

TOWN OF NORWELL – ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2011

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, Peter Shea, Skip Joseph, Jason Brown, Ralph Rivkind, Gary Thomas and Town Administrator James Boudreau.

Administrative Matters

Acceptance of Minutes – MOTION was made to accept the minutes for the November 30, 2010 meeting. Seconded and UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

Transfer Requests – None

Bills – None

Correspondence/Notices – None

New Business

Cushing Center Hearing – Present: Jeff Fitzgerald, Mary Lou O’Leary, Donna Cunio. Jeff explained the Cushing Center Budget, status of the Elevator, improvements and repairs, tenants and how every two years the rent is evaluated.

Gary Thomas has arrived.

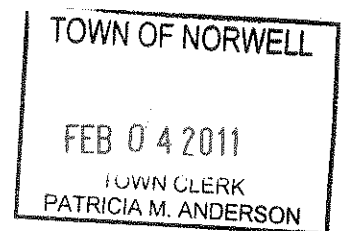
Library Hearing – Library Trustees went through the budget. For the past 8 years the Board has been setting state aid money aside for the purpose of expanding. The library has replaced furniture, interior and exterior lighting, carpeting, and computers. Some ballpark estimates for other needed projects are: \$80,000 for sprinkler system, \$10,000 for lighting and \$18,000 for carpeting. These are Capital Budget requests over the next 4 years. We have one estimate for the roof replacement for a total of \$130,000. The library has installed security systems with motion detectors. The Library has updated staff computers, half of the public computers, copier and printer systems with state aid money leaving a balance of \$64,000. Total gift money is \$270,000+ and the Board of Trustees decides how and when that money is spent. Discussion followed regarding the technology of downloadable books, devices and how it works, and what implications this has for a new or expanded/improved library.

Old Business

Liaison Feedback – Capital Budget is meeting next week.

Budget Discussions – None

Public Comments – None



Adjourn – Motion was made to Adjourn at 8:40 PM. Seconded and UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

Next Meeting – January 13, 2011

Approval by the Advisory Board in session this 3rd day of February 2010.

Ellen Allen, Chairman
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