

Town of Norwell Advisory Board Meeting Minutes March 18, 2014

The Advisory Board was called to order by Tim Greene at 7:30 p.m. Present were: Skip Joseph, George Jamieson, Dave McEachern, Mark Maiellano, Jacky McClean, Mary Ellen Coffey and Chad Forman. Town Administrator Jim Boudreau was also present.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Acceptance of Minutes: Motion was made and seconded to accept minutes from 3/13/14. Passed (7-0-1)

Bills: None

Transfer Requests: None

Correspondence/Notices: None

NEW BUSINESS

Article Hearing – CPC - John Mariano, Chair

John gave a brief overview of the Community Preservation Act to the AB and then discussed each article. STM #10 - The cleaning of Jacobs Pond in the amount of \$20,000. Motion was made and then withdrawn to recommend this article. It made sense to the AB to hear all the articles first and then vote on them after all articles had been heard.

ATM articles - There are no numbers assigned in the present draft so each article will be referred to by name.

- Chittenden Lane Dock - This is to replace a dock installed roughly 5 years ago that has been compromised. The dock is not intended for salt water use. Discussions followed regarding oversight of these projects and it was stated that Dave Sutton, the facilities manager, would oversee this project. CPC voted unanimously to recommend this request.
- \$100,000 for the Conservation Fund - not yet voted by the CPC so not discussed.
- Land purchase - not yet voted by the CPC
- Basketball Court at Cole School - \$8600 requested for the construction of a basketball court. CPC voted unanimously to recommend this request.
- Historical Society requests \$2800 to maintain soft objects in the Jacobs Farmhouse. CPC voted unanimously to recommend this request.
- Jacobs Farmhouse restoration - requesting \$206,980 to meet the immediate needs of the Farmhouse as determined by an assessment of the property. CPC voted unanimously to recommend this request.
- Simon Hill - Requesting \$5000 for the research and documentation of Native American evidence so we can create pathways without disturbing historically significant areas. CPC voted unanimously to recommend this request.
- Cushing Center improvements- Requesting \$187,000 for improvements to the grounds of the Cushing Center. CPC voted (6-3) in favor of this article.
- Pathways - \$400,000 requested to continue the pathway from Forest St. (already funded but not constructed yet) to Miller Woods. CPC voted unanimously to recommend this request.
- Request to appropriate \$110,000 into the three buckets of CPA (affordable housing, historic resources and open space.) CPC voted unanimously to recommend this request.

AB will vote these articles at their 3/20/14 meeting.

Article Hearings – Historic Commission and Community Housing Trust

These were tabled as neither had a representative to explain proposed articles.

Article Hearing – Board of Assessors - Susan Kirby, Chair

Sue discussed the two articles related to the Senior Real Estate Tax Work Off Program. The AB was present for the Assessors presentation to the BOS so members are familiar and didn't need an extensive discussion. Jacky McClean excused herself from the room for the discussion because she is a participant in the program. **Motion was made and seconded to recommend the Assessors ATM articles as presented. Passed unanimously. (7-0 with one recusal)**

OLD BUSINESS

Budget and Article Discussions-None

FUTURE MEETINGS - 3/20/14

Adjourn – Motion was made to adjourn. Seconded and unanimously passed.

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Tim Greene, Chairman
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