

**Norwell Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
January 28, 2015  
Fire Station, 300 Washington Street**

Ellen Allen opened the meeting and introduced Jason Brown, Gregg McBride, David DeCoste, and Tammie Garner. Pete Heckenbleikner did not attend this meeting.

Agenda amended to add: no Executive Session after this meeting, and postponement of New Business item 1. Approve Mayflower MHG Contract.

*MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board approve the agenda as amended. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

**CITIZEN COMMENTS** – None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

2. McCourt Foundation Bicycle Event Request  
**Road Race Date:** Saturday, October 3, 2015

*MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board approve a request from the McCourt Foundation to hold the sixth annual Tour de South Shore, starting at 7:30AM subject to approvals from the Police and Fire Departments, who will provide details. Seconded and unanimously voted. (see attached event details)*

3. *MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board regrettfully accept the resignation of Kathleen Rothwell from the Cemetery Committee, with many thanks for her years of service. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

5. Open Meeting Law Training Discussion

Pete would like to set up a training session to review the Open Meeting Law, which will be run by Town Counsel. Invitations would be issued to all Town Boards, Committees, Commissions and their staff.

*MOTION: Jason Brown moved to hold an Open Meeting Law training session, to be set up by Barbara Childs. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

**APPOINTMENTS:**

6. *Motion: Jason Brown moved to appoint Bill Malloy to the Cemetery Committee for the remainder of the unexpired term of Kathleen Rothwell. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

7. There are two candidates for the Screening Committee slot representing the Personnel Board: Bob Kustka and Jane Stout. The Chair asked each board member for their thoughts on the two candidates. The two candidates represent very different sets of skills, one with years of public service experience and one with private industry experience.

*MOTION: Tammie Garner moved that the board appoint Jane Stout to the Screening Committee, seconded by Gregg McBride. The vote was 3-2, (Brown and DeCoste dissenting). Motion carried.*

The Collins Center BOS interviews are scheduled for the end of this week and next week. The Screening Committee will receive the questions and begin to meet after school vacation. There

was further discussion about the Town Administrator salary structure, performance bonuses, etc. All will be discussed in Executive Session.

4. MMA Legislative Package

Proposed and sponsored bills for the 2015-2016 legislative session were reviewed and discussed at length by the board. Proposed bills that would change Affordable Housing, the CPA act, the open meeting law, etc. were included in the discussion (see attached memo)

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

8:26pm Quik Pik began serving their penalty last weekend, which will continue for a period of two weeks. The hearing about the new liquor license violation will take place at an upcoming BOS meeting.

The mechanics of Veteran Benefits payments was discussed by the Board. There is a bill to propose that the state pay for all benefits.

8:30pm Clapp Road Public Hearing, Continued:

*MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board open the hearing. Seconded and unanimously voted. The reading of the notice was waived.*

*MOTION: Jason Brown moved that hearing be continued to February 11, 2015 as the group is not ready. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

**OLD BUSINESS -None**

The Board continued their discussion of proposed legislation.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

**8:52pm ADJOURNMENT** – *Motion was made to adjourn. Seconded and unanimously voted.*



Included with these minutes are the following documents:

1. Bike Ride documentation
2. MMA proposed legislation

**SELECTMEN**

**Memo**

To: Chief Ross, Chief Reardon and Paul Foulsham

From: Lynda J. Allen, Ass't to Town Administrator

Date: December 2, 2014

Re: McCourt Foundation Bicycle Race

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Attached please find a request from McCourt Foundation to hold a Bike Race on Saturday, October 3, 2015.

Please review and provide any comments or suggestions.

