

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2015**

Gregg McBride opened the meeting and introduced Jason Brown, Ellen Allen, Alison Demong, Peter Smellie and Town Administrator Peter Morin. *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved the Board approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Peter Smellie and unanimously voted.*

REPORTS

Town Administrator's Report –there will be fundraiser carwashes over the next two weekends to benefit the Junior Class and the Volleyball Team. These will be held at the Town Hall parking lot, so please stop by.

7:35pm Pathways Committee

Committee Chair Kevin Cafferty and Town Planner Chris Dilorio gave an update on the pathway project currently under construction on Forest Street. There are two phases of the project to complete the pathway to Gaffield Park. Phase I is just about done. Phase 2 is under construction now and will be finished by the end of construction season.

There were questions about the configuration of the corner at Forest and Circuit Streets near the Donovan fields, and Mr. McBride asked Mr. Cafferty to comment. He stated that there will be no parking places at that intersection after discussions with residents. Pathway users can park at the corner of Circuit and Pleasant Streets, and perhaps Miller Woods when the pathway is complete. A discussion of parking areas ensued. There will be signage to physically deter parkers at Circuit and Forest. The pathway section from Gaffield Park to the State Police Barracks is still in the design phase. Per Mr. Cafferty, the design may be completed by the spring. Ms. Demong asked about the location of the crosswalk at Gaffield Park, and was told that it will be located on the one-way part of Forest Street.

Ms. Allen brought up two issues raised by residents, which were addressed by Mr. Cafferty, who stated that this pathway has been moved a few times due to conversations with residents. All project changes were publicly advertised with both letters and hearings with Con Com, the BOS, the Advisory Board and the Planning Board. Each time bids go out MA general law is followed. Mr. Cafferty invited all town residents to Pathways meetings which are held every other Wednesday night.

Committee applicant – John McLaughlin – Mooring Committee

Mr. McBride stated that there is not a current opening on this committee. Mr. McLaughlin is a 45 year resident of the Town. He gave reasons for wishing to join the committee, and would like to bring better bylaws to boaters and residents. Ms. Allen urged Mr. McLaughlin to attend the MC meetings and to contact committee Chair Bob Molla for further discussion.

CPC update – John Mariano

Committee Chair Mr. Mariano gave a CPC update, highlighting the ongoing construction of a CPC plan to help guide the board with project decisions, budgeting and strategic planning. The CPC would like to let residents know that CPA funding applications will be accepted until October 16th. A CPC survey will be mailed to all households in the Town in the next month in order to obtain feedback on the CPA from residents. The BOS asked questions about the survey draft and its format, as well as what information the CPC hopes to obtain from this data collection. Ms. Demong stated that the Town's vote to adopt the CPA indicates the equal importance of all areas of the Act.

The board and Mr. Mariano discussed the timing of the survey and interpreting the survey data to provide input on area priorities. Ms. Demong will attend the CPC meeting on September 24th in order to discuss the survey further. Mr. Mariano also gave a financial status update of CPA fund balance(s). Mr. McBride and the board congratulated Ms. Demong on having been chosen to receive a CPA Hero award.

Committee Applicant

Susan Davis – The BOH appointed her to their board on Monday, so she may have decided not to apply for the Cable Committee.

Green Community Letter

There is no draft for review yet, but there has been a great deal of progress and it is almost ready to submit to Mr. Seth Pickering. He is working on the refinement of data, but additional data still needs to be collected on the energy plan for the Town. He hopes to have drafts available for review at the next BOS meeting. Mr. Pickering has reviewed the data which he states is in good shape. There is a very good team working on this (Bob McKinnon), and all the legwork has been done. Ms. Allen asked Mr. Morin to follow up with the letter for vehicle purchases, plus the 20% reduction in energy use, and two articles that were already voted at Town Meeting. Mr. Brown asked about fuel efficient vehicles; Mr. Morin stated that vehicles normally purchased by the Town are exempt (fire truck, snow plows, etc.)

