

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2015**

Ellen Allen opened the meeting and introduced Jason Brown, Gregg McBride, David DeCoste, and Interim Town Administrator Peter Hechenbleikner.

7:00 Planning Board/Pathway

1. Executive Session - None

2. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda *Motion: made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to approve the agenda as written. Unanimously voted*

4. Reports

a. Citizen Comments – None

b. Selectmen's Reports and Announcements

Mr. DeCoste reminded all that the proposal to discuss toll lanes on Route 3 is tomorrow at the Hingham Town Hall.

There is an extra \$30 million of Chapter 90 money to deal with potholes and other winter road damage.

The Lottery Commission hearing for Quick Pik took place on March 17th. Their lottery license was suspended for two days; April 10th and April 11th.

The last day to pull papers to run for Town office is tomorrow, March 26th.

A reimbursement of \$67,489 of Chapter 90 funds (see Mr. DeCoste's comment) will be earmarked for Norwell.

Motion: Made by Jason Brown, Seconded by David DeCoste, to authorize the BOS Chair to sign the contract on behalf of the Town, as the interim Town Administrator will not be present to sign. (actual Motion attached) Unanimously voted

c. Town Administrator's report

Main Street Roadway project - Bonding 'logistics' and financial arrangements were presented by Mr. Hechenbleikner for review by the BOS, which will provide a cost savings benefit for the Town in lieu of conventional bonding for the Main Street project.

Annual Town Reports are long overdue. Please submit them.

The design for the driveway for the Middle School was addressed in a letter from Town resident George Preble to the Highway Surveyor. He will follow up with the design engineers regarding this issue.

Flood insurance Risk Mapping is taking place in Norwell, per correspondence from FEMA. This is a new program that helps communities identify, assess and reduce their flood risk. Residents may attend informational meetings.

The building inspector has sent a letter to the property owner of 281 Main Street requiring the removal of a concrete wall and septic system on the site within 30 days of the date of the letter (February 25, 2015) This decision has been appealed.

Birchwood Drive residents have petitioned for a hearing to make the road a public way. Included is Fieldstone Drive.

d. Upcoming Meetings

Barbara Childs and the Personnel Board will attend BOS meeting on April 1st to discuss the Personnel Articles included on the Warrant.

5. Discussion/Action Items

a) Pathwalks CPC Application: Discussion with Pathways Committee and Planning Board Chair Ellen Allen gave a summary of Town Counsel's opinion on the Pathwalk project; stating his opinion that the project is a legal use of CPA funds. Ms. Allen invited both the Pathways Committee and the Planning Board to comment. Kevin Cafferty, Chair of the Pathway Committee, stated that the committee has discussed this project, but has not voted to support or not support it. Mr. Cafferty and the committee would like to see a copy of the completed engineering plans. Ms. Allen stated that the engineering is not yet complete. Discussion about tying in to the existing pathway system from the pathwalk ensued. Brad Washburn, Planning Board Chair, stated that the Planning Board did not take a vote, but supports the project concept and its use of CPA funds. Peter Bloomfield, resident, stated that the plans are in Paul Foulsham's office and are available for viewing. The CPC will vote on this project at their meeting tomorrow evening. They are in receipt of Town Counsel's opinion.

b) Planning Board articles for Town Meeting with Planning Board and Zoning Board (Open Space Residential Design, Solar Photovoltaic Overlay District, District Use Regulations Amendment, and Complete Streets Policy)

Brad Washburn, Chair of the Planning Board, and Chris Dilorio, Town Planner, gave a summary of Planning Board Articles (Pete Hechenbleikner directed all to the Warrant pages to follow along) and background information. Per Mr. Dilorio, the goal is to make the bylaws easier to understand and applications more user-friendly. Also discussed were instances where the Planning Board can grant waivers, and bylaw "housekeeping changes" that will benefit both the Town and developers. The size, purpose and location of the Solar Photovoltaic Overlay District was discussed with the board. A site plan review process would be required. To be determined is the tax rate structure, which the BOS will decide.

The Complete Streets Certification Article adoption would allow the Town to become eligible for state grants. Although the policy would be costly if the design features were mandated, the provisions actually leave it to the Town's discretion whether to incorporate them. The board discussed the benefits and drawbacks of adopting this policy. The Town would have to create a Complete Streets working group to oversee this program. The question of the Main St. pathwalk as a component of the Complete Streets program was raised, with discussion about elements that make a road eligible for this program.

c) Open and Amend Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Motion: Made By Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to reopen the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrant to be held on May 4 and 5th. Unanimously voted

Mr. Hechebleikner highlighted changes to the Articles in the Warrants for both meetings. Ms. Allen shared Tammie Garner's comments about including a third Article to sell the Police Station property at 40 River Street, stating that she does not endorse such an Article. Discussion ensued about the pros and cons of decisions affecting the future of this property. (Article 27) The BOA Article to give stipends for certification will be removed from the Warrant, as well as the District Use Article. Mr. Hechenbleikner clarified the purpose for Article 7 relating to Fieldstone Lane.

Motion: Made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, that the BOS accept the 10 Articles for the Special Town Meeting and 52 Articles for the Annual Town Meeting as presented in the March 25, 2015 version of the Warrant. Unanimously voted

Motion: Made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to close the Special and Annual Town meeting Warrant. Unanimously voted

d) Warrant Article Discussion

Town Counsel suggested an Article to remove the 1971 deed restriction from a parcel of land in Jacobs Estates, as the town has no further interest in this restriction. (Article 24)

Motion: Made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to remove the deed restriction related to the parcel specified in the attached motion. (see exact wording in attached Motion) Unanimously voted

e) FY 16 Budget

Mr. Hechenbleikner commented on some changes and additions made to the budget and the Advisory Board's support for the new format.

f) Approve Amended List of Special Municipal Employees

Mr. Hechenbleikner gave a background summary of this list of employees (who hold multiple jobs and/or titles with the Town and who could represent a private client when conducting Town business), some of which do not exist anymore. The BOS reviewed and suggested additions to the list, notably for the Board of Health and the Board of Water Commissioners. Discussion ensued about changes to the list. The BOS reviewed and discussed each position on the list. Ms. Allen proposed that the list be amended to reflect the board's decisions, and they will approve the corrected list at the next meeting.

g) Town Meeting Forum

The Moderator's Meeting will begin at 6:30pm on Wednesday, April 29th, and the Town Meeting Forum will begin at 7:30pm the same evening.

h) Town Administrator Interview Schedule

The Screening Committee will interview selected candidates this Friday and Saturday. The committee will decide how many candidates to include as finalists. The Collins Center will then do the background checks, which will take about a week. The BOS discussed potential interview times for the finalists from the list of available dates in April. Saturday morning would work for all of the board members, hopefully April 11th. The date will be confirmed after the Screening Committee meeting on Saturday.

i) Bowker Street – Open to 2-way Traffic effective 3/26/15

Motion: Made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to rescind the temporary designation of Bowker Street as a one way street from Main Street to Grove Street. Unanimously voted.

j) Approval of Minutes

Motion: Made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to approve the Open Meeting minutes of March 5, 2014 and July 21, 2014, and the Executive Session minutes of November 5, 2014 and November 21, 2014. Unanimously voted

Adjourn

Motion: Made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to adjourn. Unanimously voted



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Attachments:

1. Motion wording to designate an authorized signer for the Chapter 90 funds
2. Motion wording to remove the deed restriction on property located in Jacobs Estates