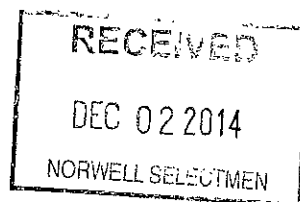
As always, if any additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you



November 25, 2014

Ms. Ellen Allen  
Chairman  
Office of the Selectman  
Town of Norwell  
345 Main Street  
Norwell, MA 02061



Re: Tour de South Shore, Saturday, October 3, 2015

Dear Ms. Allen,

On behalf of the McCourt Foundation, I want to formally request your permission to host the Sixth Annual Tour de South Shore, Ride for Alzheimer's and MS on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at Wompatuck State Park. The event will remain the same as previous years. This will be a 50 or 25-mile fundraising bike ride that will commence at Wompatuck Start Park and travel through the towns of Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate and Norwell. This event is not a race, but rather an opportunity for people to support much needed research for Alzheimer's Disease and Multiple Sclerosis.

The Bike ride will start and end in Wompatuck State Park. The ride will begin at 7:30 a.m. I have been talking with Deputy Chief John Suurhans and attached is the approved bike route that includes about 1 mile of Norwell roads.

The McCourt Foundation is a family foundation based in Quincy, MA and for the last 20 years the family has been raising funds for neurologic research. The Foundation is partnered with the Center for Neurologic Diseases at Brigham and Women's Hospital to raise money to help research for a cure of Alzheimer's and MS.

We would like to get this event approved by the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting, if possible. Please let me know how you would like to proceed.

We appreciate this opportunity to work with you and thank you for your time.

Best regards,

Denise Arrondo  
Director

Enclosures

CC: Deputy Chief Carol Brzuszek, Norwell Police Department  
Chief Ted Ross, Norwell Police Department



**The McCOURT  
FOUNDATION**

Advancing Alzheimer's & MS Research

## **Tour de South Shore – Saturday, October 3, 2015**

### **25-mile Bike Route (Double Loop for 50 Miles)**

#### **START IN HINGHAM/WOMPATUCK STATE PARK**

Leave from Wompatuck State Park Visitor Center and travel down Union Street  
Exit right out of Park and continue on Union Street. **(Police Detail Union and Free)**  
Cross Pleasant onto Middle Street **(Police Detail)**  
Hingham Center go right on Route 228-Short Street **(Police Detail Short, Middle, Main)**  
Route 228 becomes Leavitt Street  
Bear right on Route 228 becomes East Street  
Cross 3A stay on Route 228/East Street **(2 Police Detail Chief Justice Cushing Hwy)**  
Route 228 becomes Hull Street

#### **CROSS INTO COHASSET still on Route 228 (APPROXIMATELY 4.5 MILES)**

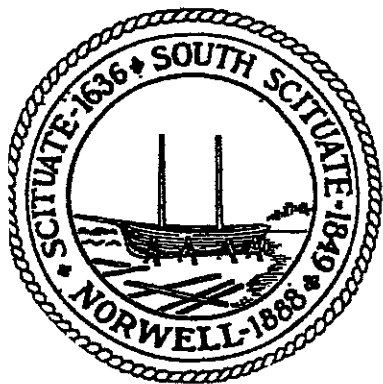
Right onto Jerusalem Street **(Police detail Rte. 228 @ Jerusalem Road)**  
Jerusalem becomes Atlantic **(Police detail Jerusalem Rd. @ Forest Ave)**  
Cross Beach Street, stay on Atlantic to Margin Street **(Police detail Margin St. @ Howard Gleason Road)**  
Margin Street and left on Cove **(2 details to cover Cove area)**  
Left on Border

#### **CROSS INTO SCITUATE (APPROXIMATELY 9.2 MILES)**

Left on Gannett Road – at bottom of hill **(Police Detail)**  
Right on Hatherly **(Police Detail)**  
Left into Egypt Beach Lot – Water Stop **(Police Detail)**  
Right on Turner  
Left on Tilden Road **(Police Detail)**  
Tilden and Brooke Street intersection **(Police Detail)**  
Tildin becomes Brooke  
Right on Front  
Front becomes Kent  
Kent becomes Driftway  
Right on Old Driftway ( MBTA Parking lot)  
Left onto Stock Bridge **(2 Details, both sides of bridge)**  
Right on Country Way  
Left on First Parish **(Police Detail)**  
Cross 3A **(Police Detail)**  
Right on Grove Street  
Left on Clapp Road  
Cross Summer and stay on Clapp **(signage)**

