

**Norwell Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
February 26, 2014**

**7:00 pm.** Motion Jason Brown, Second by David DeCoste to execute the license and easement agreements with Verizon for 300 Washington Street. Voted 4-0 in favor with Tammie Garner not present.

**7:30 pm** Ellen Allen opened the meeting and introduced Jason Brown, Gregg McBride, David DeCoste (Tammie Garner arrived later during the meeting) and Town Administrator Jim Boudreau.

Agenda Amended to add: Labor Contracts under Executive Session. *MOTION: Jason Brown moved the Board approve the agenda as amended. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

**CITIZEN COMMENTS** – Mary Cole, Forest Street, addressed the Board relative to the impact of the proposed bike path in front of her house. She asked that the Board make sure that there is mitigation if the path goes in front of her house.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – February 12, 2014 executive session and March 27, 2013 open meeting. *MOTION: Jason Brown moved to approve the following minutes: February 12, 2014 executive session and March 27, 2013 open meeting. Seconded and voted 3-0 for March 27 and 4-0 for February 12.*

**7:35 Beautification Awards** – Bob Norris introduced the committee and projects that have been done by the committee over the years, including providing more than 500,000 daffodils to Town residents.

Joseph's Garage is this year's Myrtle McKay winner. Art Joseph accepted on behalf of the family and on behalf of Phil Joseph who passed away this fall. Bob Norris read a citation from Senator Hedlund and the State Senate.

2013 Beautification award honored David and Linda Campbell and Paul Geoghan for the work that they did on their home on Circuit Street.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**North River Theatre One Day License Request** – April 26, May 2, 3, 9, 10, 2014 from 7PM to 11PM and May 4, 2014 from 1PM to 4PM. *MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board approve a request from The North River Theater, Inc. for a one day license to sell All Alcohol for live theater performances at the North River Theater, Inc. 513 River Street Norwell on April 26, May 2, 3, 9, 10, 2014 from 7PM to 11PM and May 4, 2014 from 1PM to 4PM. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

**Town Meeting Forum** – Ellen Allen spoke about the possibility of having a town meeting forum. We had one prior to the override town meeting and had representatives from all departments and article sponsors to come. Seemed to be very useful. David DeCoste supported the forum. Remarked that it was not well attended previously. Gregg McBride and Jason Brown also supported the forum. Jim Boudreau stated that you cannot have it before people get their warrants, which is 2 weeks prior to Town Meeting. That leaves 4/23 or 4/30 for the forum if you

wish to have it on a Wednesday evening. Board is leaning towards the 30<sup>th</sup>, but Ellen Allen and Jim Boudreau will speak to some Boards and Committees and see what works.

**PBMC Appointment** – *Board held appointment of Jeff Fabrizio to either the PBMC or Capital Budget until the Chair can see which Committee he prefers.*

**Capital Budget Appointment** – None

*Motion by Jason Brown, seconded by Tammie Garner to appoint David DeCoste to the PBMC for a term expiring June 30, 2016. Unanimous.*

**Letter re: Active Street Bills** – Ellen Allen updated the Board on Active Streets, which is a program to encourage communities to increase bike and pedestrian access when rebuilding town roads. It had been brought to her attention by a local resident who felt the Board should consider signing on to support it. Gregg McBride commented that this sort of thing has not been well suited to Norwell's needs in the past. The Board will make a decision at a future meeting.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- Follow-up discussions on Town Meeting Forum and Active Streets Letter
- Possible meeting on 3/12 with Paul Foulsham regarding the Grove/Prospect intersection and salt usage
- TM Articles update
- Meet with petitioners seeking to have Town Meeting transfer care and custody of land across from the Osborn fields to the Conservation Commission from the Selectmen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

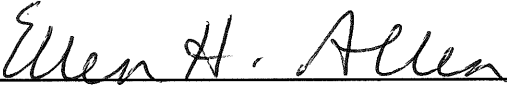
2013 Town Reports are due in the Selectmen's Office by Friday, February 28, 2014. Please send Lynda Allen both hard a copy and email of the same.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Personal Contracts & Labor Contract with Fire Dept.

*MOTION: Jason Brown moved the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personal Contracts and Labor Contracts, not return to open session. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Chairman Ellen Allen explained that to discuss this in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining or litigating position. Ellen Allen polled the Board. Jason Brown voted yes, Gregg McBride voted yes, David DeCoste voted yes, Tammie Garner voted yes and Ellen Allen voted yes.

  
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