

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

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Mr. McBride opened the meeting at 7:38pm, and introduced Jason Brown, Ellen Allen, Alison Demong, Peter Smellie and Town Administrator Peter Morin.

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved the agenda as written. Seconded by Peter Smellie and unanimously voted.

REPORTS

Citizen Comments – None

Selectmen's Report – None

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Morin updated the board on the Town Meeting Article for Circuit Street and Barrel Lane: there was 1 bid on the RFP on November 16th. He will inform the bidder that he has been chosen, and proceed with a P and S, which will have a value equal to that of the Town's property assessment. The board will vote when the terms in the P and S have been agreed upon.

Mr. Morin requested that the board sign a deed for acquisition of a property recently donated to the Town.

7:35pm Cravings Café

Bob Geist, owner, sold the business to a franchisee, who then ran into financial problems: therefore the owners will resume operation of this business with no changes. There is a small amount of taxes owed to the Town, which will be paid tomorrow.

Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to approve the change of ownership for Cravings Café to Cravings, LLC, subject to payment of the small amount of taxes owed. Unanimously voted

Solar City – Hawkers and Peddlers license

Mr. McBride asked if the applicant, Evan Gray, had read the license bylaw. The Town has only approved 2 of these licenses, and this is not something that the Town usually allows. Evan Gray, Solar City employee and Norwell native, gave an overview of the potential sales activity: he goes door to door, selecting houses that would be good candidates for solar power. The program doesn't cost the homeowner anything but works through National Grid. He also cited the Green Community act, and gave his criteria for choosing potential houses. The board voiced their reservations about this type of sales approach, citing the respect of privacy of Town residents and the ability to maintain their homes as a "sales-free" zone. The board offered suggestions for other ways to market solar power; email, flyers, etc., and also stated that Mr. Gray wouldn't need this license if he called ahead to potential customers. Perhaps he might consider purchasing the book of residents' listings from the Town and contacting them directly. He stated that his company already does this, but uses out of state phone numbers. Mr. McBride stated that exceptions to the no license approvals were short term allowances, and Mr. Brown again stated that this decision is about the right to privacy and security.

Motion: made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, not to approve the Hawkers and Peddlers license application. Unanimously voted

The board offered to let Mr. Gray give all viewers his personal contact information if anyone wished to contact him regarding his product. Contact: egray@solarcity.com. Mr. Gray's cellphone number is: 781-307-8738

Library Trustees: composition of a future Committee.

Jeanne Ivas, Library Trustees board member, stated that the board is in favor of a PBMC/ Library Trustee combination for this future committee. The Library Director should also be part of this committee. When the new committee is formed, the charter of the old LTHSC will cease, and the new committee will be a combination of the Library Trustees and the PBMC, as well as the Library director. A check of other towns that have done this type of project revealed that the PBMC and Library Trustees were the components of the new committee. The proposed committee would consist of a number to be determined, perhaps 5 members; 2-3 from the PBMC, 2 Library Trustees and the Library Director. The Library director's search has just begun, and the current director is retiring on February 24th. As the project moves towards construction, more of the PBMC would be involved. The hire of an OPM was discussed by the board, as well as the mechanics of the RFP and going out to bid. Mr. Morin will locate someone with specific project experience to write the RFP. A member of the BOS should be assigned as a non-voting liaison to the committee.

Next steps at this time: Develop a schedule to establish a new committee and dissolve the old one. The final report will be ready by January 6th. Once the committee description is done the board will start to solicit new member candidates. Chris Smith will be involved as well as Jeanne Ivas from the Trustees.

Opioid Crisis Discussion

Guests: Police Chief Ted Ross, Fire Chief Andy Reardon, School Superintendent Matt Keegan, and Ann Marie Powers, VNA representative

Chief Ross gave an overview of opiates used to treat pain and their effect on the brain's functions, as well as how addiction occurs. He gave a summary of overdose situations, and stated that there is a huge epidemic in the state. In Norwell; The Police Department purchased a piece of equipment to allow unused medications to be returned to the police – called a medical return unit. 330 lbs. of prescription medications have been returned using this equipment. Nasal Narcan is used to reverse the effect of opioids and is carried by the Police and Fire Departments. Its use has not been required by the Police since 2014. Both departments have worked together to educate the schools on the dangers of this class of drugs. The presentation included a chart of drug related incidents in Norwell for 2013, 2014 and 2015. Currently there is not a lot of activity of this type in the Town as compared to other communities in MA. The majority of B & E's (Breaking and Entering) are either drug related to support a habit or financially motivated.

Matt Keegan, School Supt., stated that this issue is talked about a great deal in education situations. He has not seen occurrences of this type of addiction in the Town's schools at this time. The prospect of opioids is scary, and the schools do a tremendous amount of work with students on substance abuse, driving safety, adolescent brain development and drug prevention programs. All of these programs are done yearly. Drugs and alcohol have always had awareness programs, but the opioid awareness program is new. There are clear Codes of Conduct for violations. No Narcan is kept in the schools at this time. Mr. Brown asked the following question; stating the fact that a portion of opioid use is not recreational; sometimes the addiction occurs from overuse with an athletic injury. Is there any outreach from Athletic departments? Per Mr. Keegan, the only area that he is aware of would be if medication were

prescribed via the school nurse. Chief Reardon stated that this is one area of recommendations for the program. All discussed the repercussions of drug overuse and Narcan follow-up as well as opioid awareness and over-prescription issues.

The VNA rep summarized their organization's request for a \$1500 grant and a point person, and stated that the Town would be part of a regional coalition, with lots of grant money for four towns to share for opioid and substance abuse education. They will use part of the grant money to hire a grant writer. A Norwell coalition is the goal as well as membership in the regional coalition for this education program. The VNA is the official public health nurse for the Board of Health. Several police officers have helped, along with school personnel, etc., but the Town needs more volunteers. A BOS member might consider being assigned to this coalition. The VNA rep will follow up with Police for more data on overdoses in the Town. Ms. Allen would like to see more "drug take back" days for the community. The guests were thanked for their hard work by Mr. McBride.

License renewals for 2016

Motion: made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to renew the Common Victualler-All Alcohol licenses for the following business: The Tinkers Son. Unanimously voted

Motion: made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to renew the Amusement (Weekdays) license for the following business: The Tinkers Son. Unanimously voted

Motion: made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to renew the Amusement (Sundays) license for the following business: The Tinkers Son. Unanimously voted

Motion: made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to renew the Common Victualler licenses for the following businesses: Craving Café, Norwell Pizzeria and Seafood, The Tinkers Son, Windy City Dogs. Unanimously voted

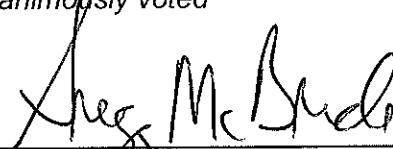
Motion: made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to renew the Motor Vehicle-Class II licenses for the following business: HEJ Corporation. Unanimously voted

Motion: made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to renew the Lodging House licenses for the following business: Parkview Inn, Pilgrim Lodgings-Rehoboth. Unanimously voted

The next BOS meeting will be 12/30/15.

On the BOS agendas for the next few meetings; January: LTHSC, Mooring Committee to discuss bylaw changes (Town Counsel should review), follow-up re: creating a position for a Town Engineer, which will be part of the budgeting process with priorities. Mr. Morin will distribute a meeting schedule for planning purposes and include it in the meeting packet each week.

Adjournment – *Motion: made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to adjourn at 8:50pm. Unanimously voted*



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