#### **CROSS INTO NORWELL BRIEFLY AND THEN BACK INTO HINGHAM**

Clapp Road becomes Mt. Hope Street  
Right on Mt. Blue Street and Enter rear entrance of Wompatuck State Park  
Travel Union Street back to Visitor Center **(APPROXIMATELY 27 MILES)**



Paul M. Foulsham  
Highway Surveyor

# TOWN OF NORWELL

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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Post Office Box 369  
Norwell, MA 02061

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Garage: (781) 659-8040  
Fax: (781) 659-0473

December 3, 2014

Board of Selectmen  
345 Main Street  
Norwell, MA 02061

Re: McCourt Foundation Bicycle Race

Dear Board Members:

I have reviewed the McCourt Foundation Bicycle Race route scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 2015.

I have no issues with this route and I would like to wish the Foundation success in this endeavor.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in calling my office.

Very truly yours,

Paul M. Foulsham  
Highway Surveyor

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Theodore J. Ross  
Chief of Police

## Norwell Police Department

40 River Street  
Norwell, MA 02061

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Ellen H. Allen, Chair  
Jason Brown  
David DeCoste  
Tammie Garner  
Gregg McBride  
Norwell Board of Selectmen

FROM: Theodore J. Ross  
Chief of Police

DATE: January 22, 2015

RE: McCourt Foundation

Please be advised that I am in receipt of the request of the above-referenced applicant to hold a bike race on October 3, 2015. I fully support the race, but I would like the event organizers to contact Deputy Chief Brzuszek as the date draws closer to provide current emergency contact information for those who will be present on race day.

Thank you.

**Subject:** Re: McCourt Foundation Bike Race

**Date:** Monday, January 26, 2015 at 12:58:05 PM Eastern Standard Time

**From:** Andrew Reardon

**To:** Lynda Allen

Board of Selectmen

I have reviewed the information supplied from the McCourt Foundation regarding the race to be held on October 03, 2015.

I see no issues for either Fire or EMS with this event.

I wish them well

On Mon, Jan 5, 2015 at 2:15 PM, Lynda Allen <[allen@townofnorwell.net](mailto:allen@townofnorwell.net)> wrote:

See attached;

Thanks,

Lynda J. Allen  
Exec. Ass't to Town Administrator  
781-659-8000

On 12/2/14, 3:12 PM, "[ricoh1@townofnorwell.net](mailto:ricoh1@townofnorwell.net)" <[ricoh1@townofnorwell.net](mailto:ricoh1@townofnorwell.net)> wrote:

>This E-mail was sent from "RNP0026738D1AF0" (Aficio MP 6002).

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>Scan Date: 12.02.2014 15:12:55 (-0500)

>Queries to: [ricoh1@townofnorwell.net](mailto:ricoh1@townofnorwell.net)

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T. Andrew Reardon, Fire Chief  
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1/28/15 BOS mtg.

## MMA Legislative Package



Thanks to the nearly two dozen members of the Legislature who signed up to be primary sponsors, the MMA filed 20 bills for the 2015-2016 legislative session that began on Jan. 7. Other members of the House and Senate have until Jan. 30 to sign on as co-sponsors.

The MMA legislative package was developed and recommended by the MMA's five policy committees and approved by the MMA Board of Directors last November. The MMA bills represent just a small portion of the hundreds of bills affecting local government that were filed by the Jan. 16 deadline. MMA policy committees and staff will be evaluating all these bills and working with other stakeholders to improve legislation affecting cities and towns.

