

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2013**

Gregg McBride opened the meeting and introduced Ellen Allen, David DeCoste and Town Administrator James Boudreau. Agenda Amended to postpone Old Business #1 & #2 and under New Business #2 was done at 7:00PM. *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved the Board approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.*

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

7:30 Library Trustees Department Update – Present: Chair Jeanne Hagelstein-Ivas, Library Director Rebecca Freer and Library Systems Manager Judy McConarty. Rebecca Freer updated the Board on new products available. One is a free phone app for having your library card entered into your phone. Another is Zinio, which is a downloadable digital subscription for magazines; this will add 150 magazines. This will not eliminate paper copies at this time, but maybe later. The Library had its first trial Sunday opening with 84 people coming. Becky has submitted an LSTA letter of intent for \$10,000 for a disabilities grant that is dependent on state funding. She highlighted the upcoming “Norwell Reads” program. Gregg McBride acknowledged and thanked the entire Library Board for being present. Ellen Allen suggested that the Library start a new space needs/new library plan given the onset of digital formats since the last study is 6-8 years ago.

COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS / APPOINTMENTS

Energy Committee Appointments – Steve Ivas – Though not present, Selectmen decided to proceed with this appointment, as Steve Ivas is on other Boards in Town and has previously been interviewed by the current Board of Selectmen. *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to appoint Steve Ivas to the Norwell Energy Committee to a Term Expiring June 30, 2013. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.*

Energy Committee Appointments – George Davis – The Board of Selectmen explained that George Davis is not currently on any Town Committees and has not been interviewed before by this Board of Selectmen. Ellen Allen asked to have George Davis scheduled for an interview as soon as possible.

Execute - LIP/LAU Application to DHCD for Circuit Street – Gregg McBride gave a brief history on the Local Initiative Program (LIP) for Local Action Units (LAU). The LIP is a state housing initiative administrated by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to encourage communities to offer affordable housing for low and moderate income housing. *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board authorize Chairman Gregg McBride to sign the Local Initiative Program Local Action Units for the Habitat for Humanity home on Circuit Street on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.* Gregg McBride explained that the application also requires a signature from the Local Housing Partnership. The Community contact person will be Bob Kodetik.

OLD BUSINESS

Goals & Policies – Postponed

2013 License Renewals (continued) – Postponed

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next week the School Committee is scheduled and the Warrant will be opened.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion: Ellen Allen moved that the Board recess to Room 112 to attend the joint meeting of the Planning Board and the Economic Development Committee. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.*



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