

**Norwell Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
April 1, 2015**

Ellen Allen opened the meeting and introduced Jason Brown, Tammie Garner, and David DeCoste. Interim Town Administrator Peter Hechenbleikner and Selectman Gregg McBride arrived after the start of the meeting due to prior commitments.

**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**

The new Police Headquarters invites all Norwell residents to their Open House on April 18<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30-4:30pm.

The South Shore Coalition is hosting a Legislative Breakfast on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30-10AM in Cahill Auditorium at the Braintree Town Hall. See attached flyer for RSVP details.

Ellen Allen read an email from the MMA urging support of an increase in General Government State Aid, as well as Chapters 70 and 90 aid.

Mr. DeCoste stated that the proposed toll lanes on Route 3 are not supported in the State Legislature.

**d. Upcoming Meetings**

Personal Contracts, new Town Administrator interviews, and the Warrant Review will be agenda topics at upcoming BOS meetings. There will be no meeting Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the Town Meeting Forum will take place in lieu of the BOS meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**5. Discussion/Action Items**

**a) 7:44pm – Public Hearing: Clapp Brook Road**

*Motion: Made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to open the public hearing on the layout of Clapp Brook Road. Unanimously voted. Mr. DeCoste read the legal notice (attached).*

*Motion: Made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to approve the layout of the Town Way Clapp Brook Road as presented. Unanimously voted.*

Ms. Allen asked for any public comments; Tim Driscoll, 3 Clapp Brook Road resident, thanked the board and stated that all of the residents of the street are very happy to see this process completed.

**7:48pm - Motion: made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to close the public hearing. Unanimously voted.**



**b) 7:50pm – Steve Ivas; Wompatuck Deer Hunting**

Mr. Ivas summarized the current status of deer hunting in this park, citing two recent news items drawing attention to the fact that the huge population of deer has become too hard to manage and the New England Wildflower Society has cited the harm that deer are doing to the forest and wildflowers in particular. The deer are causing accidents and are responsible for the spread of large numbers of ticks, in addition to ruining expensive landscapes. He asked that the public address this issue in letter or email form to their local representative, Senator or the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife to ask for an extension of the hunting season or permission to hunt in Wompatuck Park. Hunting is currently allowed in Norwell on the Water Department land during Hunting Season. Mr. DeCoste said he would be following up on this matter in his capacity as Norwell's State Representative.

**c) Amend Date of Approved Car Wash**

*Motion: Made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to amend the previously issued permit for a car wash requested by Jim Diggins from Norwell High School to a new date of May 2, from 9-1. Unanimously voted.*

**d) Inspector of Animals Appointment**

The board discussed licensing and health regulations with regard to this appointment.

*Motion: Made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to appoint Paul W. Murphy as Inspector of Animals through April 30, 2016. Unanimously voted.*

**e) Approval of Special Municipal Employees (see attached list)**

*Motion: Made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to rescind the former Special Municipal Employees list, and replace it with the revised Special Municipal Employees list dated 4/1/15. Unanimously voted.*

**f) Town Administrator Interview Questions**

Ms. Allen stated that the finalists for this position were chosen last Saturday by the Screening Committee. (List of interview questions is attached). Ms. Allen read the entire list of questions for the benefit of viewers watching at home. She also gave an overview of the interview procedure.

The BOS interviews will take place on Saturday morning, April 11<sup>th</sup>. The board discussed questions for the candidates relating to various topics and categories in order to cover all pertinent areas of the job. Ms. Allen will email a copy of Jim Boudreau's scope of duties as well as questions used for the Interim Town Administrator interviews. General questions vs. questions specific to Norwell were discussed. The board decided to ask each candidate for a writing sample (email reply) to gauge the strength of his writing ability. The candidate will write their samples at the Town Hall on Saturday morning either before or after the BOS interview. Each board member will compose 10 potential questions, to be emailed to Mr. Hechenbleikner, Ms. Childs and Ms. Allen by Monday.

**g) Bylaw Review Committee**

The Norwell zoning bylaws are much in need of review. Mr. Hechenbleikner offered the opinion that the process needs to be a collaborative effort to do the changes, and stated that a public works or public health board member/employee should be part of this committee. The change should start with a change of the existing bylaws to the same format throughout (don't change the existing bylaws at this point). When this step is complete, "unplug" the pieces that need changing and put the revisions in place in the new format. Per Mr. Brown, the first step should be to define the new framework. This will need a budget and staff, and will probably be a multi-year project. Mr. Hechenbleikner will think about the composition of the committee and update the board at the BOS meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Other areas of Town Bylaws were discussed.

**h) Refer Birchwood Lane Petition to the Planning Board and Sign Indemnity Agreement**

The Planning Board will give the BOS a letter to make Birchwood Land a public way by next Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. The BOS will have a public hearing on April 8<sup>th</sup>. The BOS will approve and sign



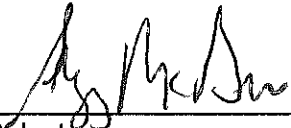
the Indemnity Agreement from the developer. *Motion: Made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to refer the Birchwood Lane petition to the Planning Board. Unanimously voted.*

**7. Correspondence**

Susannah Baxley, contact person for the ice rink, thanked the Highway Department, the Water Department and the Recreation Department for their assistance in making the rink's first year of operation a success.

**Adjourn**

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



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**Attachments:**

1. South Shore Coalition Legislative Breakfast information
2. List of Town Administrator Candidate questions by the Screening Committee
3. Approved List of Special Municipal Employees

