

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2014**

I. **CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

The August 21, 2014, Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to Order by Mr. Bramwell, Acting-Chairman, at 6:00 p.m., held in the First Floor Selectmen's Conference Room.

- A. **ROLL CALL**: Mr. Bradford Bramwell(Vice-Chair), Acting Chairman; Mr. Timothy R. Giblin, Clerk; Mr. Robert W. Kimball, Jr., and Mr. Robert S. Salvo, Sr., were present. It was noted Mrs. Mary Steele, Chair, would be arriving shortly. Mr. Michael Yunits, Town Manager, was also present.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

Executive Session:

Declaration of the Acting-Chairman at 6:03 P.M.: Under G.L. c30A, Section 21(b)(3) and (4), the purpose of the executive session will be discussion regarding strategy with respect to collective bargaining, as a discussion of this strategy in open session could compromise the purpose for the executive session; and the Board shall return to open session at the conclusion of the executive session.

Motion to Convene Executive Session:

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball at 6:04 P.M. that the Board of Selectmen enter into executive session, under G.L. c.30A, Section 21(a)(3), regarding discussion of strategy with respect to collective bargaining, and to return to open session at the conclusion of the executive session. Second by Mr. Salvo. Vote: Unanimous. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Open Session Meeting reconvened at 7:00 P.M.

II.WARRANTS AND MINUTES

- A. Approve bills Warrant #10, dated August 14, 2014, in the amount of \$386,727.81

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Approve bills Warrant #10, dated August 14, 2014, in the amount of \$386,727.81. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. **MOTION CARRIES.**

- B. Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended August 16, 2014, Warrant #11, dated August 21, 2014, in the amount of \$463,782.50

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Approve bi-weekly payroll for the period ended August 16, 2014, Warrant #11, dated August 21, 2014, in the amount of \$463,782.50. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. **MOTION CARRIES.**

- C. Approve bills Warrant #12, dated August 21, 2014, in the amount of \$151,107.89

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Approve bills Warrant #12, dated August 21, 2014, in the amount of \$151,107.89. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. **MOTION CARRIES.**

- D. Approve Minutes- June 12, 2014
June 12, 2014 Executive Session

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated June 12, 2014, as written. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. **MOTION CARRIES.**

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting of the Executive Session, dated June 12, 2014, as written. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

III. LICENSES AND PERMITS

1. Application of Debra White, Winslow Farm Animal Awareness, Inc., 37 Eddy Street, Norton, MA, for a one-day Live Entertainment License (band), to be utilized Sunday, September 14, 2014, Musical Festival, 12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Ms. White stated they were planning to have a swing band that day.

Mr. Bramwell said it is a good opportunity to let people/residents know about plans for this date and also to discuss parking.

Ms. White indicated she contacted the Police Chief via e-mail regarding parking but had not had a response from him. There was discussion to possibly open a large field for parking with parking attendants directing vehicles in and directing them where to park. She said she did not like the parking on both sides of street.

One question she had for Police Chief was to possibly have no parking on one side of street.

Mr. Bramwell stated the Police Chief did forward her email to the Board of Selectmen, therefore, he did receive her email.

Mr. Kimball recommended to follow-up with email to ensure Police chief is aware of plans.

Ms. White stated next week she will plan to contact the Deputy Chief or Fire Chief.

Mr. Kimball thanked Ms. White for all she does with the animals, etc.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to approve the Application of Debra White, Winslow Farm Animal Awareness, Inc., 37 Eddy Street, Norton, MA, for a one-day Live Entertainment License (band), to be utilized Sunday, September 14, 2014, Musical Festival, 12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. Second by Mr. Kimball. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Application of Norton Parks & Recreation for Parade Permit for Halloween Parade and Community Celebration, to be held Sunday, October 26, 2014, 12:00 P.M. – Approximately 1:30 – 2:00 P.M.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to approve Application of Norton Parks & Recreation for Parade Permit for Halloween Parade and Community Celebration, to be held Sunday, October 26, 2014, 12:00 P.M. – Approximately 1:30 – 2:00 P.M. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant closes at 3:30 P.M., Thursday, August 28, 2014.

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Mr. Bramwell's grandson was present in the audience this evening and he was recognized.

V. BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. 7:15 p.m. – Joint meeting with the Board of Assessors to appoint Barbara E. Martin to the Board of Assessors, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Steven F. Macek, effective June 19, 2014. This is a temporary appointment until the next Town Election, April 2015

Ms. Cathcart said they were grateful to have Ms. Martin return to the Board of Assessors. This fulfills their mandatory requirement. It was noted Ms. Martin was certified.

Mrs. Steele asked for nominations.

MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to nominate Barbara Martin to the Board of Assessors, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Steven F. Macek, effective June 19, 2014. Second by Mr. Bramwell. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Bramwell to Close the Nominations. Second by Mr. Kimball.

Discussion: Mrs. Steele requested a vote for those in favor/not in favor of Ms. Martin:

Mr. Salvo voted in favor of Ms. Martin; Mr. Kimball voted in favor of Ms. Martin; Mr. Bramwell voted in favor of Ms. Martin; and Mrs. Steele voted in favor of Ms. Martin; Ms. Judy Levine, member of Board of Assessors, voted in favor of Ms. Martin. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Vote to award bid to Greenwood Emergency Vehicles, 530 John Dietsch Boulevard, North Attleboro, MA 02763-1080 for (1) new 2014 Horton 623 Terrastar Ambulance and related equipment/supplies, and vote to authorize Town Manager, Michael D. Yunits, to sign the Contract Memorandum

Mr. Yunits said the purchase of a new ambulance was approved by Capital Planning Committee. This money is already in the account for the ambulance fees, therefore, no borrowing. Delivery of ambulance is planned for June 2015.

