TOWN OF NORWELL – ADVISORY BOARD **MEETING MINUTES** March 15, 2011

The Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Tim Greene at 7:30 p.m. Present were: Ralph Gordon, Tim Greene, Mary Ellen Coffey, Gary Thomas, Skip Joseph, Jason Brown, Peter Shea and Town Administrator James Boudreau. Not in Attendance: Ralph Rivkind.

The Advisory Board will need to reorganize; Ellen Allen has been elected to the Board of Selectmen.

MIOTION was made to appoint Tim Greene as the Chairman of the Advisory Board. Seconded and unanimously passed.

MOTION was made to appoint Jason Brown as the Vice Chair to the Advisory Board. Seconded and unanimously passed.

Administrative Matters

Acceptance of Minutes - None

Transfer Requests – Board of Assessors

MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Advisory Board accept the request of \$5,500.00 from the Board of Assessors Fund 1 Department 141 Schedule 0203 Account 05304 in the amount of \$5,500 for outside professional appraisal services.

Bills - None

Correspondence/Notices - None

New Business

Executive Session - Board of Assessors Pending Litigation

MOTION: Tim Greene moved that the Board enter into executive session returning to open session. Second. Polled the Board: Skip Joseph yes, Gray Thomas yes, Tim Greene yes, Jason Brown yes, Peter Shea yes, Ralph Gordon yes, Mary Ellen Coffey yes.

Charles Markham discussed the purpose for Executive Session. Charles explained that the former WearGuard building, assessed at \$24 million and is the largest single tax bill of \$300,000, decided to leave Norwell in April 2009 and property sold April 2010 for \$12 million as an empty building. WearGuard and the new owners are looking for an abatement on the grounds that they just paid \$12 million although it is assessed for \$24 million.

Open Session

Budget Discussions - Advisory Board Members worked on plugging numbers into a spread sheet working toward balancing the budget.

Public Comments - None

Adjourn - Motion was made to Adjourn. Seconded and UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

Approval by the Advisory Board in session this

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