

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2014**

Ellen Allen opened the meeting and introduced Jason Brown, Gregg McBride, Tammie Garner and Town Administrator Jim Boudreau. David DeCoste was absent.

MOTION: Jason Brown moved the Board approve the agenda as written. Seconded and unanimously voted.

7:00 Planning Board / Energy Committee – Green Communities – The Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of applying for Green Communities designation. Jason Brown said that he was philosophically opposed to adopting the Stretch Building Code even though it is nearly identical to the new Base Code. Tammie Garner, Gregg McBride and Ellen Allen supported adopting it due to the grants the town could receive to help it achieve energy efficiencies. Ellen Allen reported that she had spoken with commercial developers who said the Stretch Code is not a detriment when trying to attract new commercial businesses. She noted that Town Counsel had confirmed that the Town could rescind the Stretch Code and opt out as a Green Community in the future. *Motion: Motion made and seconded to pursue an application for Green Communities designation. Voted 3 - 1 in favor, with Jason Brown dissenting.*

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

7:35 Finance Director / Auditors – FY14 Year End Financials

Frank Biron and Erica _____ from the Town's Auditors, Melanson Heath, reviewed the Town's FY 2014 audit and management letter. (See separate reports.) The town received a clean opinion.

Free Cash Presentation – Finance Director Donna Mangan made a presentation about the Free Cash certification as of 6/30/14. She also provided a sheet with the calculation of the Board's Financial Reserves relative to its policies, which showed that the Town was in compliance as of 6/30/14. (See attachments.)

8:30 Robert Kourafas – PBMC Applicant – Mr. Kourafas explained his interest and background for the PBMC. *Motion: Jason Brown moved that the Board appoint Robert Kourafas to the Permanent Building and Maintenance Committee to a term expiring 6/30/17. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2015 License Renewals – *MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the following License Renewals for calendar year 2015 expiring December 31, 2015. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Retail Package Store – All Alcohol:

Bo-Tes Imports
Marsh's, Inc.
Shields General Store

Retail Package Store – Wines & Malt:

DA's Mart
Norwell Sunoco, Inc.
Quik Pik

Common Victualler – All Alcohol:

Beijing House
The Fours-Norwell
McGreal's Tavern
Not You're Average Joes
Strawberry Fair, Inc.
The Tinkers Son
Tokio Tora
Trattoria San Pietro

Common Victualler - Wines & Malt:

Wild Ginger Thai Cuisine

Amusement (Weekdays):

McGreal's Tavern
North River Theatre
The Company Theatre
The Fours
The Tinkers Son

Amusement (Sundays):

North River Theatre
The Company Theatre
The Fours
The Tinkers Son

Common Victualler:

Beijing House
Blue Moon Pizzeria
Boston Pizza
Bo-Tes Imports
Corporate Chefs @ Clean Harbor
Cravings Cafe
Extreme Pita
The Fours-Norwell
Kentucky Fried Chicken
Lessing's Café
McDonald's Corp.
McGreal's Tavern
Norwell Donuts, LLC
Norwell Pizzeria & Seafood
Not Your Average Joes
On Rye Deli
Papa Gino's
Shields General Store
Strawberry Fair, Inc.
Subway
Taco Bell
The Tinkers Son
Tokio Tora
Trattoria San Pietro
Wild Ginger Thai Cuisine
Windy City Dogs

Motor Vehicles-Class I:

Coastal Nissan
Fredrickson Brothers, Inc.
Herb Chambers Lexus
Village Euro Motors

Motor Vehicles-Class II:

Accord Auto
Coastal Nissan
HEJ Corporation
Norwell Auto Sales
Steve's Auto Sales

Lodging House:

Capeway Motel
Parkview Inn
Pilgrim Lodging-Rehoboth

Not renewing:

TCBY
BMW
Volvo

Solar Energy Letter – The Board discussed a letter from Environment Massachusetts that had been sent to the Chairman requesting that they sign on to a letter to Governor-Elect Baker encouraging him to focus on solar energy. The Board was not familiar with Environment Massachusetts and decided to look into that organization before making a decision about supporting the letter. (See attached letter.) This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personal Contracts: Treasurer, Human Resources Director, Finance Director, Fire Chief, Police Chief and Deputy Police Chief. Preparation for interviewing candidates for Interim Town Administrator also to be discussed.

MOTION: Jason Brown moved the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contracts and 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. McBride voted yes, Brown voted yes, Garner voted yes and Allen voted yes.



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