

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
March 13, 2014**

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

The March 13, 2014, 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; Mr. Bradford K. Bramwell, Clerk; Mr. Timothy R. Giblin; and Mr. Robert S. Salvo, Sr. were present. Mrs. Mary T. Steele, Vice-Chair, arrived at 7:10 p.m. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. WARRANTS AND MINUTES**

- A. Vote to correct March 1, 2014 date of Bi-Weekly Payroll Warrant #53 which was voted March 6, 2014 –  
Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended March 1, 2014, Warrant #53, dated March 6, 2014, in the amount of \$1,041,671.12

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended March 1, 2014, Warrant #53, dated March 6, 2014, in the amount of \$1,041,671.12. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

- B. Vote to correct March 1, 2014 date of Bills Warrant #54, which was voted March 6, 2014-  
Approve bills Warrant #54, dated March 6, 2014, in the amount of \$340,493.02.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Approve bills Warrant #54, dated March 6, 2014, in the amount of \$340,493.02. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

- C. Approve Bills Warrant #55, dated March 13, 2014, in the amount of \$500,404.08

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Approve Bills Warrant #55, dated March 13, 2014, in the amount of \$500,404.08. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

- D. Approve Minutes – November 21, 2013

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to Approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated November 21, 2013, as written. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: All voted in favor of Motion, except for Mr. Bramwell, who abstained. MOTION CARRIES.**

### **III. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

1. Request of Disabled American Veterans, Cpl. William F. Reardon, Chapter 57, Taunton, MA 02780 for annual "Forget-Me-Not" Permit, to be held at Roche Bros., 175 Mansfield Avenue, September 6, and 7, 2014

It was noted this is a service organization where they try to find solutions and they are in need of funding. They also have a fuel assistance program essentially for widows of veterans in the community. Additionally, they visit schools, march in parades, etc.

Mr. Kimball said the Board appreciates this annual drive and will allow them to fundraise in any business in Town as long as the business agrees to it.

Mrs. Steele arrived at 7:10 P.M.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Approve the Request of Disabled American Veterans, Cpl. William F. Reardon, Chapter 57, Taunton, M 02780 for annual "Forget-Me-Not" Permit, to be held at Roche Bros., 175 Mansfield Avenue, September, 6, and 7, 2014, and also approves them to fundraise at any business within boundaries of Town of Norton with owner's permission. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

2. Application of Norton High School Track Boosters for 5K Road Race, to be held Saturday, October 25, 2014, 11:00 A.M. -11:45 A.M.

This will take place on North Worcester Street.

Mr. Bramwell recommended to allow for signage ahead of time for all people/residents to be forewarned. It was noted road to be closed from 11-11:45 a.m.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Approve Application of Norton High School Track Boosters for 5K Road Race, to be held Saturday, October 25, 2014, 11:00 A.M. -11:45 A.M. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

3. Application of Nick and Cathy Zelinski, for a one-day Beer and Wine License, to be held at the Everett Leonard Park, June 7, 2014, 12:00 – 6:00 P.M., for a private party

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Approve Application of Nick and Cathy Zelinski, for a one-day Beer and Wine License, to be held at the Everett Leonard Park, June 7, 2014, 12:00 – 6:00 P.M., for a private party, with no police detail(s) required. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

4. Application of Chad Dubuc for a one-day All Alcohol License, to be held at the Everett Leonard Park, June 28, 2014, 2:00 – 8:00 P.M., for a private party

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve Application of Chad Dubuc for a one-day All Alcohol License, to be held at the Everett Leonard Park, June 28, 2014, 2:00 – 8:00 P.M., for a private party, with no police detail(s) required. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

#### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Norton Community Blood Drive to be held Monday March 17<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Norton Library-Community Room and Tuesday, March 18, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Roche Bros. Please contact 1-800-RED CROSS or redcrossblood.org for appointment or more info.

#### **V. BUSINESS**

##### **A. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **1. 7:15 P.M. – Senator James E. Timilty – Update**

Senator Timilty indicated they voted on State Aid Resolution earlier today. He said more and more the cities get the larger bulk of the resources. There were several efforts today in the Senate and the House about changing those numbers. Good news is the transportation bond bill and there is still time to change some of that bad news.

Mr. Kimball spoke of improvements needed to Route 495/signalization.

Senator Timilty said vehicles are coming off Route 495 onto Route 123 with different speeds and aware of the serious need, especially with accidents, etc.

Mr. Giblin said to sit at a traffic light for two minutes to save a life is worth it. He noted this is the only intersection of Route 495 that does not have a traffic light. He also thanked Senator Timilty for helping with bike path as well. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kimball stated the Town has a problem with sewerage on Main Street and indicated the Water & Sewer Commission were present this evening. He said there are four schools on the main street and several of them are connected, however, J.C. Solmonese Schools is still not connected. Discussion on reaching out to School Building Assistance program for some type of reimbursement. Mr. Kimball asked Senator Timilty if he may know of any State funding?

Senator Timilty responded he was not sure about School Building Authority, but worth asking. There are bonds available; quasi state agency or Commonwealth (i.e., Massworks grant as a possibility). It is clear the Town of Norton is working on its tax base, etc.

Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Yunits to reach out to School Committee regarding this. Also, the possibility of looking into a sewer line connection. He believed it is the State's obligation for 120 West Main Street.

Generator was discussed. Senator Timilty said this also will require utilities and with significant outages, they should be able to get a generator and Town should put on them (utility company) vs. the State.

Mr. Bramwell indicated Mass Building Authority does not get involved with sewerage even on school property. Discussion ensued.

2. Discuss and Vote Annual Town Meeting Article –C.40B Legal – Professional Services Expense

Mr. Yunits stated there was only \$1900 in that account, therefore, he wanted to check with Board of Selectmen to see if they wanted to put another \$50,000 in that Article.

Mr. Giblin said he would like to see a breakdown of what those costs were.

Mr. Kimball suggested to put another \$50,000 in account.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to request Town Manager to put \$50,000 in C.40B Legal – Professional Services Expense Account. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

3. Joint Meeting with Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners Re:

. To discuss Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA)

Mr. Kimball said the Board did receive correspondence from them.

Ms. McElligott said we would like to lead this discussion with Board of Selectmen's questions. The intent of the memo was a quick survey of the commercial properties that are potentially commercial today and what impact regarding sewer at buildout; a limited section of Town.

Mr. Bramwell said it appeared there were no projections for increase of private users (nowhere did he see a single private customer). Only projection was for Wheaton College coming on. It looked like a lack of foresight; at least have a plan in place.

Ms. McElligott said when they first looked at this, it came up with a lot of spreadsheets, etc., and thought it would be best to "skinny it down". A draft comprehensive waste management plan at this point and another public hearing needed for final. It identifies the seven critical areas of the Town, and what wastewater flow will be. The new development they are looking at is about 400,000 gallons per day. Discussion ensued.

DEP requirements were discussed.

Mr. Yunits explained \$200,000 to be paid to Town to go into general fund and if Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee at Town Meeting wanted to vote to share/give \$200,000 they could vote to do that.

Mr. Yunits indicated on chart it shows Wheaton College coming on; also shows existing Norton Glen, and believed there should be a way to estimate new users.

Mr. Giblin said, in his personal opinion, he believes that the \$200,000 goes to the general fund, but very open to support a subsidy to protect the users' monthly costs. It is really a \$10 month differential; \$200,000 to general fund or \$200,000 to Water & Sewer and he said based on what was provided to Board, he did his own figures.

Ms. McElligott said they can do the plant expansion; after that the real work begins. She discussed grants and the need to take advantage of those. At the end, the investment will return itself and more. She is concerned about the \$30 Million that is ahead of them.

Mr. Kimball said the Town has been very clear that the \$200,000 has to go into the general fund and would need to be transferred out of it somehow and would work with Finance Committee regarding that.

Mr. Bramwell said he would give them the \$200,000 and do what needs to be done and get the sewerage needed.

Mr. Bernie Marshall, Water & Sewer Superintendent, said in his sewer budget, there is a spot for the APN, so it would need to be accounted for.

Ms. McElligott said as an enterprise, they would try to figure out ways to self-fund.

Mrs. Steele asked for clarification; if \$200,000 were provided to Water & Sewer, they would not need to come to Town of \$30 Million?

Mrs. McElligott responded they would try not to come to Town for \$30 Million. They want to try to make it self-sufficient, and she believed it was possible. Also the State's finances are looking better.

Mr. Bramwell recommended to give them the \$200,000 and make them responsible for creating a state of-the-art sewer system.

Mr. Giblin noted the first year would be \$200,000, but cannot commit to that the following years.

Mr. Bramwell said if things do not go as planned and they come to Board of Selectmen, Board can go back on the \$200,000. Board can say it is their "intent".

Mr. Yunits said the actual Board of Selectmen members may not be here as a Board of Selectmen in future; it still has to go to Town Meeting. He said a five year commitment to \$200,000 for example would be better for planning purposes.

Mr. Bramwell said they can only commit to “support” them.

Mrs. Steele stated she would feel more comfortable supporting an agreement for a shorter term (i.e., five years) as there are a lot of other things also going on in Town.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell that the Board of Selectmen support the earmarking of \$200,000 APN to the Enterprise Account for the Sewer Department for a period of five years from 2016-2021. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Mr. Yunits said the Board of Health Agent communicated to him today that Mr. Marshall has done an excellent job keeping him informed of the status on King Philip Road.

Mr. Kimball said Mr. Marshall has done a very good job of keeping the Board of Selectmen informed, too.

Mr. Kimball said they all have the same common goal for the Town, so it is a good day to start building the infrastructure.

Ms. McElligott said they could possibly schedule a quarterly joint meeting/periodic meeting for updates.

4. Vote to authorize Town Manager, Michael D. Yunits, to negotiate, enter into, execute, and deliver the Fire Pumper Lease

Mr. Yunits said this is for the new pumper and Board of Selectmen awarded the bid to Pierce.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to authorize Town Manager, Michael D. Yunits, to negotiate, enter into, execute, and deliver the Fire Pumper Lease. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

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

#### **C. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT**

##### . Update – FY ’15 Budget

Mr. Yunits communicated an extra \$49,904 to the Town of Norton, so it will help; it will also be nice if more comes along. It will be a very tight year.

