

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2014**

Ellen Allen opened the meeting and introduced Gregg McBride, Jason Brown, Tammie Garner, David DeCoste and Town Administrator Jim Boudreau. *MOTION: Jason Brown moved the Board approve the agenda as written. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.*

7:30pm Paul Foulsham – Road Salt Discussion

Present: Paul Foulsham, Highway Department and Peter Dillon, BOH and Board of Water Commissioners. Mr. Dillon gave a comprehensive overview of salt levels in the wells and ground water in Norwell, citing the high salt concentrations in specific locations in the Town and the main source of contamination in the aquifer. Mr. Dillon recommended correcting the issues in the Town before tackling the ongoing salt use issue with the State. This is a state-wide problem that needs to be dealt with by DEP and DOT. The current issue of the BOH newsletter highlights an article about the town of Boxford's successful litigation with the State about the salt contamination the State is causing in that town. Mr. McBride stated that excessive salt has been an ongoing issue in the town of Norwell for years, which conflicts with the Police Department's highest priority of vehicle safety. Mr. Foulsham stated that salt is the cheapest and most effective product for deicing roads. Liquid magnesium chloride is also being used to spray the salt, which produces more effective melting at lower temperatures. Ms. Allen stated that the hope is to take the proceeds from the sale of the old fire station to put towards the purchase of a new salt shed that will address the current contamination problem at that site. Mr. Foulsham also reiterated the need for new equipment for road salting.

Various options to lower the salt concentration were discussed, but Mr. Dillon reiterated that the State is autonomous when it comes to this issue, and there is not much the Town can do to control the salt use on the state highways (like Route 53 and Route 3). The Water Department's recommendations from 2010 are still valid, with the exception of the final one. Mr. McBride stated that this continues to be a conundrum that should be addressed, starting with equipment purchases that will help solve this problem (within the limitations of the capital budget). The single most important step to take is the purchase of a new salt shed. The larger issue is that the problem should be addressed with the State, as this will continue to be a growing health problem. The board discussed options to move the State salt shed. The sodium levels in various parts of the town were discussed, with Mr. Dillon noting that the level varies depending on the well that is the water source. Mr. Boudreau discussed addressing this issue with the State. More discussion ensued about the history of the salt use and next steps for the Town. Ms. Allen thanked Mr. Dillon and Mr. Foulsham for their information. This issue will be addressed again in the near future.

Charles Schultz – Street Light Request at Winter Street and Main Street

Mr. Schultz stated the reasons for his request, citing the difficulty of seeing the entrance to the street at night, especially during bad weather in the winter. Three residents on Main Street also requested that the light be replaced by National Grid after the 2013 storm that took it down. Mr. Boudreau will request that National Grid replace the light, which will make the corner safer. Carl Swenson, 793 Main Street, stated that the light did come down in the above mentioned storm. He would prefer that the light not be replaced, but will put safety first in this request. He stated that the sightlines are somewhat obscured by landscaping for people coming from Scituate towards Town Center. The number of accidents at the corner was discussed. Perhaps the light could be tailored to the corner so as not to shine into the residence windows. Another resident of Main Street stated that the speed of cars traveling on Main Street is a big issue and directly

affects the number of accidents. Mr. Boudreau will research light options and report back to the board.

8:15pm Rich Webber, AFC Committee – Field Rental Fees

Mr. Webber gave an overview of rental fees for the Clipper Community Complex. He reviewed a draft of proposed facilities rental fees for towns using Norwell's school facilities. Mr. Webber would like to charge for using the other grass fields in town as well. If rental fees were charged the money could go to the Recreation Fund. Mr. Webber explained the proposed fee structure to the board. The fact that other towns use the fields at no charge puts extra wear and tear on the fields. Ms. Allen requested that the AFC address the issue of resting the fields, and Mr. Webber summarized the plan to make this happen. More discussion ensued about field rotation and a proposed resting plan.

Motion: made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, that the BOS set a town athletic field use fee schedule similar to the schedule set forth by the School Committee, with the revenue going to the Recreation Fund. Unanimously voted

8:30pm Norwell Half Marathon - Racewire

The race organizers are looking forward to this event and gave an overview of the plans to date for all aspects of the race, discussing traffic, parking, shuttle buses, road closures, First Aid, Police and Fire Department compliance, etc. The board discussed various aspects of the race, which will be held on Sunday, November 2nd. The involvement by the Norwell Boosters will help the race run smoothly. *Motion: made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste that the BOS approve the application by Racewire to conduct the first Norwell Half Marathon, to be held on Sunday, November 2, from 7:30-10:30pm, with compliance for Police and Fire Department conditions. Unanimously voted*

Old Business - Summer Schedule

Ms. Allen stated that the BOS will meet every other week during the summer after next week's meeting on June 25th. The schedule of meetings will be posted on the Town's website.

