

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2014**

Ellen Allen opened the meeting and introduced Jason Brown, Gregg McBride, David DeCoste, Tammie Garner and Town Administrator Jim Boudreau. *MOTION: Jason Brown moved the Board approve the agenda as written. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

7:35 Piper Sheer – Personnel Board Applicant – Piper Sheer briefed the Board on her background and why she is interested in serving on the Personnel Board. *MOTION: Jason Brown moved to appoint Piper Sheer to the Personnel Board to a Term Expiring June 30, 2017. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

7:45 Public Hearing – Beijing House, Amusement/Entertainment License

MOTION: Jason Brown moved the Board open the public hearing for an Amusement/ Entertainment License request for Beijing House, 456 Washington Street - Seconded and unanimously voted.

David DeCoste read the Legal Notice into the Minutes.

Beijing Owner Ching C. Puskarich is requesting an Amusement/ Entertainment License for Karaoke on Friday and Saturday evenings between the hours of 8:00 PM to 11:30 PM.

Responses: Building Inspector Tim FitzGerald, Health Agent Brian Flynn, Police Chief Ted Ross, Treasurer/Collector Darleen Sullivan and Fire Chief Andy Reardon have no concerns at this time.

No written comments or comments from the audience.

MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board approve the Amusement/ Entertainment License request for Beijing House, 456 Washington Street for Karaoke on Friday and Saturday nights from the hours of 8:00 pm to 11:30 pm for a term expiring December 31, 2014. Seconded and unanimously voted.

MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board close the Public Hearing. Seconded and unanimously voted.

NEW BUSINESS

Wetland Protection Account Funds – *Jason Brown moved that the Board approve the expenditure of \$517.50 from the Wetland Protection Account funds. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

One Day License Request – James Library – May 17, 2014

MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board approve a request from the First Parish Church of 24 River Street Norwell for a one day license to serve Wine and Malt only for the dinner at the Parish Hall at First Parish Church on Saturday, May 17, 2014 between the hours of 6:00PM to 10:00PM. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Block Party Request – Norwell Farms – October 2014

Norwell Farms / Kristen Jervey are requesting a Block Party in October 2014 with a date and time TBD. At this point they are looking for feedback on closing Jacobs Lane from the Farm House to the Science Center and having tethered hot air balloon rides. *MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board approve a request from Norwell Farms to hold a Block Party on Jacobs Lane in October, with a partial closure of Jacobs Lane, with approval for a hot air balloon contingent on approval from the Fire Chief. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Accept Resignation from PBMC Member

Ellen Allen read a letter from Glenn Ferguson officially announcing his resignation from the Permanent Building and Maintenance Committee (PBMC) after 14+ years of serving. He will remain on until the end of his term for a smooth transaction.

MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board accept, with regret, the resignation of Glenn Ferguson from the PBMC. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Town Meeting Follow-Up – Ellen Allen pointed out that there are some issues at Town Meeting that need follow-up, the first being the fate of the police station on River Street. Mr. DeCoste and Mrs. Garner both believe that we have time over the summer to get the information and make a decision prior to Town Meeting next year. Mr. Brown asked if there was a way to get more feedback from the community at large and the neighbors around the station in particular. Mrs. Allen's plan is to have the Legion and the Trust back in September to see where they each are in the process. What are the numbers and design from the Community Housing Trust and what is the proposal from the Legion, what is their financing plan, etc.?

The second article is the one pertaining to the re-paving of Main Street that included an amendment on Town Meeting floor requiring the design of a sidewalk on Main Street from the Center to South Street. It is expected to cost \$80,000 for the design of the sidewalk. There is no money in the project for the construction of the sidewalk. Mr. McBride asked if we should find away to ascertain if people are in favor of sidewalks and gauge public interest in the sidewalk. Mr. Boudreau presented a financial picture showing that other additions to the project would require additional funding and would not fit under the levy.

Jenny Cohane from Central Street said young people have moved on to Main Street with young children who support sidewalks on Main Street but do not know how to go about it.

Mr. Boudreau discussed why sidewalks were not installed on lower Main Street in the past and what the objections to the construction of the sidewalks was.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next week Energy Committee on Green Communities

5/28 Fox and Hound hearing and Historic District Committee

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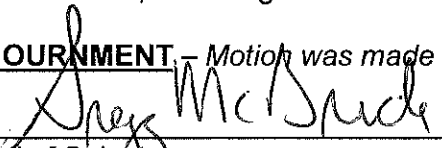
Add VSO to upcoming agenda.

Town election is Saturday. Absentee balloting up to Friday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Memorial Day Parade and Event to be held on May 26, 2014 starting at 10:00 am at the corner of Main & Lincoln, marching to the Town Common.

ADJOURNMENT – *Motion was made to adjourn. Seconded and unanimously voted.*



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