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B. OLD BUSINESS

C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

. Final Grant Letter – J.C. Solmonese

Mr. Yunits stated the total maximum facility grant - \$1,281,280; MSBA provided \$677,706 for this project.

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. National Grid Tree Removal

Mr. Yunits noted National Grid has an aggressive program.

The arborists will look at any dangerous trees and the trees were posted. The trees taken down in front of Wheaton College because sidewalk was buckling up and was a safety issue, and a wheelchair could not access easily.

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Mr. Yunits said they filed for a grant last week; SRPEDD alerted him and it is regarding the four curves of concern which were selected (Mansfield Avenue, South Worcester Street, Oak Street, and Bay Road).

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Mr. Yunits provided an update on the solar project. He recently met with Citizens Energy and DEP. A meeting will occur on Monday at 10 a.m. with Board of Health, Town Planner, Deputy Fire Chief, etc., so they will be aware what needs to be done. He indicated he received a call earlier today from Citizens Energy and Town Counsel is reviewing various agreements. Some edits were done today and Town Counsel developed a draft contract and Citizens Energy attorneys will review.

Mr. Kimball referenced solar and stated he attended a meeting for solar project at Wheaton College location. Other solar farms are on a landfill and not in sight, however, this is out in open and has an impact on immediate abutters. Wheaton College really does not need to notify Town because it is has an educational exemption. But, it won't be owned by Wheaton College in reality. All neighbors should be notified, and he hoped Planning Board does look closely at project and process. He fully understood the impact the abutters feel. It just may not be the right spot for it. Mr. Kimball said he would like Planning Board to keep the Board of Selectmen informed also. Discussion ensued.

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Mr. Yunits said he met with new mini-golf owners on Mansfield Avenue property. They offer party packages and it is miniature golf and ice cream. He wanted to welcome them to Town. The owner complimented the Town on the inspectors and the entire process which was excellent and very professional.

IX. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

. Resignation of Jason K. Brolsma, Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate, effective October 1, 2014

Mrs. Steele said a Notice was received from Town Clerk and Mr. Brolsma is the alternate and his term expires June 30, 2015. There was also a resignation letter received from Mr. Brolsma.

Mr. Kimball said if anyone is interested, they should send a letter to Town Hall at 70 East Main Street. He also wanted to thank Mr. Brolsma for his involvement and service and asked Mr. Yunits to please send a letter of thanks to him.

VI. SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND MAIL

Mr. Kimball stated the Gold Star Committee is working on a fall event; proceeds will be donated to the Veterans Agent's Office to help with needs of some of veterans coming in for immediate help.

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Mr. Kimball spoke of dedication of bridge at Snake River to Mr. Lincoln, to be held Saturday, September 20 at 12 noon. Mark Lincoln, relative of Mr. Lincoln, will handle most of the details. Police and Fire Departments will be involved. They have also invited the mayor of Taunton where this is on the Taunton/Norton line.

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Mr. Kimball indicated he recently attended a Water Bodies Committee meeting and spoke of the importance of maintaining the weeds, trash, and keeping boats clean before entering the water. He suggested they look into seeing how many signs they need and estimate of cost and they can get back to Board of Selectmen and see if Mr. Yunits has any money available anywhere. Also, need to pass by Conservation Commission (ConCom) Agent to ensure signs are ok.

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Over Labor Day weekend TPC will be in Town, starting on August 27th.

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It was noted the police presence/enforcement at the Xfinity Center appears to be stronger, which is beneficial.

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Mr. Salvo said there is a lot of engineering on Route 123 by Dunkin Donuts and he would like an update of final approval of plan, etc.

Mr. Yunits responded he spoke to Mr. Silver earlier that day and he has not heard anything on it and he will contact engineer to inquire.

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274 East Main Street was referenced and it was noted it was denied by Red Mill to make connection to pumping station. They may need to make connection to Newland Street. It is important to ensure the requested modifications are being made and fully within Town's rights to challenge that.

Mr. Yunits said Mr. Silver and he met with them on Thursday on that particular project.

Mr. Kimball said to Mr. Yunits, as a courtesy, if final plan is approved by Water & Sewer and it does infringe on other people's properties, there should be notification/residents be made aware of it. Discussion ensued.

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Mr. Kimball asked Mr. Salvo, as Chairman of the Housing Authority, to see if there were any updates on sewerage/septic? He was aware it is failing.

Mr. Yunits said they have not been able to find the agreement. MSBA may have put a stipulation in agreement.

Mr. Bramwell said, to the best of his recollection, no one can tie in except for Town or school (a municipality).

Mr. Kimball requested Town Counsel be consulted regarding this matter.

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Mr. Kimball referenced street layouts and recommended for the Board of Selectmen to look at other roads to see if they have been accepted.

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

Mrs. Steele respectfully requested an update on East Main Street project for next meeting's agenda.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. 6:00 P.M. – To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION was made by Mr. Kimball to Adjourn at 7:45 P.M. Second by Mr. Bramwell.
Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet A. Sweeney
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

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MARY T. STEELE, CHAIRMAN

BRADFORD K. BRAMWELL, VICE-CHAIR

TIMOTHY R. GIBLIN, CLERK

ROBERT W. KIMBALL, JR.

ROBERT S. SALVO, SR.

Dated: _____

Documents Distributed/Reviewed at August 21, 2014, Board of Selectmen Meeting

. Draft Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting, dated June 12, 2014 and Executive Session dated June 12, 2014

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