Mr. Kimball referenced Parks & Recs Commission; there are a group of dedicated people working for this Commission, however, they do not even have a secretary, etc. Need to look at possibility to add a part-time (15 hours per week) person to Parks & Rec to rebuild that department. If Town pool gets shut down for one year, it is gone forever. Also, the Town had ski trips in the past and Norton does not do that any longer. This Commission organizes a Halloween parade for the Town; assists with Founder's Day picnic; and have no benefits for making that happen.

Mr. Giblin agreed that Sheri Cohen and her staff have put in a tremendous amount of time and effort.

Mr. Salvo said the Town pool needs a manlift to support a handicapped/disabled person and anything done there in future should be done with careful consideration with ADA updates/mandates, etc. Mr. Salvo stated he would support the part-time hours.

. Discussion – Affordable Care Act (ACA) Cadillac Tax

Mr. Yunits explained this imposes on Town a 40% excise tax for any plan that was considered a Cadillac plan; no provision based on medical costs or more. All it will do will hurt the peoples' plans, therefore, need to do something to make plans conform.

Mr. Salvo departed the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

**D. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

1. Vote to reappoint Janet Lamonica as a Democratic member of the Board of Registrars for a three-year term effective April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2017

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to reappoint Janet Lamonica as a Democratic member of the Board of Registrars for a three-year term effective April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2017. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

2. Resignation of Yolanda Lague from the Council on Aging, effective February 28, 2014

It was noted there was a copy of letter in file. Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Yunits to send Ms. Lague a letter to thank her for her service.



3. Fire Department Appointments

Robert LaConte – Appointment from Call Fire Fighter to Call Fire Lieutenant. He is very dedicated to the Fire Department and it was the Fire Chief's recommendation to appoint him, effective March 28, 2014.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve the appointment of Robert LaConte to Call Fire Lieutenant, effective March 28, 2014. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

. Brian Hurd – Appointment as a permanent full-time Fire Fighter/Paramedic in the Norton Fire Department, effective April 17, 2014.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Giblin to approve the appointment of Brian Hurd as a permanent full-time Fire Fighter/Paramedic, effective April 17, 2014, with condition upon satisfactory completion of all required medical and agility testing. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

. Joshua Wilson – Appointment as permanent full-time Fire Fighter/Paramedic, effective April 17, 2014.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve the appointment of Joshua Wilson as permanent full-time Fire Fighter/Paramedic, effective April 17, 2014, with condition upon satisfactory completion of all required medical and agility testing. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

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

. Open House Dedication for Norton High School on March 29 (ribbon cutting; tour of facilities, Tour facilities, etc.). There will also be refreshments in the new cafeteria. Also, there will be an acceptance of the Master Sgt. Trent flag in afternoon and also a dedication of one of the laboratories for Peter Leddy, former Norton High School teacher who has passed on.

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Tomorrow evening is the Annual Kathy Bailey Memorial Basketball Game. A thank you to all the teachers/volunteers, etc.

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Mr. Kimball said the Board is fully in support to join this IMA (Intermunicipal Agreement) and wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the parties involved in this effort.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to sign letter regarding IMA (Intermunicipal Agreement).  
Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

. 03/27/14 – Luis Lopes, Superintendent, Southeastern Regional School District Re: FY '15 Budget

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Adjourn at 9:00 P.M. Second by Mr. Giblin. Vote:  
Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet A. Sweeney  
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

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

**Documents Distributed/Reviewed at March 13, 2014, Board of Selectmen Meeting**

- . Draft Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting dated November 21, 2013
- . Request of Disabled American Veterans, Cpl. William F. Reardon, Chapter 57, Taunton, MA 02780 for annual "Forget-Me-Not" Permit, to be held at Roche Bros., 175 Mansfield Avenue, September 6 and 7, 2014
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- . Weston & Sampson "Projected Increase in Tax Revenue Due to Sewer Extensions" document/memorandum, dated March 11, 2014
- . "Cost Impacts of Collection and Treatment System Expansion" document, dated March 11, 2014, originated from Norton Water & Sewer Commissioners, to Norton Board of Selectmen
- . "ACA Cadillac Tax - Effective January 1, 2018" document
- . Letter dated February 28, 2014, addressed to Town of Norton-Board of Selectmen, from Yolanda Lague regarding resignation from the Council On Aging
- . Memorandum addressed to Board of Selectmen, dated March 13, 2014, from Michael D. Yunits, Town Manager, Re: Notice of Appointment of Call Fire Lieutenant – Robert LaConte
- . Memorandum addressed to Board of Selectmen, dated March 13, 2014, from Michael D. Yunits, Town Manager, Re: Notice of Appointment of Fire Fighter – Brian Hurd
- . Memorandum addressed to Board of Selectmen, dated March 13, 2014, from Michael D. Yunits, Town Manager, Re: Notice of Appointment of Fire Fighter - Joshua Wilson

