

## **Norfolk Select Board's Organization Meeting Minutes**

**May 15, 2018**

Present: Jack Hathaway, Kevin Kalkut, Jim Lehan and Susan Jacobson

The meeting was in Room 214, second Floor at Town Hall.

This organizational meeting was started at 3:30PM. The Select Board along with the Town Administrator discussed the following:

Jack and Jim discussed the COA and the Friends of the COA and how they should be interacting and how the funds should be used. Jack thought that the Board had more interaction with the COA. Jack said that it would be good if he and Kevin both took a more active role in the Council on Aging.

Jim would like to see it resolved within the next 12 months. Kevin asked if the Friends of the seniors were an independent group. Jim said they have significant money (over ½ million dollars).

Jack said that the Two Chiefs and DPW Director will attend BOS meetings when they are needed.

Jim said that Tri-County would be interesting we have not played an active role of late. Their budget has become more of a factor and this year they had fewer pupils so our budget went down. We don't have much input as to what the budget is but it increases 5% each year. Jack said they have some capital requests coming.

Jim said that he has been contacted by different groups to meet with them. The residents at Rivers Edge requested he meet with them because they did not want to pay taxes for the schools. He said that menu type taxation is not allowed in Massachusetts. Jim asked that these groups notify Jack so he can keep the Selectmen informed when he attends those meetings or one Selectman chooses to go, have everything filter through Jack keeps everyone informed. Jim is concerned if they don't like the opinion of one Selectman they will go to another and try and get the answer they are looking for.

Jim said that Facebook can be problematic and it can cause problems. Jim said that we must be overly sensitive to Facebook posts and other social media posts. It is very difficult to make sure that you do not violate open meeting laws or make statements that make the public believe the Selectmen have made a joint decision based on posts.

### **Southwood Update:**

Jim said the Kraft Group approached the town 6 months ago and discussed a practice field for the Revolution team. We spent two years with a developer from NJ but it did not come to an agreement.

Jim said he is looking forward to the return of the Kraft Group after they are able to do some additional research.

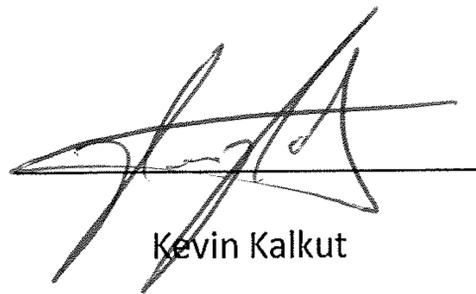
Jack said we could do more with water consumption. We had a 53% leakage and now we are down to 6%. Jack said we should look at that tier again.

Jack said we struggle with people using irrigation system, we fine people and they appeal it to court and the court throws it out. Jack said some towns crank up their tiers if you raise the tier to higher users it will encourage them to not use their irrigation system.

There were no deliberations, no discussion among the members, and no votes take.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

This is a true and accurate report of the Organizational Meeting held on May 15, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kevin Kalkut', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat illegible.

Kevin Kalkut