a good friend to many, and also a great husband and parent.

**V. BUSINESS**

**A. NEW BUSINESS**

1. 7:15 P.M. HEARING – “Notice of Proposed Acquisition” Re: Reilly Family Realty Trust (Crane Farm) (APR Project ID#13B03 and Reilly)

Mr. Yunits said this is the property that Mansfield purchased for infiltration area for sewerage treatment plant. Conservation Commission (ConCom) worked very hard with State to do restriction on the property. Mr. Yunits said some farming is still being done on this property and further explained.

Mr. Kimball stated a copy of map/documentation regarding this was in Board's packets.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to support the agricultural restriction on Reilly property Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin that under Section 401, this Hearing has been held with the Town not later than 120 days prior to the planned acquisition. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

2. Award of DPW Services for a Twelve-Month Period 2/1/14 – 1/31/15

Mr. Yunits said this is part of the Town's consortium for SERSG (paving reclamation, etc.). Mr. Yunits described services.

Mr. Kimball noted this is pretty standard.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve the Award of DPW Services for a Twelve-Month Period 2/1/14 – 1/31/15. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

3. Massachusetts Municipal Association Annual Business Meeting, Saturday, January 25, 2014 – Credential Vote Form

Mr. Kimball indicated he is planning on attending this Meeting. If anything changes in the meantime, and he cannot attend, he will advise Board.

4. Discussion – Local Housing Partnership Committee

Mr. Kimball said this is to assist in affordable housing in Norton. There was only one time that someone came before Board to talk about a 40B and this was at his request and they came before Board as a formality. There has been no meeting in two years. Mr. Kimball was not saying this Committee should be removed, but it is not an active Committee, and he suggested they dissolve it for the time being.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to disband Local Housing Partnership Committee, and notify active members of this Action. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

#### **B. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Yunits discussed the flooding at Shpack Site and raised issue with city of Attleboro. Norton's Highway Superintendent is very concerned and wanted to ensure Attleboro is on notice that flooding is on Attleboro side. Some grading was done but it is not working. Mr. Yunits said he raised this issue at last meeting and engineer said site should not be worse than when they started. However, it is worse. Evaluation will be done and forwarded to Mr. Yunits by end of next week. City of Attleboro Highway Superintendent is aware of this also. It is dangerous since water is now freezing with the cold temperatures. ERM would pay for the evaluation; no cost to Town of Norton. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Salvo said he and Highway Superintendent took a ride by it earlier that day and it is a terrible safety issue. It will need to be a babysitting issue until it gets corrected (a lot of sanding is needed, etc.).

Mr. Kimball said he would like to add gravel at that location to alleviate that safety issue and can pave it once weather gets warmer. They do not want potential liability if someone gets injured.  
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JTPG Group met yesterday and Norton has two projects: 1) Rail Trail - \$2,700,000 cost, and Route 123 corridor improvements - \$4,000,000. After meeting, Mr. Yunits contacted SRPEDD and discussed prioritizing projects.

Mr. Yunits said the State engineer referenced Plain Street construction and also noted concerns about extra traffic in center of Town, etc.  
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The Board of Selectmen is invited to meeting of Housing Authority next Tuesday.  
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Mr. Yunits spoke of a Middle School item: Health Agent said there is not enough flow going into sewerage treatment facility and asked for the flow of water at Housing Authority.

Mr. Salvo responded they have talked about this for years.

Mr. Yunits said he will arrange a meeting between Housing Authority, School Dept., and any other associated party(ies).  
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Mr. Salvo said they are going out to bid on a generator in the next couple of weeks.

#### **D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

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

Town of Dighton is looking for support regarding 911 Regionalization. However, it was noted, the Town of Norton is also looking into this, so hopefully between the two towns, they can decide on something.

#### **VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

It was noted, as mentioned earlier in this meeting, January 9th is the next scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting, unless there is a need to have a meeting sooner. Also, as mentioned earlier in this meeting, they can meet next Thursday during day if necessary.

#### **VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION was made by Mr. Salvo to Adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Second by Mrs. Steele. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

**Janet A. Sweeney  
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary**

**Documents Distributed/Reviewed at December 12, 2013, Board of Selectmen Meeting**

- . Draft Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated September 5, 2013
  
- . Application for License Permit: made by J.M.A. Restaurant Group, Inc., d/b/a Mangia Neopolitan Pizzeria, 288 East Main Street, Norton, MA 02766 for Common Victualler's License
  
- . Letter dated November 22, 2013, addressed to Board of Selectmen, Town of Norton, from MDAR (Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources), Christine Chisholm, APR Regional Planner, regarding "Reilly Family Realty Trust (Crane Farm) (APR Project ID#13B03 and Reilly) with accompanying map and related documentation
  
- . DPW Services for a Twelve Month Period 2/1/14 – 1/31/15 Document (including Bidder's Name, Item No. and Description, Unit Price, Quantity, Total Value)
  
- . Letter dated December 4, 2013, addressed to Board of Selectmen, Town of Norton, from Town of Dighton, MA, Board of Selectmen, regarding 911 Regionalization and request of support for this initiative

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**ROBERT W. KIMBALL, JR.,  
CHAIRMAN**

**MARY T. STEELE, VICE-CHAIR**

**BRADFORD K. BRAMWELL, CLERK**

**TIMOTHY R. GIBLIN**

**ROBERT S. SALVO, SR.**

**Dated: \_\_\_\_\_**