New Business – Committee Re-appointments

Ms. Allen stated that most board terms expire on June 30th of the current fiscal year.

Motion: made by Jason Brown, to appoint committee members to their specific board seats as indicated on the attached list. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Capital Stabilization Fund

Ms. Allen read the draft of the Capital Stabilization Fund Policy, written by Mr. Boudreau. The board reviewed and discussed the draft and asked questions about the fund and its specified uses.

Veteran Service Officer Appointment Process

Mr. Boudreau has interviewed the two candidates that meet the requirements for the position, and asked for board input on the process. He could make a recommendation for the position and have the board make the appointment. The board would like to interview both qualified candidates, and Mr. Boudreau will invite them to the next BOS meeting. The board was asked to send a list of candidate questions to Mr. Boudreau. Mr. McBride would like to dispense with more questions and ask the Town Administrator to make a recommendation. Precedent and preference for this decision process was discussed by the board. The board will interview the candidates and make the choice at the next meeting.

Upcoming meetings

Ms. Allen read the list of upcoming meetings and agenda topics for the board.

Announcements

Ms. Allen announced that the Jacobs farmhouse had been awarded an emergency grant of \$35,000 to repair the roof with wood shingles. She thanked Ms. Bawabe and architect Bill Forniciari for their hard work on the grant application.

Jacobs Pond may be used for recreation by town residents, but the use of pond water for irrigation is prohibited due to the recent weed control application.

Mr. DeCoste reminded viewers that there are always open seats on committees, so please apply.

The board recognized Dale Connor, the retiring Recreation Director who served the Town for 33 years.

Adjourn

*Motion; made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to adjourn the meeting.
Unanimously voted*



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Attachments:

1. List of Committee re-appointments

First	Last	Committee	Term
Paul W.	Murphy	ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	2015
Jeannie	Burtch	ATHLETIC FIELD COMMITTEE	2017
Eric	Thorbahn	ATHLETIC FIELD COMMITTEE	2017
Joyanne R.	Bond	BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE	2017
Gillian	Parker	BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE	2017
David L.	Turner	BOARD OF APPEALS	2017
Patricia M.	Anderson	BOARD OF REGISTRARS - Rep. for Republican	2017
Michael B.	Simpson	BUILDING INSPECTOR ALT.	2017
Patricia M.	Anderson	BURIAL AGENT	2017
Gregg	McBride	CABLE TV COMMITTEE	2017
Kevin J.	Burns	CAPITAL BUDGET	2017
Patricia G.	Richardson	COMMUNITY HOUSING TRUST	2016
Andy	Reardon	COMMUNITY HOUSING TRUST	2016
Bruce	Burgess	COMMUNITY HOUSING TRUST	2016
David M.	Osborne	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	2017
Robert	Woodill	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	2017
David	Lewis	CONSTABLES	2017
James E.	Fitzgerald	CUSHING MEMORIAL DIRECTORS	2017
Mary	Cole	ENERGY COMMITTEE	2015
Harry	Solis	ENERGY COMMITTEE	2015
Cliff	Prentiss	FENCE VIEWER	2015
Edward J.	Geswell	GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR	2015
Edward J.	Geswell III, Alternate	GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR	2015
Michael	Hoadley, Alternate	GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR	2015
Gary A.	Young, Alternate	GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR	2015
Nancy	McBride	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	2017
Charles	Palmeri	INSPECTOR OF WIRES	2015
John C.	Lunn, Alternate	INSPECTOR OF WIRES	2015
Mary	Cole	LIBRARY / TOWN HALL STUDY COMMITTEE	2015
Stephen	Hull	LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE	2017
Joseph	Strazdes	NORTH RIVER COMMISSION	2017
Thomas F.	O'Neill	PERMANENT BUILDING & MAINTENANCE	2017
Paul M.	Foulsham, Ex officio	PERMANENT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE	2017
Anne	Fridgen-Traft	RECYCLING COMMITTEE	2017
James	Boudreau	TOWN TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE	2015
Matthew P.	Power	TOWN TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE	2015
Marynel	Wahl	TOWN TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE	2015
John A.	Micek	TRAFFIC STUDY COMMITTEE	2017

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First	Last	Committee	Term
Ernest	Anastasio	SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS:	2015
Michael A.	Brenton		2015
Daniel	Campanelli		2015
Robert	Clark		2015
Sean M.	Doherty		2015
Kevin J.	Driscoll		2015
Matthew R.	Luccarelli		2015
Katelin	Jenkins		2015
Todd W.	McAnough		2015
Maureen	Shirkus		2015

NO RESPONSE

Michèle D.	Bickford	COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES	2015	No response
Laurie	Galvin	COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES	2015	No response
Lori	Hilstrand	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	2015	No response
Constance C.	Stone	CULTURAL COUNCIL	2016	No response
Jeff	DeMarco	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	2017	No response
Patrick	Campbell	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	2017	No response