

**TOWN OF NORWELL
Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2015**

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The Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Roger Hughes at 7:05p.m. Present were Skip Joseph, Chad Forman, Ralph Gordon, David McEachern, Mark Maiellano, Jacky McClean and Karen Reynolds. Fran Molla was absent. Interim Town Administrator Peter Hechenbleikner was also present.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Acceptance of Minutes: Roger asked members of the AB if they had any questions about the Minutes from March 10, 2015 and March 14, 2015. Motion made to approve minutes from March 10, 2015. *Seconded and unanimously passed 8-0.* Minutes from March 14, 2015 was revised. Motion made to approve the revised minutes from March 14, 2015. *Seconded and unanimously passed 8-0.*

Bill: None

Transfer Request: None

Correspondence/Notices: The AB requested information to clarify previously discussed line items in various budgets. This information was distributed for continued discussion at the March 21, 2015 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Warrant Articles for Annual Town Meeting

- **Article 9** - This Article seeks \$250,000 for the purpose of developing schematic designs for a new Library and Town Hall or a combined Library/Town Hall. It also seeks to apply for a grant(s) to defray the cost of construction. Frank White and Jeanne Ivas gave a comprehensive update to this project including response of Town Departments survey, preliminary results of Town survey, site evaluations, and considerations of private fundraisers and grants from the State to pay for the project. State grants are on hold so they request the Article is withdrawn from the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting this year.
- **Article 11** - This Article seeks to reauthorize the annual revolving funds for School Parking Fees and the Stetson Ford House. This is a housekeeping item. Motion to accept Article 11 of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting as drafted. *Seconded and unanimously passed 8-0.*
- **Article 27** - This Article seeks to compensate the Assistant Assessor who completed the necessary courses as a certified Massachusetts Assessor. After a brief discussion, it was determined to continue at another time when more information is available.
- **Article 29** - This Article seeks to amend Article XI of the general Bylaws of the Community Preservation Commission which consists of nine voting members. The new Bylaw would allow the Board of Selectmen to appoint 4 voting members of this Commission for 3 year terms. Motion to accept Article 29 of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting as drafted. *Seconded and unanimously 8-0.*

Budget Discussions:

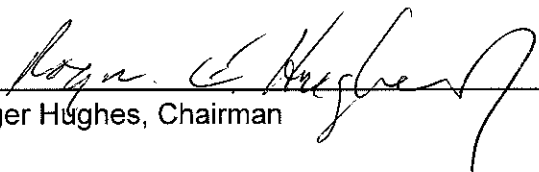
- School Committee - Superintendent Matthew Keegan along with School Committee members Kiersten Warendorf, Allison Link, MaryLou O'Leary and Amy Koch present to introduce the School Budget which increased 3.38%. Descriptions for Student Instruction concentrated on reduction of classroom aids and increase instructional coordinators, special education teacher and technology teacher for classroom instruction. A list of NPS Facilities Preservation projects detailed maintenance of School Buildings. Brief explanation of utilities, fees, Article and other requests given. Motion to accept the recommendation of the School Committee for the total budget of \$24,587,972. *Seconded and unanimously passed 8-0.*

FUTURE MEETINGS

March 21, 2015 at 8:00a.m.

March 24, 2015 at 7:00p.m.

Adjourn: Motion made to Adjourn. *Seconded and unanimously passed 8-0.*



Roger Hughes, Chairman