The following are the MMA's proposed bills. They are listed by policy committee and include the House and Senate docket numbers (HD and SD) and the primary sponsor. Not all bills were filed in both branches. The docket numbers will change as the bills are referred to committees by the House and Senate clerks and given bill numbers.

### Fiscal Policy Committee

#### **Streamlining municipal finance**

HD 1437, Rep. Stephen Kulik

SD 884, Sen. Kenneth Donnelly

The MMA bill includes three changes to rules governing the practice of municipal finance. It would streamline the process for authorizing refunding bonds in cities to provide the ability to respond quickly when interest rates are low in order to reduce interest costs, would eliminate the requirement that refunding bonds match the dates of the original issue, and would allow the scheduling of principal payments any time in the same fiscal year without a penalty on the maturity schedule. This bill would eliminate the annual approval requirement for revolving funds and replace it with a one-time authorization by the local appropriating authority that would be revisited only to change the dollar limit or revoke the authorization, and would increase the cap on expenditures from revolving funds by individual municipal departments from an amount not more than 1 percent of the local property tax levy to an amount not more than 5 percent of the levy. This bill would reinstate the simple majority vote rule for municipal appropriations into any stabilization fund and eliminate the super-majority requirement for adding to the municipal "rainy day" fund.

#### **Payments in lieu of taxation by organizations exempt from the property tax**

HD 1441, Rep. Stephen Kulik

SD 268, Sen. Will Brownsberger

The MMA bill would allow cities and towns, upon local acceptance, to require certain tax-exempt charitable organizations to make payments in lieu of taxation (PILOT) to host cities and towns equal to 25 percent of what they would pay if the property were not exempt. The bill would require cities and towns to adopt bylaws or ordinances to provide for agreements between the municipality and organizations that may provide for exemptions from payment, consideration of community benefits as payment, and administration of payments.

### **Marketing information included with municipal tax bills and other communications**

HD 2293, Rep. Shawn Dooley

The MMA bill would expand the authority of cities and towns to include nonpolitical advertisements approved by the board of selectmen or mayor along with local tax bills and other communications to residents and taxpayers as a way to raise new non-tax revenues.

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Policy Committee on Energy and the Environment

### **Procurement for the design, construction, financing and operation of wastewater and water treatment facilities**

HD 1438, Rep. John Fernandes

SD 1227, Sen. Bruce Tarr

The MMA bill would allow cities and towns, at local option, to issue a request for proposals, in compliance with the Uniform Procurement Act, for the design, construction, financing and operation services of wastewater, and water treatment facilities.

### **Assisting municipal and district ratepayers**

SD 500, Sen. Michael Moore

The MMA bill would establish a better mechanism through which costs, benefits and financial impacts of proposed environmental rules and regulations must be identified and described before they take effect.

### **Sustainable water resource funds**

HD 2568, Rep. Carolyn Dykema

SD 1106, Sen. Jamie Eldridge

The MMA bill would clarify and strengthen the authority of cities and towns to establish water, stormwater, and wastewater utility fees in order to protect municipal public health and meet state and federal environmental requirements.

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Policy Committee on Municipal and Regional Administration

### **Designer selection thresholds**

HD 1434, Rep. Stephen Kulik

The MMA bill would increase the designer selection thresholds from \$10,000 to \$50,000 (based on the fee) and from \$100,000 to \$500,000 (based on project cost).

### **Open meeting law exemption for public bodies at town meeting**

HD 1341, Rep. Peter Kocot

The MMA bill would clarify that members of public bodies have the right to deliberate at town meeting on town meeting matters without violating the open meeting law.

### **Municipal control of liquor licenses**

HD 2780, Rep. Denise Provost

SD 1071, Sen. Jamie Eldridge

The MMA bill would give a municipality's legislative body the authority annually to set the number of liquor licenses available. The licensing board or other local body responsible for issuing licenses would still control the award of such licenses.

