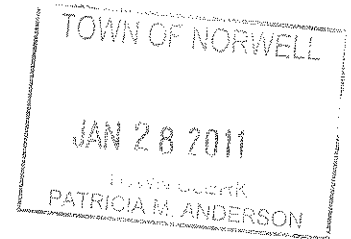


**TOWN OF NORWELL – ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, December 9, 2010**



The Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Ellen Allen at 7:30 p.m. Present were: Ellen Allen, Ralph Gordon, Tim Greene, Mary Ellen Coffey, Gary Thomas, Ralph Rivkind, Peter Shea, Skip Joseph, Jason Brown and Town Administrator James Boudreau.

**Administrative Matters**

Acceptance of Minutes – None

Transfer Requests – None

Bills – None

Correspondence/Notices – Notice from the Town Clerk a copy of the revised summaries of the conflict of interest law.

**New Business**

**Hearing – Board of Assessors** – Leo Reed explained that there is \$850,000.00 of outstanding Tax Liens so there is no overlay surplus at this point. The Assessors then reminded the AB that the Board of Assessors is not involved in the collections process. AB Members inquired about Stop & Shop which has been settled and Assessors updated on what the numbers were for Wear guard.

**Hearing – Police Department** – Chief Ted Ross updated the Advisory Board on the status of the Police Department and Emergency Dispatch Center.

**Hearing – Fire Department** – Chief Andy Reardon updated the Advisory Board on the Fire Department's budget.

Jim explained the status of the new Emergency Dispatch and the Chiefs updated the board on a few pieces of information. Currently meetings are every two weeks. If there is a hang up call to 911 Hingham and Norwell will dispatch a cruiser. Norwell will be getting \$1,000 for new radios for Fire & Police Departments. Presently they are bidding on a new cell tower on South Street in the hopes of better service in that area. Finally, Chief Reardon stated that Norwell's current operational policy will not change.

Chief Ross talked about a problem which hinders the tracking of 911 calls Norwell handles; residents are using the business line not the emergency line. Chief Reardon said he also has been having the same problems. Jason asked if the number of 911 calls are growing and if so, by what percentage? Chief Reardon said the request for ambulance services has increased as people are released sooner from the hospital than they were 20-30 years ago. Chief Ross briefed the AB on his vehicle inventory, as well as what grants were applied for and received. Chief Reardon explained his Capital Plan would be to renovate Central Fire and the exterior maintenance to Headquarters. Ellen suggested looking into CPA funds because it is located in a historic area.

**Liaison Assignments** – Skip was given his Liaison assignments which will include Schools, Assessors, Selectmen and PBMC. Ellen told the Board that she will be taking out papers to run for Selectmen so she will be removing herself as the liaison to the Selectmen.

**Old Business**

Budget Discussions - None

**Public Comments** – Discussed the use of salt, salt shed, new truck that distributes salt, may save on salt but cost on equipment.

**Adjourn** – Motion was made to adjourn at 8:50 PM. Seconded and UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

**Next Meeting** – December 14, 2010

Approval by the Advisory Board in session this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, ~~2010~~ <sup>2011</sup>

Ellen H. Allen  
Ellen Allen, Chairman  
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