Motion: made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to authorize Peter Morin to write a letter to the State indicating the desire to comply with the regulations and become a Green Community. Unanimously voted

Appointment of Alex Milne to Cushing Memorial Directors Board

Motion: made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to appoint Alex Milne to the Cushing Memorial Directors for a term ending June 30, 2017. Unanimously voted

Open Space and Recreation Subcommittee

Discussion of this proposed committee was continued by the board and Mr. Morin, who stated that it is acceptable and legal to have a committee composed of other board members. Mr. Morin also stated that it is cleaner if the BOS appoints the committee.

Motion: made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, that the BOS create an Open Space and Recreation Implementation Committee. This committee is to be charged with the purpose of implementing the goals and action items in the Norwell Open Space and Recreation Plan and shall be comprised of the Recreation Director, the Conservation Agent, one member of the Conservation Commission, one member of the Planning Board, one member of the Recreation Commission, one member of the Water Commissioners, one member of the AFC and one citizen at large selected by the BOS. Board discussion ensued about the function of the committee. The BOS will ask these named boards to send a representative. Unanimously voted

William Noyes Webster Foundation – medical marijuana

Walter Sullivan, Rick Nagle and Jane Heebly. Mr. Sullivan is the lawyer representing this company, 1 of 15 who have been licensed by the state. Jane Heebly, company president, gave an overview of reasons for getting involved in this field. This group is currently licensed to dispense in Dennis and Plymouth. They would like to request a letter similar to the other group who applied to the Town to dispense medical marijuana. The Foundation wants to do medical research and support veterans, and hopes to bring high grade cannabis to these locations. The board asked questions concerning possible recreational use vs. pharmaceutical use. MA has the most rigid guidelines of the 23 states in which marijuana is legal. Per Ms. Heebly, the product is vertically integrated, all her plants grown have a bar code, so every gram is tracked by the state.

Security – Rick Nagle, former detective with the State Police, gave an overview of his background. He has experience in revamping drug security for the State Police. The proposed facility will be the only dispensary with people in the building 24/7. Security includes cameras, alarms and motion detectors. Cameras will be capturing all outside activity. 2 forms of ID will be required, plus people in the parking lot to make sure that the buyers are also the users. The company would like the Police and Fire Chiefs to work with them from the outset. They will also work with the community, and would like to hire public safety people who are local. DHP mandates holding the security tapes for 90 days; Mr. Nagle would like to have a 180 day hold.

The board asked about the kind of building proposed, and reviewed the specs provided by Ms. Heebly. Discussion ensued about location specs and product information. The growing facility is in Plymouth and the product is transported to the dispensary and to handicapped homes. Two to three people will be in the vehicle with security. They will not be armed at this point, but will be covered by the State regulations, which are still evolving. All security plans have to be submitted with the application, but is not supposed to be made publicly available. Norwell's overlay district is not very big. Signage will be purposefully vague. This business will bring some high quality jobs to the community, along with a host agreement to benefit the Town. The company asked for this meeting to find out if they would be welcome and if so, where?

The board and company representatives discussed the possibility of more than one dispensary in the Town and the proposed license awards in the upcoming round by Gov. Baker. The Town is allowed to give a letter to more than one company. Each company will still have to go through the special permitting process, must pay property and personal tax, and provide a benefit the community. Some revenue sharing could be a possibility. Mr. McBride would like to see them in an existing building. Ms. Allen stated that the overlay and setback requirements narrow the possible locations, so please have a conversation with the Town Planner.

Motion: made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to send a letter of non-opposition to the William Noyes Webster Foundation. The vote was 4-1, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

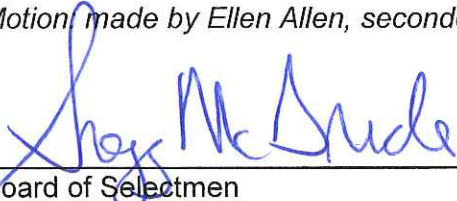
Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session on 5/20/15. Unanimously voted

Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to approve the minutes of the Open Meeting on June 18, 2014. Unanimously voted

Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to approve the minutes of the Open Meeting on September 2, 2015. 4 in favor, Mr. Brown abstained due to his absence at the meeting.

Next week's BOS agenda will include a liquor license hearing, ClearGov software and a donation of land.

Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to adjourn. Unanimously voted.



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