### **Special commission to study veterans' benefits**

HD 1435, Rep. Stephen Kulik

The MMA bill would create a special commission to study the entire scope of benefits offered to veterans under Chapter 115 of the General Laws, including which benefits are offered, how they are administered, and the role of local veterans' service officers. This special commission would be charged with creating recommendations to ensure an effective and efficient system for both veterans and municipalities.

### **Payment of veterans' benefits**

HD 1436, Rep. Stephen Kulik

The MMA bill would keep the administration of veterans' benefits with the local or district veterans' service officer, but would shift the payment of those benefits fully to the Commonwealth. The local veterans' service officer would continue to be responsible for determining each veteran's need for benefits and then would issue a payment request to the Commonwealth.

### **Marketing prioritized development sites**

HD 2163, Rep. Antonio Cabral

SD 646, Sen. Jason Lewis

*all about the state's website don't submit this.*

The MMA bill would require the Massachusetts Office of Business Development to create and maintain, either independently or through a partnership with an external entity, a statewide searchable database of developable land and vacant sites, with listings submitted at no cost by local officials. This database would create a more comprehensive online marketing portal than currently exists for all locally prioritized sites across the state, giving each city and town the equal opportunity to submit prioritized development sites for inclusion.

### **Promoting local economic development**

HD 1377, Rep. Chris Walsh

SD 642, Sen. Jason Lewis

The MMA bill would create a program to provide funding or other opportunities, such as technical assistance, to municipalities or regions that maximize opportunities for economic development planning and growth by meeting a series of criteria. These criteria would include a self-assessment of economic potential and the identification of unique strengths and assets. This bill would borrow the conceptual structure of the Green Communities program, which provides funding opportunities for municipalities that reduce and improve the use of energy, and would be administered through the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development.

### **Local impacts of enacted legislation**

HD 1527, Rep. James Cantwell

SD 1009, Sen. Anne Gobi

The MMA bill would require the governor, upon signing legislation, to attach a fiscal note specifying the local impacts of the legislation.

### **Open meeting law**

HD 3531, Rep. Peter Kocot

The MMA bill would clarify a number of sections of the open meeting law that are problematic for cities and towns. The bill would add additional important uses for executive session, clarify how informal search committees and advisory groups operate under the open meeting law, and ensure that public bodies are exempt from the law at town meeting.

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Policy Committee on Personnel and Labor Relations

**State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund**

HD 1819, Rep. Alice Peisch

The MMA bill would add a municipal seat to the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund Board to best serve the interests of municipalities investing local Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) funds in the SRBTF.

**Civil Service**

HD 1439, Rep. Stephen Kulik

The MMA bill would allow for the revocation of the civil service statute at local option without approval by the Legislature.

*Pro+Cons of Antiquated Civil Service List System, which was to discourage patronage systems. Very complex issue - affects the Police Dept.*

**Municipal unemployment insurance reforms**

SD 126, Sen. Cynthia Creem

The MMA bill would extend "reasonable assurance" to employees who work on behalf of the school system but are paid through the municipal budget to ensure that employees cannot collect unemployment insurance benefits when school is not in session. This bill would also address the issue of a retiree collecting both unemployment benefits and a pension from the same public or private employer by reducing unemployment benefits by an amount equal to 65 percent of the retiree's weekly pension.

*Important*

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Policy Committee on Public Works, Transportation and Public Utilities

**Allowing the director of Labor and Workforce Development to set the prevailing wage**

HD 2853, Rep. Leonard Mirra

The MMA bill would amend the statute governing how prevailing wage rates are set by requiring the director of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to determine a prevailing wage rate after taking into consideration rates paid through collective bargaining contracts. ?

**Double poles**

HD 1432, Rep. Stephen Kulik

The MMA bill would establish the authority of cities and towns to enforce the provisions of Section 34B of Chapter 164 to require utility companies to remove "double poles" within 90 days or be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 per occurrence.